

March 16, 2022
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To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Ezzard Charles Statue Plaza

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and deposit a donation in an amount of \$44,000 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation into Fund No. 430, “Parks Private Endowment and Donations,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Ezzard Charles Statue Plaza in Laurel Park, including electric installation, lighting, and other improvement work; and further **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$44,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund No. 430, “Parks Private Endowment and Donations,” to the existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212009, “Ezzard Charles Statue Plaza.”

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the City Manager to accept and deposit \$44,000 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Ezzard Charles Statue Plaza in Laurel Park. This Emergency Ordinance will also authorize the transfer and appropriation of \$44,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212009, “Ezzard Charles Statue Plaza.”

On March 24, 2021, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 0090-2021 authorizing the transfer and appropriation of \$100,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212009, “Ezzard Charles Statue Plaza.” The Cincinnati Park Board is constructing the Ezzard Charles Statue Plaza in Laurel Park, including electric installation, lighting, and other improvement work. The Cincinnati Parks Foundation is donating an additional \$44,000 for the project. No matching funds or new FTEs are associated with the acceptance of this donation.

This Ordinance is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “build a robust public life,” and the strategy to “develop and maintain inviting and engaging public spaces that 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 accept this donation within the timeframe necessary for construction to begin in June 2022.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment