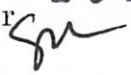


May 7, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager **202500942** 

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Cincinnati Recreation Commission:
Donations for Various Ballfields and Recreation Areas**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x251928, "Walnut Hills Recreation Improvements RCF," for the installation of a turf infield at Owls Nest and various improvements at the Ashland Recreation Area; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a donation of \$150,000 from the Reds Community Fund for the installation of a turf infield at Owls Nest and various improvements at the Ashland Recreation Area; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit \$150,000 from the Reds Community Fund into Fund 319x8571, "Contributions For Recreation Purposes," for the installation of a turf infield at Owls Nest and various improvements at the Ashland Recreation Area; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to transfer and appropriate \$150,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund 319, "Contributions For Recreation Purposes," into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x251928, "Walnut Hills Recreation Improvements RCF," for the installation of a turf infield at Owls Nest and various improvements at the Ashland Recreation Area; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of goods and professional services from the Reds Community Fund valued at up to \$850,000 for the installation of a synthetic baseball infield and various improvements that include Bush Recreation Center, Ashland Recreation Area, and improvements to the Avondale T-ball field.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance would authorize the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x251928, "Walnut Hills Recreation Improvements RCF," for the installation of a turf infield at Owls Nest and various improvements at the Ashland Recreation Area. The Emergency Ordinance then authorizes the City Manager to accept a donation of \$150,000 from the Reds Community Fund for the installation of a turf infield at Owls Nest and various improvements at the Ashland Recreation Area. It then authorizes the Finance Director to deposit that donation into Fund 319x8571, "Contributions For Recreation Purposes," and then authorizes the City Manager to transfer and appropriate the revenue into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x251928, "Walnut Hills Recreation Improvements RCF." Finally, the Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of goods and professional services from the Reds Community Fund valued at up to

\$850,000 for the installation of a synthetic baseball infield and various improvements that include Bush Recreation Center, Ashland Recreation Area, and improvements to the Avondale T-ball field. The various improvements will benefit the Walnut Hills and Avondale neighborhoods.

Acceptance of this donation to support turf infield installations and various improvements is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[b]uild a robust public life” and the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” as described on pages 149 and 209 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to enter into a contract for the donated services within Fiscal Year 2025.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

