

December 3, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202502068

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Ordinance – Parks: Parks Foundation Grant for Owl’s Nest Park Improvements**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a grant of up to \$2,000,000 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to fund improvements to Owl’s Nest Park; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund revenue account no. 326x8571; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x262052, “Owl’s Nest Park Improvements – Foundation,” to provide resources for improvements to Owl’s Nest Park; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund 326 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x262052, “Owl’s Nest Park Improvements – Foundation.”

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the following:

1. The City Manager to accept a grant of up to \$2,000,000 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to fund improvements to Owl’s Nest Park;
2. The Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund revenue account no. 326x8571;
3. The establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x262052, “Owl’s Nest Park Improvements – Foundation,” to provide resources for improvements to Owl’s Nest Park; and
4. The transfer and appropriation from the unappropriated surplus of Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund to the newly established capital improvement program project account.

This grant does not require matching funds or new FTEs/full time equivalents.

Funding improvements to Owl’s Nest Park aligns with the “Sustain” goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” and the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and the strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 193 and 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



Attachment