

October 20, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council **202102995**

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Cincinnati Park Board
Commissioner’s Fund and City Funds Capital Projects**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the establishment of new capital improvement program project accounts in the Parks Department according to the attached Schedule of Appropriation for the purpose of having necessary funding in place to allow the Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners to move forward with appropriate contracting in order to stabilize and repair infrastructure at various locations throughout the park system; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and deposit an amount of up to \$415,500 from the Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioner’s Fund into Parks Private Endowments and Donations Fund 430; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of resources totaling \$825,500 from various Restricted Funds 318, 329, 430, and 752 to the newly established capital improvement program project accounts per Section A of the attached transfer schedule.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept \$415,500 from the Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioner’s Fund and deposit the donated funds into Parks Private Endowments and Donations Fund 430.

As indicated in Section A of the attached Schedule of Transfer this Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$825,500 from various restricted funds to newly established capital improvement program project accounts as follows.

1. \$10,000 will be transferred from Sawyer Point Fund 318 to the “Sawyer Point Tennis Building HVAC Upgrades” capital improvement program project account to provide resources for Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) improvements for the Sawyer Point Tennis Building.
2. \$150,000 will be transferred from Cincinnati Riverfront Park Fund 329 to the “Smale Riverfront Water Feature Repairs” capital improvement program project account to provide resources to rehabilitate water features at Smale Park.
3. \$250,000 will be transferred from Park Board Permanent Improvement Fund 752 to capital improvement program project accounts supporting Mt. Airy Forest -- \$150,000 will go toward renovating the comfort station in Mt. Airy Area 23, and \$100,000 will go toward a new Americans with Disabilities Act

(ADA) Accessible Walkway for the Bike Skills Area.

4. \$415,500 will be transferred from Parks Private Endowments and Donations Fund 430 to various capital improvement program project accounts in the parks system. \$87,500 will go toward improvements to the Caretaker's House and Pavilion at Ault Park, \$30,000 will go toward HVAC upgrades at the Bettman Nature Center, \$40,000 will improve parks signs furnishings, fences, and railings, and \$258,000 will be used for Krohn Conservatory building improvements.

These capital projects are in accordance with the Sustain goal to "Preserve our natural and built environment" of Plan Cincinnati (2012); specifically, the strategy to "Protect our natural resources," as described on pages 194 – 196. They are also in accordance with the "Live" goal to "Build a robust public life" and strategy to "Develop and maintain inviting and engaging public spaces that encourage social interaction between different types of people," as detailed on pages 150 – 152 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

No additional FTE are associated with these new capital projects.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to transfer the funding necessary to avoid a disruption in services.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment