

September 6, 2022

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202201726

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Lytle Park Improvements**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$200,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Park Board Permanent Improvement Fund 752 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x182015 “Lytle Park Improvements,” for the purpose of providing resources for the restoration and improvement of Lytle Park; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and deposit a donation in an amount of up to \$510,000 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation, as originally donated by the Western & Southern Financial Fund, into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of up to \$510,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x182015 “Lytle Park Improvements,” for the purpose of providing resources for the restoration and improvement of Lytle Park.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the transfer and appropriation of \$200,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Park Board Permanent Improvement Fund 752 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x182015, “Lytle Park Improvements,” for the purpose of providing resources for the restoration and improvement of Lytle Park. Additionally, this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the City Manager to accept and deposit a donation in the amount of up to \$510,000 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation, as originally donated by the Western & Southern Financial Fund, into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430. Finally, this Emergency Ordinance will also authorize the transfer and appropriation of \$510,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x182015, “Lytle Park Improvements” for the purpose of providing resources for the restoration and improvement of Lytle Park.

The Cincinnati Park Board facilitated a community engagement process to produce a design and renovation plan for Lytle Park in collaboration with the Western & Southern Financial Fund, which included new plazas, brick walkways, a decorative fountain, a running track, new landscape, lighting, and benches. The Lytle Park design and renovation plan evolved over time such that the Park Board and the Western & Southern Financial Fund entered into a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide additional funding to complete the plan, including a new bocce ball court and relocation of a tree.

The Lytle Park Improvements project was originally delayed due to litigation but is now cleared to begin. The additional funds appropriated by this Emergency Ordinance will supplement the prior funds received for the project. No new FTEs are associated with the acceptance of this donation.

This Emergency Ordinance is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “preserve our natural and built environment,” as described on pages 193 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept this donation and transfer the funding necessary to avoid a disruption in the work restoring and improving Lytle Park.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

