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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2021

AUTHORIZING the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x203xARP019, "Smale Riverfront Park," for the purpose of providing funds to the Cincinnati Parks Department for the design and construction of the next phase of the Smale Riverfront Park extension on Lot 23 of the Banks and for no other purpose; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$1,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x203xARP019, "Smale Riverfront Park," for the purpose of providing funds to the Cincinnati Parks Department for the design and construction of the next phase of the Smale Riverfront Park extension on Lot 23 of the Banks and for no other purpose; and further **DECLARING** expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x203xARP019, "Smale Riverfront Park," to be for a public purpose.

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive funding from the United States Department of the Treasury pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act as part of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Act and additional guidance is forthcoming regarding eligible uses of such funds; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Parks Department has limited financial resources available to undertake the development of new parks in the City of Cincinnati and, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, there is even less funding available for the construction of new parks in the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, because of these limited financial resources, the Cincinnati Parks Department only proceeded with a portion of the construction work related to the public park on Lot 23 of the Banks; and

WHEREAS, the funding provided by this ordinance would permit the Parks Department to commence the design and construction of the next phase of the Smale Riverfront Park extension on Lot 23 of the Banks; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to establish American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x203xARP019, "Smale Riverfront Park," for the purpose of providing funds to the Cincinnati Parks Department for the design and construction of the next phase of the Smale Riverfront Park extension on Lot 23 of the Banks and for no other purpose.

Section 2. That the sum of \$1,500,000 is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x203xARP019, "Smale Riverfront Park," for the purpose of providing funds to the Cincinnati Parks Department for the design and construction of the next phase of the Smale Riverfront Park extension on Lot 23 of the Banks and for no other purpose.

Section 3. That expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x203xARP019, "Smale Riverfront Park," are hereby declared to be for a public purpose because providing funds for the design and construction of new parks within the City improves the economic and general well-being of the people of the City, which is necessary because of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 4. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 3 hereof.

Section 5. 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 immediate need to implement authorized American Rescue Plan-related support programs.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk