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An Ordinance No. 237

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ESTABLISHING permanent improvement program project account no. 758x164x261618, "Neighborhood Catalytic Improvements," to support transformative neighborhood economic development projects; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$5,421,121 from various General Capital Budget capital or permanent improvement program project accounts to close out or decrease the funding allocated to those accounts in accordance with Schedule A of the attached Schedule of Transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$3,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758 to new or existing capital or permanent improvement program project accounts to implement Council's changes to the FY 2026 Capital Budget in accordance with Schedule B of the attached Schedule of Transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$88,000 from the City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to eliminate the FY 2026 leveraged support funding for Main Street Ventures; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$2,509,121 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various operating budget accounts within the General Fund to implement Council's changes to the FY 2026 General Fund Operating Budget in accordance with Schedule C of the attached Schedule of Transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Corryville Equivalent Fund 488 to the Department of Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account no. 488x164x7200 to provide resources for the activities of the Clifton Cultural Arts Center at 3412 Clifton Avenue that are deemed eligible as 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 9-Corryville District Incentive District, subject to compliance with R.C. Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43, to implement Council's changes to the FY 2026 Budget; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of West End Equivalent Fund 522 to the Department of Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account no. 522x164x7200 to provide resources for roof repairs and other public infrastructure improvements at the Robert O'Neal Multicultural Arts Center ("ROMAC") at 1201 Linn Street that are deemed eligible as a "Public Infrastructure Improvement" (as defined in R.C. Section 5709.40(A)(8)) that will benefit and/or serve the District 22-West End District Incentive District, subject to compliance with R.C. Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43, to implement Council's changes to the FY 2026 Budget; and **DECLARING** expenditures from such non-personnel operating budget account related to the roof repairs in support of the ROMAC at 1201 Linn Street to be a public purpose and constitute a "Public Infrastructure Improvement" (as defined in R.C. Section 5709.40(A)(8)) that will benefit and/or serve the District 22-West End District Incentive District, subject to compliance with R.C. Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Motion No. 202501259, adopted on June 16, 2025, Council incorporated a majority of Council's recommended changes to the City Manager's Recommended FY 2026 Budget; and

WHEREAS, certain projects in the FY 2026 General Capital Budget are being closed-out or reduced to generate resources for Council's recommended changes to the City Manager's Recommended FY 2026 Budget; and

WHEREAS, Council set aside \$2,500,000 to support the Sundance Film Festival through Ordinance No. 371-2024, and because the Sundance Film Festival selected Boulder, Colorado as its next venue, a portion of that funding is available for reprogramming; and

WHEREAS, \$743,579 of the funds set aside to support the Sundance Film Festival through Ordinance No. 371-2024 were used as sources for the Mayor's recommended changes to the FY 2026 General Fund Operating Budget, leaving a remaining balance of \$1,706,421 available for reprogramming; and

WHEREAS, Council's recommended changes to the City Manager's Recommended FY 2026 Budget include the reallocation of \$714,700 previously set aside in the capital budget for Connected Communities Improvements as well as \$88,000 in leveraged support allocated to Main Street Ventures to fund reprogramming needs as part of the FY 2026 General Fund Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS, Council's recommended changes to the City Manager's Recommended FY 2026 Budget also include supplemental appropriations of \$2,509,121 as part of the General Fund Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS, of the \$2,509,121 in Council's recommended supplemental appropriations, \$1,954,121 is allocated for one-time leveraged support funding in accordance with Motion No. 202501259 and as follows: \$100,000 to Art Opportunities, Inc. dba ArtWorks; \$30,000 to Learning Through Art, Inc.; \$175,000 to Cincinnati Cornerstone Capital, LLC dba CincyTech; \$150,000 to Cintrifuse; \$100,000 to the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Film Commission dba Film Cincinnati; \$100,000 to The Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority; \$250,000 to the Cincinnati Regional Sports Commission; \$150,000 to the Cardinal Land Conservancy, Inc.; \$150,000 to Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, Inc.; \$45,000 to Bethany House Services, Inc.; \$100,000 to the Center for Addiction Treatment; \$100,000 to the Ohio Justice and Policy Center; \$100,000 to Women Helping Women; \$100,000 to Act for Cincy; \$152,061 to The Greater Cincinnati Foundation for the Boots on the Ground Program; and \$152,060 to Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, Inc. for the Safe and Clean Program; and

WHEREAS, the remaining \$555,000 in Council's recommended supplemental appropriations is allocated for one-time funding in accordance with Motion No. 202501259 and as follows: \$100,000 to the Downtown Neighborhood Plan; \$275,000 to the Mill Creek Corridor Planning Project; \$50,000 to the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority dba Metro for discounted MetroPasses for City employees; \$30,000 to Flywheel: Social Enterprise Hub to fund a pothole repair initiative; and \$100,000 for a sidewalk repair pilot program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 419-2002, passed by Council on December 18, 2002, the City created District 9-Corryville TIF District Incentive District (the "Corryville TIF District") to, in part, fund public infrastructure improvements, as defined in Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") Section 5709.40(A)(8), that benefit and/or serve the Corryville TIF District; and

WHEREAS, Council's recommended changes to the City Manager's Recommended FY 2026 Budget also include the use of \$500,000 from the Corryville TIF District for construction and renovation activities of the Clifton Cultural Arts Center at 3412 Clifton Avenue, with disbursement contingent upon Council's passage of an ordinance determining that the expenses are eligible for TIF funding; and

WHEREAS, although the Clifton Cultural Arts Center is located outside the boundaries of the Corryville TIF District, the City has determined that the eligible public infrastructure improvements made to the Clifton Cultural Arts Center at 3412 Clifton Avenue will benefit the Corryville TIF District by encouraging future investment in the surrounding area, including the Corryville TIF District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 516-2019, passed by Council on December 18, 2019, the City created District 22-West End TIF District Incentive District (the "West End TIF District") to, in part, fund public infrastructure improvements, as defined in R.C. Section 5709.40(A)(8), that benefit and/or serve the West End TIF District; and

WHEREAS, Council's recommended changes to the City Manager's Recommended FY 2026 Budget also include the appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the West End TIF District to provide the Robert O'Neal Multicultural Arts Center ("ROMAC") with (i) \$506,000 for roof repairs at 1201 Linn Street ("ROMAC Roof Repairs"), and (ii) \$1,494,000 for eligible public infrastructure improvements within the meaning of R.C. Section 5709.40(A)(8), contingent upon the ROMAC delivering to Council a presentation demonstrating how the ROMAC will expend and utilize the remaining \$1,494,000 of West End TIF funds on eligible public infrastructure improvements in accordance with R.C. Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43; and

WHEREAS, Section 13 of Article VIII of the Ohio Constitution provides that, in order to create or preserve jobs and employment opportunities, and to improve the economic welfare of the people of the state, it is in the public interest and a proper public purpose for the state or its political subdivisions to acquire, construct, enlarge, improve, or equip; and to sell, lease, exchange, or otherwise dispose of, property, structures, equipment, and facilities for industry commerce, distribution, and research; and to make loans and to provide moneys for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, improvement, or equipment of such property, structures, equipment, and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that the economic benefits of the ROMAC Roof Repairs will benefit and/or serve the West End TIF District; is in the vital and best interests of the City and health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and is in accordance with the public purposes and provisions of applicable federal, state, and local laws and requirements; and

WHEREAS, Council's recommended changes to the City Manager's Recommended FY 2026 Budget also include prioritizing an increase to the number of sworn police officers through a combination of regular recruit classes and a lateral-entry recruit class in the Cincinnati Police Department; and

WHEREAS, passage of this ordinance will transfer resources and authorize expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, pursuant to Council's recommended changes to the FY 2026 Budget; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That permanent improvement program project account no. 758x164x261618, “Neighborhood Catalytic Improvements,” is established to support transformative neighborhood economic development projects.

Section 2. That \$5,421,121 is transferred and returned to source from various General Capital Budget capital or permanent improvement program project accounts to close out or decrease the funding allocated to those accounts, in accordance with Schedule A of the attached Schedule of Transfer.

Section 3. That \$3,000,000 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758 to new or existing capital or permanent improvement program project accounts to implement Council’s changes to the FY 2026 Capital Budget, in accordance with Schedule B of the attached Schedule of Transfer.

Section 4. That \$88,000 is transferred and returned to source from the City Manager’s Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to eliminate the FY 2026 leveraged support funding for Main Street Ventures.

Section 5. That \$2,509,121 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various operating budget accounts within the General Fund to implement Council’s changes to the FY 2026 General Fund Operating Budget, in accordance with Schedule C of the attached Schedule of Transfer.

Section 6. That \$500,000 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of Corryville Equivalent Fund 488 to the Department of Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account no. 488x164x7200 to provide resources for the activities of the Clifton Cultural Arts Center at 3412 Clifton Avenue that are deemed eligible as 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 9-Corryville District Incentive District, to implement Council’s changes to the FY 2026 Budget.

Section 7. That \$2,000,000 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of West End Equivalent Fund 522 to the Department of Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account no. 522x164x7200 to provide the Robert O’Neal Multicultural Arts Center (“ROMAC”) with (a) \$506,000 for roof repairs at 1201 Linn Street (the “ROMAC Roof Repairs”), and (b) \$1,494,000 for eligible public infrastructure improvements within the meaning of R.C. Section 5709.40(A)(8), contingent upon ROMAC delivering to Council a presentation demonstrating how ROMAC will expend and utilize the \$1,494,000 on eligible public infrastructure improvements in accordance with R.C. Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43, to implement Council’s changes to the FY 2026 Budget.

Section 8. That Council declares that the ROMAC Roof Repairs serve a public purpose and constitute a “Public Infrastructure Improvement” (as defined in R.C. Section 5709.40(A)(8)), that will benefit and/or serve the District 9-Corryville TIF District Incentive District, subject to compliance with R.C. Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43.

Section 9. That Council declares that the expenditures from the Neighborhood Catalytic Improvements permanent improvement program project account serve a public purpose because the projects will foster local improvements and investment and increase neighborhood vitality.

Section 10. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 9 and the attached Schedules of Transfer.

Section 11. That the effective date of this ordinance shall be July 1, 2025.

Section 12. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms

of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the need to ensure that necessary funding is in place prior to the beginning of FY 2026, which begins on July 1, 2025.

Passed: June 18, 2025

Aftab Pureval
Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: [Signature]
Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO. 237-2025
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 7/1/2025
Melissa Artry
CLERK OF COUNCIL