

September 27, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Division of Natural Resources (DNR) Headquarters (HQ) Site Renovation**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$323,014 from the unappropriated surplus of Park Board Permanent Improvement Fund 752 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232032, “DNR Team HQ Renovation,” to provide resources for improvements to the former District 5 police station site, located at 1012 Ludlow Avenue.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$323,014 from the unappropriated surplus of Park Board Permanent Improvement Fund 752 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232032, “DNR Team HQ Renovation,” for the purpose of providing resources for improvements to the former District 5 police station site, located at 1012 Ludlow Avenue. Necessary improvements include fencing, a storage building, information technology upgrades, and furnishings.

To renovate the former District 5 police station site to house the Parks Department’s Division of Natural Resources, on September 21, 2023, the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners approved the use of \$323,014 from Park Board Permanent Improvement Fund 752. The Park Board Permanent Improvement Fund will be reimbursed after the current headquarters property at 3215 Reading Road is sold to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Investing in a new headquarters for the Cincinnati Park Board Natural Resources Team is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[m]anage our financial resources” as described on pages 199-204 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to enter into any contracts necessary to avoid project delays.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

