

June 7, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 

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Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Headquarters (HQ) Site Renovation**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$126,986 from the unappropriated surplus of Park Board Permanent Improvement Fund 752 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232032, “DNR Team HQ Renovation,” to provide resources for improvements to the former District 5 police station site, including on-site stormwater drainage and widening the driveway, located at 1012 Ludlow Avenue.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$126,986 from the unappropriated surplus of Park Board Improvement Fund 752 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232032, “DNR Team HQ Renovation,” for the purpose of providing resources for improvements to the former District 5 police station site located at 1012 Ludlow Avenue.

To renovate the former District 5 police station site to house the Parks Department’s Department of Natural Resources, on May 18, 2023, the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners approved the use of Park Board Permanent Improvement Fund 752 resources as follows: (1) \$100,000 to repair the catch basin and associated piping drainage outlet from a large portion of the parking lot and the roof of the building and (2) \$26,986 to widen the driveway at the former District 5 police station to accommodate tree trucks and other large vehicles that need to access the site. Resources will be reimbursed to the Park Board after the current headquarters property at 3215 Reading Road is sold to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Investing in a new headquarters for the Cincinnati Park Board Natural Resources Team is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[m]anage our financial resources” as described on pages 199-205 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to enter into any contracts necessary to avoid project delays.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

