

February 24, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager  202200475

Subject: Ordinance – CRC: Funding for Oakley Recreation Center

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x221915, “Oakley Recreation Center,” for the purpose of providing resources to acquire real estate or interest therein for parks, parkways, playgrounds and recreation centers, improving and equipping such real estate, rehabilitating existing parks, parkways, playgrounds and recreation centers, including the design and construction of a recreation center in the Oakley neighborhood as part of the Recreation Master Plan designed to meet the current demands and programming needs of the public, said recreation center to be larger than the existing center and include a gymnasium and rooms for specific activities, comply with current building codes, and provide ADA access and life safety requirements; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the Park and Recreation Improvement Bond Fund 860 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x221915, “Oakley Recreation Center.”

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x221915, “Oakley Recreation Center,” for the purpose of providing resources to acquire real estate or interest therein for parks, parkways, playgrounds and recreation centers, improving and equipping such real estate, rehabilitating existing parks, parkways, playgrounds and recreation centers, including the design and construction of a recreation center in the Oakley neighborhood as part of the Recreation Master Plan designed to meet the current demands and programming needs of the public, said recreation center to be larger than the existing center and include a gymnasium and rooms for specific activities, comply with current building codes, and provide Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access and life safety requirements. Approval of this Ordinance will also authorize the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the Park and Recreation Improvement Bond Fund 860 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x221915, “Oakley Recreation Center.”

On June 22, 2016, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 0202-2016, which authorized financing not to exceed \$2,000,000 of parks and recreation bonds for the

Oakley Recreation Center project, and Ordinance No. 0165-2016, which authorized the transfer and appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Park and Recreation Bond Fund 860 to the capital improvement project account “Oakley Recreation Center.” Since the project was not ready to proceed at that time, debt was never issued for the project.

On March 6, 2019, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 0076-2019, which authorized an amendment to Ordinance No. 0165-2016, and ordained that when the Oakley Recreation Center project was ready to proceed, the City Council shall consider passage of an appropriation to the recreation center capital improvement program project to be generated with the debt issuance authority granted in Ordinance No. 0202-2016. Since the project is now ready to proceed, the debt can now be issued for the project and an appropriation is necessary in order to authorize the expenditure of resources.

The Oakley Recreation Center project is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “Build a robust public life” and strategy to “Develop and maintain inviting and engaging public spaces to encourage social interaction between different types of people” as described on pages 149 - 152 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
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