

February 14, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Budget: FY 2024 Mid-Year Budget Adjustments

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$537,440 within General Fund 050 from and to various operating accounts, according to the attached Schedule of Transfer to realign and provide funds for ongoing needs of City departments; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$41,866 from the unappropriated surplus of Unclassified Receipts Fund 604 to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to reconcile the False Alarm Settlement resources to the appropriate account; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$41,866 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 according to the attached Schedule of Transfer to comply with the terms of the judgment in *White v. City of Cincinnati*; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source, the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050, of \$500,000, according to the attached Schedule of Transfer, to deploy resources more efficiently for the Special Code Enforcement program; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Emergency Remediation of Defects in Rental Housing Fund 436 to provide resources to continue the Special Code Enforcement Program.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer of \$537,440 within General Fund 050 from and to various operating accounts, according to the attached Schedule of Transfer to realign and provide funds for ongoing needs of City departments. The Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the transfer of \$41,866 from the unappropriated surplus of Unclassified Receipts Fund 604 to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to reconcile the False Alarm Settlement resources to the appropriate account. Additionally, the Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$41,866 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 according to the attached Schedule of Transfer to comply with the terms of the judgment in *White v. City of Cincinnati*. The Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and return to source, the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050, of \$500,000 according to the attached Schedule of Transfer to deploy resources more efficiently for the Special Code Enforcement program. Finally, the Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Emergency Remediation of Defects in Rental Housing Fund 436 to provide resources to continue the Special Code Enforcement Program.

Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB) did not spend a portion of funds they were allocated for FY 2023 expenses, and the City Manager's Office intends to add this amount to Keep Cincinnati Beautiful's FY 2024 contract.

The Cincinnati Police Department needs to transfer \$523,590 within the department, from a General Fund personnel operating budget account to a General Fund non-personnel operating budget account, in preparation for an upcoming recruit class.

Ordinance No. 0083-2023 authorized the transfer and appropriation of \$3,280,602.25 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the non-departmental Judgments Against the City General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x951x7400 to satisfy a legal judgment against the City and pay associated legal fees in *White v. City of Cincinnati*. The City satisfied the judgment terms by issuing appropriate checks to the class of plaintiffs, but several checks were returned to the City and temporarily deposited in the Unclassified Receipts Fund. These resources must be returned to the General Fund Judgments Against the City non-departmental account to comply with the terms of the judgment while the court determines how the returned resources will be disbursed.

Ordinance No. 0413-2023 established the Emergency Remediation of Defects in Rental Housing Fund to provide resources for its Special Code Enforcement program. The Approved FY 2024 Budget includes \$500,000 in General Fund non-personnel resources for the Special Code Enforcement Unit to abate nuisance conditions in multi-family buildings by focusing on conditions that lead to displacement before they deteriorate further. These resources must be returned to the General Fund unappropriated surplus and transferred to the newly established Emergency Remediation of Defects in Rental Housing Fund so that they may be deployed on a revolving basis as authorized in Ordinance No. 0413-2023.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to transfer and appropriate the funds necessary to ensure the uninterrupted continuation of services.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachments