

October 27, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202103023
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Recreation: Acceptance of Cash Donation from St. Rose Church**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a cash donation in the amount of \$15,000 from St. Rose Catholic Church for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of a shared parking lot located near 2501 Riverside Drive in the East End; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the donated funds into capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x211900, “Outdoor Facilities Renovation.”

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a cash donation from St. Rose Catholic Church in the amount of \$15,000 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x211900 “Outdoor Facilities Renovation” for the construction of a shared parking lot located near 2501 Riverside Drive in the East End. This Emergency Ordinance also declares the expenditures on the shared parking lot to serve a public purpose.

To address parking and draining issues near Bayou, Callahan, and Lumber Streets, Stormwater Management Utility (SMU), Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) and the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) are working in conjunction to facilitate various improvements. St. Rose Catholic Church requested additional parking be added during this project and has offered a donation of \$15,000.

This project is necessary to ensure the proper drainage of Callahan Street. An adjacent parking area is shared by CRC and the church in the area of Leblond Park. The parking area will need to be significantly regraded and reconstructed during this project. The Street Rehabilitation Program will cover the reconstruction costs of a section of the parking lot as Callahan Street is reconstructed to make sure it drains properly. This project will renovate existing parking, correct drainage problems, and add additional parking spots for CRC users.

DOTE requested that \$25,000 be provided towards the project. St. Rose Catholic Church agreed to contribute \$15,000. The CRC will cover the remaining project balance of \$10,000 from existing capital resources available in capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x211900 “Outdoor Facilities Renovation”. There are no new FTEs associated with this donation.

This Emergency Ordinance is in accordance with the “Live goal to “Build a robust public life” "Collaborate" goal to "Unite our communities" as described on pages 149 and 210, respectively, of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the need to accept the donated funds at the earliest possible time.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



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