

EMERGENCY

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- 2023

AMENDING the name of capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222004, “Biochar Replication Bloomberg Grant,” to “Biochar Replication Facility”; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of up to \$300,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Park Board Permanent Improvement Fund 752 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222004, “Biochar Replication Facility”; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate resources in the amount of \$300,000 from Great Parks of Hamilton County to capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222004, “Biochar Replication Facility,” for the purpose of implementing a biochar production facility; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind gift of excess wood debris and compost from Great Parks of Hamilton County for use in the biochar facility.

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2021, Council approved Ordinance No. 385-2021, which established new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222004, “Biochar Replication Bloomberg Grant,” and authorized the appropriation of up to \$400,000 in grant resources from Bloomberg Philanthropies and the transfer and appropriation of local matching resources of \$100,000 from Urban Forestry Fund 428 for the purpose of implementing a biochar production facility; and

WHEREAS, capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222004, “Biochar Replication Bloomberg Grant,” should be renamed to more accurately reflect that this capital improvement program project account will receive funding from multiple sources in addition to the Bloomberg grant to implement the biochar production facility; and

WHEREAS, the projected budget to implement the biochar production facility is \$1,100,000, resulting in a \$600,000 funding gap; and

WHEREAS, Great Parks of Hamilton County agreed to split the funding gap with Cincinnati Parks by providing a \$300,000 allocation to Cincinnati Parks, which was approved by the Great Parks of Hamilton County Board of Park Commissioners at its December 2022 board meeting; and

WHEREAS, Great Parks of Hamilton County also agreed to provide excess wood debris and compost for use in the biochar production facility; and

WHEREAS, sufficient resources are currently available in the unappropriated surplus of Park Board Permanent Improvement Fund 752 to fund the remaining \$300,000 for the biochar production facility; and

WHEREAS, implementing a biochar production facility is in accordance with the “Sustain” goals to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” as described on pages 181-198 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the name of capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222004, “Biochar Replication Bloomberg Grant,” is hereby amended to “Biochar Replication Facility.”

Section 2. That the transfer and appropriation of up to \$300,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Park Board Permanent Improvement Fund 752 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222004, “Biochar Replication Facility,” is hereby authorized for the purpose of implementing a biochar production facility.

Section 3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate resources in the amount of \$300,000 from Great Parks of Hamilton County to capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222004, “Biochar Replication Facility,” for the purpose of implementing a biochar production facility.

Section 4. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept an in-kind gift of excess wood debris and compost from Great Parks of Hamilton County for use in the biochar facility.

Section 5. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Sections 1 through 4 hereof.

Section 6. 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 transfer and accept the funding necessary to implement the biochar production facility.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk