

October 15, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Mid-Year Budget Adjustment

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$256,117 from the unappropriated surplus of Sawyer Point Fund 318 to various personnel and non-personnel operating accounts, according to Section A of the attached Schedule of Transfer, to realign sources with uses and provide for the continued operation of Parks Department activities; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$55,080 from the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Riverfront Park Fund 329 to various non-personnel operating accounts, according to Section B of the attached Schedule of Transfer, to realign sources with uses and provide for the continued operation of Parks Department activities.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$256,117 from the unappropriated surplus of Sawyer Point Fund 318 to various personnel and non-personnel operating accounts, according to Section A of the attached Schedule of Transfer, to realign sources with uses and provide for the continued operation of Parks Department activities. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$55,080 from the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Riverfront Park Fund 329 to various non-personnel operating accounts, according to Section B of the attached Schedule of Transfer, to realign sources with uses and provide for the continued operation of Parks Department activities.

The Cincinnati Parks Department (“Parks”) conducted a review of activities previously supported by Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 and determined that this continued support is not sustainable. Adjustments are required to better align expenses with appropriate sources. FY 2026 donations to the Sawyer Point Fund and the Cincinnati Riverfront Park Fund are sufficient to support these supplemental appropriations.

Realigning more appropriate sources with uses is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[m]anage our financial resources” and strategy to “[s]pend public funds more strategically” as described in pages 199-204 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to provide funding for ongoing Parks Department activities throughout the City’s Parks.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director



Attachment