

September 8, 2025

**To:** Members of Budget and Finance Committee

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

**Subject:** **Emergency Ordinance – CMO: Public Safety Investments**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$4,500,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, “Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs,” to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$4,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various General Fund personnel and non-personnel operating budget accounts according to the attached Schedule of Transfer to fund public safety measures and the deterrence of violent crime in the Central Business District and other crime hot spots in the City.

Pursuant to Motion No. 202501522, as amended, adopted on August 6, 2025, the City Council moved to utilize funds from the City’s “Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs,” balance sheet reserve account to improve public safety and deter violent crime in the Central Business District (CBD) and other crime hot spots in the City. This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer of \$4,500,000 from that account to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 and further authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$4,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various General Fund personnel and non-personnel operating budget accounts to provide for various public safety investments. Per the motion, the City Council intends to refill the City’s “Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs,” balance sheet reserve account with funds from the FY 2025 General Fund Closeout process.

The funds will be used for additional Center City Development Corporation (3CDC) Ambassadors in Downtown and Over-the-Rhine (OTR), youth outreach workers, curfew centers, police visibility overtime (PVO), expediting and expanding police recruitment efforts, specialized training for the Place Based Investigations of Violent Offender Territories Program (PIVOT), ongoing towing enforcement, technology upgrades, street lighting, security cameras, expansion of the West End camera program, Findlay Market safety improvements, expansion of the drone program, expansion of FUSUS, mobile safety camera trailers, and other measures identified by the Cincinnati Police Department to improve public safety and deter violent crime. There is an attachment to the Emergency Ordinance that provides an itemized list of uses.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to improve public safety and deter violent crime in the Central Business District and other crime hot spots in Cincinnati.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director  
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment