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### MOTION

*To Study the Feasibility of the City Assuming Operations of the Ault Park 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks*

**WE MOVE** that the administration produces a report within thirty (30) days on the feasibility of assuming operations of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks celebration in Ault Park from the Ault Park Advisory Council (APAC), Hyde Park Neighborhood Council (HPNC), and Mt. Lookout Community Council (MLCC). This report should include background information on the history of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks celebration, the logistics of running the event including any support needed from other City departments, how much funding is necessary, and what is needed to make the event sustainable going forward.

### BACKGROUND

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks celebration in Ault Park has been going on for over 50 years and has been historically put on by a group of volunteers in the community. The event has been very successful and grown considerably over time and is a staple of 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Cincinnati. However, in part due to this growth and success, it was recently announced by the volunteer organizers that they can no longer independently organize, fund, and administer the event. The primary stated reasons are safety and security and fundraising. The organizers explored many options but concluded that they do not have the capacity to “own” the event any longer.

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