

January 12, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202200059

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Recreation: Reds Community Fund
Baseball Field Maintenance In-Kind Donation**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of third-party ballfield renovation services provided by the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund valued at \$100,000, for the purpose of ballfield renovations at select Cincinnati Recreation Commission locations.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of third-party ballfield renovation services provided by the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund (RCF) valued at \$100,000, for the purpose of ballfield renovations at select Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) locations.

CRC and the RCF have been working cooperatively for many years to provide area youth and adult leagues the best baseball/softball experience possible. However, unpredictable Cincinnati weather patterns present challenges for the spring baseball season. This in-kind donation of ballfield renovation services provided by RCF will serve as a pilot program to address winter renovations at CRC heavily used fields. Based on results of this pilot program, CRC may invest in the program utilizing funds within their current capital budget allocations.

A prerequisite of the RCF donation states that former Cincinnati Reds head groundskeeper, Doug Gallant, and Gallant Professional Services shall perform this work because of expertise in this scope of work. There are no new FTEs associated with this donation, nor does the donation require matching funds.

The athletic field improvements are in accordance with the "Live" goal to "build a robust public life" as described on page 149 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the donation to allow for the renovation work to occur within the winter season.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

