

August 3, 2020

**To:** Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

**From:** Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager *CAB & PBM*

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**Subject:** Emergency Ordinance – Findlay Recreation Area Partnership

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of \$200,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Recreation Special Activities Fund 323 to the Department of Recreation’s non-personnel operating budget account no. 323x199x7200 for the purpose of providing resources for third-party providers to assist the Cincinnati Recreation Commission in providing active and interactive programming opportunities at Findlay Park Recreation Area located at 1823 Vine Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood.

The Findlay Park Recreation Area (“Findlay Park”) is a valuable resource in the heart of the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood needing active and interactive programming to serve area residents. Therefore, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (“CRC”) intends to initiate a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit applications from third-party providers to establish community-based programming at Findlay Park, which will be facilitated by the creation of individual grant agreements that will detail funding amounts, program goals, and other terms and conditions.

The CRC Board, at its July 21, 2020 meeting, approved the Findlay Recreation Area Partnership Program. A forecast for Fund 323 indicates a sufficient fund balance to allow for the requested transfer given projected revenues and expenditures for FY 2021. Revenues and expenditures in Fund 323 will be closely monitored throughout FY 2021 due to the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to make resources available in time to facilitate late summer and fall programming opportunities.

This Emergency Ordinance is in accordance with the “Collaborate” goal to “Work in synergy with the Cincinnati community,” as described on page 209 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager  
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Attachment

