

April 23, 2025

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202500824

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners' Fund Donations**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a donation of \$3,243,210.67 from the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners' Fund for use by the Parks Department; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit donated funds of \$3,242,210.67 into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 revenue account no. 430x8571 for use by the Parks Department; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit donated funds of \$1,000 into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 revenue account no. 430x8572 for use by the Parks Department; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,856,333.46 from the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to various operating budget accounts to provide resources for horticultural supplies, maintenance contracts, salary reimbursements, acquiring Krohn Conservatory's gift shop inventory, and other vital costs associated with running the City's parks; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$206,266.69 from the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to the unappropriated surplus of Sawyer Point Fund 318; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252040, "Sawyer Point Improvements," to provide resources for improvements to Sawyer Point including electrical improvements at Kroger Promenade, plumbing and irrigation upgrades, Geologic Timeline Path stone and lighting work, and gateway sculpture improvements; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252041, "Riverwalk Signage," to provide resources for the design, fabrication, and installation of signage improvements for Sawyer Point; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,180,610.52 from the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to various capital improvement program project accounts, according to the attached Schedule of Transfer, to provide resources for various Parks Department capital improvement program projects.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept a donation of \$3,243,210.67 from the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners' Fund. Of that amount, \$3,242,210.67 is authorized to be deposited into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 revenue account no. 430x8571 with the remaining \$1,000 to be deposited into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 revenue account no. 430x8572. Furthermore, this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$1,856,333.46 from the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to various operating budget accounts to provide resources for horticultural supplies, maintenance contracts, salary reimbursements,

acquire Krohn Conservatory's gift shop inventory, and other vital costs associated with running the City's parks. In addition, this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$206,266.69 from the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to the unappropriated surplus of Sawyer Point Fund 318. Also authorized by this Emergency Ordinance is the establishment of two capital improvement program project accounts which includes account no. 980x203x252040, "Sawyer Point Improvements," to provide resources for improvements to Sawyer Point including electrical improvements at Kroger Promenade, plumbing and irrigation upgrades, Geologic Timeline Path stone and lighting work, and gateway sculpture improvements and account no. 980x203x252041, "Riverwalk Signage," to provide resources for the design, fabrication, and installation of signage improvements for Sawyer Point. Finally, this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$1,810,610.52 from the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to various capital improvement program project accounts, according to the attached Schedule of Transfer.

Acceptance of this donation for various improvements to City Parks 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 193-195 and 207-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to complete payment transactions during FY 2025, which ends June 30, 2025.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachments

