

February 14, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Budget: Transfer and Appropriation from the Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$132,000 from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2535, “Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies,” to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$122,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Cincinnati Police Department’s General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x222x7100 and the transfer and appropriation of \$10,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Cincinnati Police Department’s General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x226x7100 to provide one-time funds for overtime expenses related to the additional deployment of sworn officers in downtown Cincinnati during the month of February.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer of \$132,000 from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2535, “Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies,” to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050. Additionally, this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$122,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Cincinnati Police Department’s General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x222x7100 and the transfer and appropriation of \$10,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Cincinnati Police Department’s General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x226x7100. These resources will be used to provide one-time funds for overtime expenses related to the additional deployment of sworn officers in downtown Cincinnati during the month of February due to increased youth activity and violence.

In 2015, in Ordinance No. 0253-2015, the City Council adopted a Stabilization Funds Policy to define appropriate funding for the City’s various reserve funds, with such policy being later revised in 2019 through Ordinance No. 0213-2019 and revised again in 2022 through Ordinance No. 0056-2022. In accordance with the terms of the Stabilization Funds Policy, funds have been transferred into the “Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies” General Fund balance sheet reserve account for one-time operating budget needs. There is a one-time operating budget need in FY 2024 for additional resources for the Cincinnati Police Department for additional sworn officer patrols in downtown Cincinnati for the month of February due to increased youth activity and violence.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accomplish the authorized transfers and appropriations so that the funding provided by this ordinance is in place immediately and so that the necessary expenditures to address increased youth activity and violence in downtown Cincinnati may be made as soon as possible.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
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Attachment