

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for two grants in the amounts of up to \$417,631 and \$420,293 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency’s Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Fund for the purpose of providing resources to install public electric vehicle charging stations at 361 Central Avenue and on Plum Street in the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2018, Council adopted the Green Cincinnati Plan in Motion No. 201800830; and

WHEREAS, installing electric vehicle chargers supports the goal of the Green Cincinnati Plan (2018) to “[d]ecrease the consumption of fossil fuels, including gas, diesel, and natural gas by 20%,” and its recommendation to “[e]ncourage the use of electric vehicles through City programs that incentivize EV ownership and infrastructure,” as set forth on pages 205-211 of the Green Cincinnati Plan; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (“OEPA”) grants will reimburse the City for up to 90% of eligible project costs associated with deployment of electric vehicle chargers and will reimburse the remaining 10% of costs after five years of successful charger usage reporting to the OEPA; and

WHEREAS, the grant does not require any new FTEs; and

WHEREAS, in the event that charger usage reporting requirements are met, no local match resources are required; and

WHEREAS, the administration has already applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without prior Council approval; and

WHEREAS, installing electric vehicle chargers 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 set forth on pages 181-186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for two grants in the amounts of up to \$417,631 and \$420,293 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency’s

Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Fund for the purpose of providing resources to install electric vehicle charging stations at 361 Central Avenue and on Plum Street in the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Section 1 hereof.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk