


October 16, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 

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Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC): Playground Equipment Services Moral Obligation

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AMENDING Ordinance No. 169-2024, which authorized the City Manager to accept a cash donation of \$89,000 from the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund and an in-kind donation of goods and professional services from Playground Equipment Services, Inc. valued at up to \$61,000 for the installation of a turf infield at the Bond Hill Recreation Area by correctly identifying the source of the in-kind donation of goods and professional services as the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund; and **AUTHORIZING** payment of \$61,000 from Cincinnati Recreation Commission capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x231903, “Athletics Facilities Renovation,” and \$89,000 from Cincinnati Recreation Commission capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x241917, “Bond Hill Baseball Field RCF,” to Playground Equipment Services, Inc. as a moral obligation for the installation of a turf infield at the Bond Hill Recreation Area sports field and recreation area; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to provide payment of \$150,000 to Playground Equipment Services, Inc. upon its acceptance of the terms and conditions contained in the attached unexecuted proposed contract.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will amend Ordinance No. 0169-2024 to correctly identify the source of an in-kind donation of goods and professional services as being from the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund (RCF) valued at up to \$61,000 for the installation of a turf infield at the Bond Hill Recreation Area. Additionally, the Emergency Ordinance will authorize payment of \$61,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x231903, “Athletics Facilities Renovation” and \$89,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x241917, “Bond Hill Baseball Field RCF,” to Playground Equipment Services, Inc. as a moral obligation for the installation of a turf infield at the Bond Hill Recreation Area.

On May 22, 2024, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 0169-2024, which authorized the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of goods and professional services from Playground Equipment Services, Inc. valued at up to \$61,000 for the installation of a turf infield at the Bond Hill Recreation Area. Ordinance No. 0169-2024 misidentified Playground Equipment Services, Inc. as the source of the in-kind donation of goods and professional services valued at up to \$61,000 for the installation

of a turf infield at the Bond Hill Recreation Area. RCF is the correct source of the donation of goods and services. As a condition of the cash donation, RCF required that Playground Equipment Services, Inc. perform the work for the installation of the turf infield at the Bond Hill Recreation Area due to their expertise with such work, and a direct award was approved. Playground Equipment Services, Inc. completed the installation of the turf infield at the Bond Hill Recreation Area before a contract could be executed, and, in turn, necessitated a moral obligation.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay Playground Equipment Services, Inc. in a timely manner for services provided to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment