

January 18, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Cincinnati Recreation Commission:
Amending Ordinance No. 0166-2021 as Amended by Ordinance No.
0464-2021**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AMENDING Ordinance No. 166-2021, as previously amended by Ordinance No. 0464-2021, to add “After Hours Programming” to the title of American Rescue Plan Account Number ARP065, “Cincinnati Recreation Commission Extended Hours” on the Schedule of Appropriations and to change the description from “Recreation Centers Extended Hours” to “Recreation Centers Extended Hours and After Hours Programming” per the attached Schedule of Appropriations (AMENDED).

On May 19, 2021, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 0166-2021 which was an omnibus HOME-American Rescue Plan (ARP) appropriation ordinance to provide funds to support various HOME-ARP eligible projects. The Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) received \$300,000 for extending the operating hours of CRC facilities with a project account description of “Recreation Centers Extended Summer Hours.” Due to the logistical challenges of securing sufficient staffing, most of these funds were unable to be utilized during the summer months of 2021 necessitating an amendment to the project description on the Schedule of Appropriations to strike the word “Summer” so that funds can be utilized for CRC extended hours for seasons other than the summer. On December 8, 2021, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 0464-2021 which amended Ordinance No. 0166-2021 to strike the word “Summer” so that funds could be utilized for CRC extended hours for seasons other than the summer. CRC’s updated spending plan for the funds includes offsite After Hours Programming necessitating an amendment to the project title and description to reflect the new spending plan to comply with United States Department of the Treasury guidelines.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate operational need to make funds available for Cincinnati Recreation Commission extended hours and offsite after hours programming.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment