

June 15, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager



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Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Hollister Property Sale Proceeds**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x221919, “Mt. Auburn Recreation Improvements,” for the purpose of providing resources to improve recreation infrastructure in the Mt. Auburn neighborhood; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source Park and Recreation Improvement Bond Fund 860 of the sum of \$250,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222008, “Mt. Airy Trails Expansion,” for the purpose of realigning resources with program needs; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Park and Recreation Improvement Bond Fund 860 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x221919, “Mt. Auburn Recreation Improvements,” for the purpose of providing resources to improve recreation infrastructure in the Mt. Auburn neighborhood; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Park Board Permanent Improvement Fund 752 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222008, “Mt. Airy Trails Expansion,” for the purpose of providing resources to expand trails in Mt. Airy Forest and to provide a clean, safe, reliable, green, and beautiful park system.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the transfer and return to source Park and Recreation Improvement Bond Fund 860 of the sum of \$250,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222008, “Mt. Airy Trails Expansion,” as well as the transfer and appropriation of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Park and Recreation Improvement Bond Fund 860 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x221919, “Mt. Auburn Recreation Improvements,” for the purpose of providing resources to improve recreation infrastructure in the Mt. Auburn neighborhood.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will also authorize the transfer and appropriation of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Park Board Permanent Improvement Fund 752 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222008, “Mt. Airy Trails Expansion,” for the purpose of providing resources to expand trails in Mt. Airy Forest and to provide a clean, safe, reliable, green, and beautiful park system.

The Cincinnati Parks Department recently sold property along Hollister Avenue in Mt. Auburn. The sale agreement included a portion of the proceeds to be transferred to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) for necessary recreation infrastructure improvements in the Mt. Auburn neighborhood. These transfers and appropriations will allow the departments to realign funds with eligible uses based on source fund restrictions.

The Mt. Auburn recreation improvements are in accordance with the “Live” goal to “build a robust public life” and strategy to “develop and maintain inviting and engaging public spaces to encourage social interaction between different types of people,” as described on pages 147 – 152 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to ensure that necessary funding is in place for recreation infrastructure improvements in the Mt. Auburn neighborhood.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

