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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2025

AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$1,684,421 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, "Discretionary Reserve," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$493,579 from permanent improvement program project account no. 758x101x251057, "Sundance Film Festival – GFCO," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$2,178,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various operating budget accounts within General Fund 050 according to Schedule A of the attached Schedules of Transfer, to implement the Mayor's recommended changes to the FY 2026 General Fund Operating Budget; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$7,037,174 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, "Discretionary Reserve," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of permanent improvement program project account no. 758x164x261620, "Bond Hill Neighborhood Revitalization – GF," to provide resources to revitalize the Bond Hill neighborhood; **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of permanent improvement program project account no. 758x164x261612, "Findlay Market Revitalization – GF," to provide resources for building improvements needed to revitalize Findlay Market; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$7,037,174 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various capital or permanent improvement program project accounts for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program and Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 as set forth in Schedule B of the attached Schedules of Transfer to implement the Mayor's recommended changes to the FY 2026 General Capital Budget; **AUTHORIZING** the allocation of \$2,000,000 of existing funds within permanent improvement program project account no. 758x164x261600, "Economic Development Initiatives," to support the renovation of the Robert O'Neal Multicultural Arts Center (ROMAC) to implement the Mayor's recommended changes to the FY 2026 General Capital Budget; and **DECLARING** certain projects to be for a public purpose, all to carry out the FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program.

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2024, the Hamilton County Auditor's Office returned \$1,782,421 to the City as the unspent balance from the Auditor's Real Estate Assessment Fund, which Ordinance No. 374-2024 set aside to be used for one-time FY 2026 General Fund Operating Budget priorities; and

WHEREAS, because the Sundance Film Festival selected Boulder, Colorado, as its next venue, the \$2,500,000 Council set aside to support the Festival in Ordinance No. 371-2024 is available for reprogramming; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor transmitted the City Manager's Recommended FY 2026 Budget to Council and identified \$1,684,421 of the funds set aside by Ordinance No. 374-2024 and \$493,579 of the funds set aside by Ordinance No. 371-2024, now available for reprogramming, as sources for the Mayor's recommended changes to the FY 2026 General Fund Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's recommended changes to the City Manager's Recommended FY 2026 Budget include supplemental appropriations of \$2,178,000 in the General Fund Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's recommended changes consist in part of supplemental appropriation changes of \$250,000 for a property tax relief program; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's recommended changes also consist in part of supplemental appropriation changes of \$1,128,000 in one-time leveraged support resources of \$147,000 for ArtWorks, \$24,500 for the ArtsWave Black and Brown Artists Fund, \$49,000 for ArtsWave, \$49,000 for All-In Cincinnati Equity Coalition, \$49,000 for Cincinnati Compass, \$73,500 for Invest in Neighborhoods, \$24,500 for LADD, Inc., \$49,000 for The Health Collaborative, \$122,500 for Santa Maria Community Services, \$125,000 for the Immigrant and Refugee Law Center, \$125,000 for Catholic Charities, \$150,000 for Red Bike, \$50,000 for the Urban League of Greater Southwest Ohio – The Urban Expungement Program, \$40,000 for MORTAR, and \$50,000 for the Hispanic Chamber Cincinnati USA; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's recommended changes to the General Fund Operating Budget also consist of supplemental appropriation changes of \$500,000 in public safety/community support, including \$250,000 for the Boots on the Ground Fund Program and \$250,000 for the Safe and Clean Program; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's recommended changes to the General Fund Operating Budget also consist of supplemental appropriation changes of \$300,000 in special events support, including \$200,000 for Black Tech Week, \$50,000 for Asianati, and \$50,000 for Midwest Con - AI Investment; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 368-2024 set aside \$7,037,174 that the City received from Bon Secours Mercy Health, Inc., pursuant to a Property Investment Reimbursement Agreement repayment to be used to support projects benefiting neighborhoods affected by the closure of the Bon Secours Mercy Health facility in the Bond Hill neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor identified the \$7,037,174 set aside by Ordinance No. 368-2024 as the source for his recommended capital budget changes; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's recommended changes consist in part of supplemental appropriation changes of \$7,037,174 for economic development support, including \$250,000 for Oskamp Recreation Area Improvements, \$6,537,174 for Bond Hill Neighborhood Revitalization Investments, and \$250,000 for Findlay Market Revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's recommended changes also consist of designating an allocation of \$2,000,000 of existing funds within permanent improvement program project account no. 758x164x261600, "Economic Development Initiatives," to support the renovation of the Robert O'Neal Multicultural Arts Center (ROMAC); and

WHEREAS, passage of this ordinance will transfer resources and authorize expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, pursuant to the Mayor's recommended changes to the FY 2026 Budget; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That \$1,684,421 is transferred from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, "Discretionary Reserve," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050.

Section 2. That \$493,579 is transferred and returned to source General Fund 050 from permanent improvement program project account no. 758x101x251057, "Sundance Film Festival – GFCO."

Section 3. That \$2,178,000 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various operating budget accounts within General Fund 050 according to Schedule A of the attached Schedules of Transfer, attached to and made a part of this ordinance, effective July 1, 2025.

Section 4. That \$7,037,174 is transferred from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, "Discretionary Reserve," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050.

Section 5. That permanent improvement program project account no. 758x164x261620, "Bond Hill Neighborhood Revitalization – GF," is established to provide resources for improvements to revitalize the Bond Hill neighborhood.

Section 6. That permanent improvement program project account no. 758x164x261612, "Findlay Market Revitalization – GF," is established to provide resources for building improvements needed to revitalize Findlay Market.

Section 7. That \$7,037,174 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various capital or permanent improvement program project accounts according to Schedule B of the attached Schedules of Transfer, attached to and made a part of this ordinance, effective July 1, 2025.

Section 8. That \$2,000,000 of existing funds within permanent improvement program project account no. 758x164x261600, "Economic Development Initiatives," is allocated to support the renovation of the Robert O'Neal Multicultural Arts Center (ROMAC).

Section 9. That Council declares that the expenditures from Bond Hill Neighborhood Revitalization – GF and Findlay Market Revitalization – GF permanent improvement program project accounts serve a public purpose because the projects will foster local improvements and investment and increase neighborhood vitality.

Section 10. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 9 and the attached Schedules of Transfer.

Section 11. That the effective date of this ordinance shall be July 1, 2025.

Section 12. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the need to ensure that necessary funding is in place prior to the beginning of FY 2026, which begins on July 1, 2025.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk