

April 16, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – OES: City Facility Lighting and Solar Improvements Appropriation

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$31,524 from the unappropriated surplus of Revolving Energy Loan Fund 883 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x255x222534, “City Facility Lighting and Solar Improvements,” to provide additional resources to install solar arrays on City facilities.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance would authorize the transfer and appropriation of \$31,524 from the unappropriated surplus of Revolving Energy Loan Fund 883 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x255x222534, “City Facility Lighting and Solar Improvements,” to provide additional resources to install solar arrays on City facilities.

The City plans to implement energy improvements, including the installation of solar arrays on City facilities. However, existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x255x222534, “City Facility Lighting and Solar Improvements,” does not have sufficient resources available to cover the cost of installing solar arrays on City facilities. Sufficient resources are available in Revolving Energy Loan Fund 883 to appropriate to the capital project for this purpose.

The installation of solar arrays is expected to produce energy savings and be eligible for elective pay benefits under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The City anticipates that the elective pay benefit available through the IRA can be used to recover the resources to install solar arrays on City facilities and replenish Revolving Energy Loan Fund 883.

Installing solar arrays on City facilities is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption” as described on pages 181-185 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to provide project funding to meet established project deadlines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director



Attachment