

**July 31, 2023**

**To:** Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202301858

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

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Cincinnati Recreation Commission:  
Moral Obligation Payment to A Fantastic Return LLC**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$9,500 to A Fantastic Return, LLC from Cincinnati Recreation Commission Recreation Special Activities Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 323x197x6750x7299 as a moral obligation for professional tennis and pickleball services.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the payment \$9,500 from Cincinnati Recreation Commission Recreation Special Activities Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 323x197x6750x7299 as a moral obligation to A Fantastic Return, LLC for professional tennis and pickleball services.

The City entered into a contract with A Fantastic Return, LLC to provide professional tennis and pickleball services at the Lindner Family Tennis Center in June 2020. The agreement expired on May 31, 2023, and a new contract is not expected to be finalized until August 2023. The moral obligation payment covers the two months of services provided outside of a contract.

Cincinnati Recreation Commission staff were informed of the contract issues and educated on the best practices for coordinating and reviewing contracts prior to expiration dates to prevent moral obligations in the future.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay A Fantastic Return, LLC in a timely manner for services provided to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director  
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment