

June 5, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202401522

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Budget: Deferred FY 2024 General Fund Appropriations

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of \$6,150,982 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in accordance with attached Schedule of Transfer Part A; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$6,150,982 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, “Deferred Appropriations,” to preserve resources for commitments made during FY 2024; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$6,150,982 from balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, “Deferred Appropriations,” to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund effective July 1, 2024; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$6,150,982 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to various operating budget accounts according to the attached Schedule of Transfer Part B, effective July 1, 2024, to provide resources for a public safety facilities master plan, the Neighborhood Historic Preservation Program, violence prevention initiatives, the City’s fleet electrification plan, WarmUp Cincy, recycling consulting services and energy management software, the Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Improvement Program, the Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program, a tax abatement study, the Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses program, Shilito building operating expenses, King Records building restoration pre-development activities, and the Homesafe Tax Relief Program, all of which were previously approved by Council in FY 2024.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and return to source of \$6,150,982 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in accordance with attached Schedule of Transfer Part A. This Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the transfer of \$6,150,982 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, “Deferred Appropriations,” to preserve resources for commitments made during FY 2024. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the transfer and return to source of \$6,150,982 from balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, “Deferred Appropriations,” to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund effective July 1, 2024. Finally, this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$6,150,982 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to various operating budget accounts according to the attached Schedule of Transfer Part B, effective July 1, 2024, to provide resources for a public safety facilities master plan, the Neighborhood Historic Preservation Program, violence prevention initiatives, the City’s fleet electrification plan, WarmUp Cincy, recycling consulting services and energy

management software, the Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Improvement Program, the Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program, a tax abatement study, the Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses program, Shilito building operating expenses, King Records building restoration pre-development activities, and the Homesafe Tax Relief Program, all of which were previously approved by Council in FY 2024.

A total of \$6,150,982 in General Fund resources is required in FY 2025 to meet the commitments outlined below.

Public Safety Facilities Master Plan (\$920,000)

The City's Approved FY 2024 Budget and the City's FY 2024 Final Adjustment Ordinance (FAO), Ordinance No. 0159-2024, included resources for a public safety facilities master plan; however, \$920,000 will not be expended in FY 2024.

Neighborhood Historic Preservation Program (\$40,000)

Ordinance No. 0014-2024 provided resources for the Neighborhood Historic Preservation Program. However, the resources will not be expended in FY 2024, including the \$17,000 that is committed, pursuant to Ordinance No. 0155-2024, as a local match for the U.S. Department of the Interior's Historic Preservation Fund Ohio History Connection's Certified Local Government Grant Program.

Violence Prevention Initiatives (\$800,000)

The City's Approved FY 2024 Budget included resources for violence prevention initiatives. However, these resources will not be expended in FY 2024 due to contract timing and will be provided in FY 2025.

Fleet Electrification Plan (\$168,000)

\$168,000 of the funding provided by Ordinance No. 0418-2023, which authorized the transfer of \$400,000 from the "Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives – GF" capital improvement program project account to the Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund operating budget for the City's fleet electrification plan, will not be expended in FY 2024 due to the project's timeline and will be provided in FY 2025.

WarmUp Cincy (\$488,394)

\$488,394 of the funding provided by Ordinance No. 0208-2023 and the City's Approved FY 2024 Budget for WarmUp Cincy will not be expended in FY 2024 due to project timelines and will be provided in FY 2025.

Office of Environment & Sustainability Contractual Services (\$94,588)

\$94,588 of the funding provided by the City's Approved FY 2024 Budget for recycling consulting services and energy management software will not be expended in FY 2024 due to project timelines and will be provided in FY 2025.

Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Improvement Program (NCCIP) (\$1,070,000)

A portion of the funding provided by Ordinance No. 0208-2023, which appropriated \$1,944,178 to the Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Improvement Program ("NCCIP"), and the City's Approved FY 2024 Budget, which appropriated an additional \$500,000 to the NCCIP, will not be expended in FY 2024 due to project timelines and will be provided in FY 2025.

Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program (NDBIP) (\$210,000)

A portion of the \$900,000 in funding provided by the City's Approved FY 2024 Budget for the Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program will not be expended in FY 2024 and will be provided in FY 2025.

Tax Abatement Study (\$55,000)

The funding provided by Ordinance No. 0345-2023 included contractual services resources for a tax abatement study for the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) which will not be deployed before the end of FY 2024 and will be provided in FY 2025.

Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses Program (\$1,000,000)

The funding provided by Ordinance No. 0409-2023 for the Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses program to support West End reconciliation capital projects for DCED will not be deployed before the end of FY 2024 and will be provided in FY 2025.

Shilito Building Operating Expenses (\$100,000)

The funding provided by the City's FY 2024 FAO, Ordinance No. 0159-2024, for Shilito building operating expenses will not be encumbered before the end of FY 2024 and will be provided in FY 2025.

King Records Building Restoration Pre-Development (\$205,000)

The funding provided by Ordinance No. 0107-2024, which authorized the transfer from the "King Records Building Restoration" capital improvement program project account to the DCED General Fund operating budget for pre-development activities related to the eventual renovation of the former King Records building, will not be encumbered before the end of FY 2024 and will be provided in FY 2025.

Homesafe Tax Relief Program (\$1,000,000)

The funding provided by Ordinance No. 0142-2024, which transferred this funding from the "Housing Stability – GF" capital improvement program project account to the DCED General Fund non-personnel operating budget account for the Homesafe Tax Relief Program, will not be encumbered before the end of FY 2024 and will be provided in FY 2025.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to meet commitments and ensure contracts can be executed as soon as possible.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment