

October 8, 2025

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council  
**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  
**Subject:** **Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Park Board Commissioners’ Fund Donation**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of \$1,131,037 from the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners’ Fund to provide resources for horticultural supplies, maintenance contracts, salary and benefits reimbursements, and other operational expenses; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the funds into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund revenue account no. 430x8571.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of \$1,131,037 from the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners’ Fund to provide resources for horticultural supplies, maintenance contracts, salary and benefits reimbursements, and other operational expenses. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the funds into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund revenue account no. 430x8571.

Accepting this donation does not require matching resources or new FTEs/full time equivalents.

Accepting this donation is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” and strategy to “[p]rotect our natural resources” as well as the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 193-196 and 207-212 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to provide resources for Parks Department operating expenses to avoid service delivery disruptions.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

