

February 16, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202200386

From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager

Subject: **Ordinance – OES: OEPA Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Fund Grant for Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for two grants in the amounts of up to \$417,631 and \$420,293 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Fund for the purpose of providing resources to install public electric vehicle charging stations at 361 Central Avenue and on Plum Street in the City of Cincinnati.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for two grants in the amounts of up to \$417,631 and \$420,293 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)'s Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Fund for the purpose of providing resources to install public electric vehicle charging stations at 361 Central Avenue and on Plum Street in the City of Cincinnati.

If awarded, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Fund grant will reimburse the City for up to 90% of eligible project costs associated with the deployment of electric vehicle chargers. The remaining 10% will be reimbursed after five years of successful charger usage reporting to the OEPA. The grant does not require any new FTEs.

The administration has already applied for the OEPA Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Fund grant. However, grant resources will not be accepted without City Council approval.

Installing electric vehicle chargers supports the goal of the Green Cincinnati Plan (2018) to “[d]ecrease the consumption of fossil fuels, including gas, diesel, and natural gas by 20%,” and its recommendation to “[e]ncourage the use of electric vehicles through City programs that incentivize EV ownership and infrastructure,” as set forth on pages 205-211 of the Plan.

Installing electric vehicle chargers is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption,” as set forth on pages 181-186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
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