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AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$450,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Downtown/OTR West Equivalent Fund 482 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x211033, “Findlay Park Recreation Improvements,” for the purpose of providing additional resources for the continued design and construction of new state-of-the-art recreation permanent improvements, including but not limited to, acquiring, improving, and equipping parks, parkways, playgrounds and recreation centers, in and around Findlay Park in the Over-The-Rhine neighborhood; and **DECLARING** expenditures from capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x211033, “Findlay Park Recreation Improvements,” to be for a public purpose.

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission’s Findlay and Grant Parks Community Engagement Summary Report, dated August 2019, identified the need for additional recreational improvements in and around Findlay Park (“Recreation Improvements”) to serve Over-The-Rhine and the community; and

WHEREAS, due to the extensive nature of the Recreation Improvements envisioned and the likely complex financing required to complete such improvements, the City needed to engage an experienced development manager to provide design, community engagement, and development services to complete the Recreation Improvements; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 0342-2020 authorized the City to engage with Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (“3CDC”), who is uniquely qualified to act as the development manager for the Recreation Improvements due to its successful experiences designing, planning, and completing redevelopment of public spaces throughout the Central Business District and Over-The-Rhine, including the successful redevelopment of Fountain Square, Washington Park, and Ziegler Park as development manager; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 0342-2020 also authorized the appropriation of \$50,000 of City funds matched by a \$50,000 in-kind contribution from 3CDC for the first phase of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Department of City Planning and Engagement held a community engagement session on April 13, 2022 regarding the project and received positive feedback from the community in support of moving forward with the second phase of the project; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$450,000 is needed for the second phase of the Recreation Improvements including soft costs associated with the redevelopment in order to identify the specific design elements to include as part of the improvements; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the transfer and appropriation of \$450,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Downtown/OTR West Equivalent Fund 482 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x211033, "Findlay Park Recreation Improvements," is hereby authorized for the purpose of providing additional resources for the costs of continued design work and construction of new state-of-the-art recreation permanent improvements, including but not limited to, acquiring, improving, and equipping parks, parkways, playgrounds and recreation centers, in and around Findlay Park.

Section 2. That Council hereby declares that the expenditure of the herein-appropriated funds to provide resources for the Recreation Improvements that will benefit and/or serve the Downtown/OTR West TIF District Incentive District (i) serves a public purpose because the project will increase neighborhood vitality; and (ii) that the Recreation Improvements are anticipated to have an estimated life or estimated period of usefulness of five years or more.

Section 3. 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 continue the design of the Recreation Improvements so that community outreach, design, and construction may continue as quickly as possible.

Passed: _____, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk