

April 30, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Grants for Mt. Adams Greenspace

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$194,990 from the Ohio Public Works Commission (“OPWC”) Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program to acquire approximately one-third of an acre of property located at the corner of Parkside Place and Martin Drive in Mt. Adams (Parcel ID 007200020288) (the “Property”) for permanent public access and greenspace preservation and to fund improvements to the Property, including but not limited to trails, trees, and benches (the “Improvements”); **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252043, “Mt. Adams Greenspace Acquisition – OPWC,” to provide resources for the acquisition of the Property and for the Improvements; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit up to \$194,990 of the OPWC Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252043, “Mt. Adams Greenspace Acquisition – OPWC”; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a donation of up to \$107,835 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to acquire the Property for permanent public access and greenspace preservation and to fund the Improvements; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to accept and deposit up to \$107,835 of the donated funds into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252044, “Mt. Adams Greenspace Acquisition – Donation,” to provide resources for the acquisition the Property for permanent public access and greenspace preservation and for the Improvements; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of up to \$107,835 in donated funds from Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252044, “Mt. Adams Greenspace Acquisition – Donation.”

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant of up to \$194,990 from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program as well as to accept a donation of up to \$107,835 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation, all to acquire approximately one-third of an acre of property located at the corner of Parkside Place and Martin Drive in Mt. Adams (Parcel ID 007200020288) (the “Property”) for permanent public access and greenspace preservation and to fund improvements to the Property, including but not limited to trails, trees, and benches. This Emergency Ordinance will also authorize the appropriation of the grant and donation resources into newly established capital improvement program project accounts.

The OPWC grant requires a minimum 25% local match in the amount of \$48,748, which will be covered by contributions made through the Cincinnati Parks Foundation by the Mt. Adams community and other donors. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the OPWC Clean Ohio Fund grant or the donation from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation.

Securing funding to acquire the Property for permanent public access and greenspace preservation is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” and the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” as described on pages 193-195 and 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to comply with OPWC grant deadlines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachments

