

August 3, 2026

To: Members of the Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: Emergency Ordinance –OSG: North Vine Streetscape

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x105x271028, “North Vine Streetscape - TIF,” to complete streetscape improvements on Vine Street between Elder Street and McMicken Avenue in the Over-the-Rhine (OTR) neighborhood (the “North Vine Streetscape Improvements”); **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$4,912,787 from the unappropriated surplus of Street Improvements Bond Fund 858 to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x105x271028, “North Vine Streetscape - TIF,” to complete the North Vine Streetscape Improvements; and **DECLARING** that the North Vine Streetscape Improvements constitute a “Public Infrastructure Improvement” (as defined in Ohio Revised Code (“R.C.”) Section 5709.40(A)(8)) that will benefit and/or serve the District 3 - Downtown/OTR West District Incentive District, subject to compliance with R.C. Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance would authorize the transfer and appropriation \$4,912,787 from the unappropriated surplus of Street Improvements Bond Fund 858 to the newly established capital project account no. 980x105x271028, “North Vine Streetscape - TIF,” to complete streetscape improvements on Vine Street between Elder Street and McMicken Avenue in Over-The-Rhine (OTR). The Emergency Ordinance also declares that the North Vine Streetscape Improvements constitute a “Public Infrastructure Improvement.” Financing for this project is anticipated to be generated by issuing an internal note to be repaid by future Downtown/OTR West TIF District revenues.

Resources allocated for the construction of the North Vine Streetscape Improvements with benefit OTR through demolition, sidewalk and curb replacements, street repavement, infill and recovering of any existing basement encroachments, structural and waterproofing work, electrical infrastructure and traffic signal upgrades, landscaping, signage, and related soft costs. Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (3CDC) intends to complete construction prior to opening the new Findlay Community Center to avoid active construction in front of the center when it opens to the public.

Providing resources for construction of the North Vine Streetscape Improvements is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[b]uild a robust public” and strategy to “[d]evelop and maintain inviting and engaging public spaces to encourage interaction between different types of people” as described on pages 149-151 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the urgent need to enter into an agreement with 3CDC and make project funding available to advance the North Vine Streetscape Improvements.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

