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An Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

- 2024

**ESTABLISHING** capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251622, “Community Economic Advancement Initiatives – GF,” to make resources available to Community Economic Advancement Initiatives (“CEAI”) for economic development initiatives; **ESTABLISHING** capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x251606, “American Dream Down Payment Initiative – GF,” to make resources available to the American Dream Down Payment Initiative (“ADDI”) program; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source Fund 050 of \$4,040,000 from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies non-departmental non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x990x7200; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251622, “Community Economic Advancement Initiatives – GF,” to make resources available to CEAI for economic development initiatives; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x251606, “American Dream Down Payment Initiative – GF,” to make resources available to the ADDI program; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$3,290,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund 050 to various operating budget accounts within the General Fund according to Schedule A of the attached Schedule of Transfer, to implement the Mayor’s recommended changes to the FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget Update; and **APPROVING** the recommendation of the Mayor for a five percent merit increase in compensation for City Manager Sheryl M. M. Long retroactive to September 1, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Mayor transmitted the City Manager’s Recommended FY 2025 Budget Update to Council, and included General Fund transfers to the general capital budget for the use of \$500,000 for the Community Economic Advancement Initiatives and \$250,000 for the American Dream Down Payment Initiative program; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor transmitted the City Manager’s Recommended FY 2025 Budget Update to Council, and included in the Budget Update appropriation changes of \$3,290,000 in General Fund operating budget allocations; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor transmitted the City Manager’s Recommended FY 2025 Budget Update to Council, and included in the Budget Update appropriation changes of \$500,000 in one-time leveraged support resources to provide funding in the amounts of \$25,000 for the ArtsWave Black and Brown Artists Fund, \$25,000 for Bethany House, \$250,000 for the Center for Closing the Health Gap, \$50,000 for Cincinnati Works, \$125,000 for CincyTech, and \$25,000 for Cintrifuse; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor transmitted the City Manager’s Recommended FY 2025 Budget Update to Council, and included in the Budget Update appropriation changes of \$1,000,000 in public safety/community support, including \$500,000 for the Boots on the Ground Fund Program and \$500,000 for the Safe and Clean Program; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor transmitted the City Manager's Recommended FY 2025 Budget Update to Council, and included in the Budget Update appropriation changes of \$1,450,000 in special events support, including \$200,000 for Black Tech Week, \$1,000,000 for Blink, \$200,000 for the Forbes Under 30 Summit, and \$50,000 for River Roots; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor transmitted the City Manager's Recommended FY 2025 Budget Update to Council, and included in the Budget Update appropriation changes of \$275,000 in economic development support, including \$25,000 for an arena feasibility study, \$150,000 for a Millcreek Corridor Planning Study, and \$100,000 for The Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor transmitted the City Manager's Recommended FY 2025 Budget Update to Council, and included in the Budget Update appropriation changes of \$65,000, including \$15,000 for a merit increase retroactive to September 1, 2023, for the City Manager with the balance of the increase to be paid from other funds in FY 2025, and \$50,000 for an Ohio River Way membership; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recommended a five percent merit increase in compensation for the City Manager retroactive to September 1, 2023, and, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Charter, Council must authorize the increase to the City Manager's compensation; and

WHEREAS, passage of this ordinance will appropriate funds and authorize expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, pursuant to the Mayor's recommended changes to the FY 2025 Operating Budget Update and Capital Improvement Program; now, therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to establish capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251622, "Community Economic Advancement Initiatives – GF," to provide resources for the Community Economic Advancement Initiatives ("CEAI") for economic development initiatives.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to establish capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x251606, "American Dream Down Payment Initiative – GF," to provide resources for the American Dream Down Payment Initiative ("ADDI") program.

Section 3. That \$4,040,000 is transferred and returned to source Fund 050 from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies non-departmental non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x990x7200.

Section 4. That \$500,000 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251622, “Community Economic Advancement Initiatives – GF,” to make resources available to CEAI for economic development initiatives.

Section 5. That \$250,000 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x251606, “American Dream Down Payment Initiative – GF,” to make resources available to the ADDI program.

Section 6. That \$3,290,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 is transferred and appropriated to various operating budget accounts within the General Fund according to Schedule A of the attached Schedule of Transfer to implement the Mayor’s recommended changes to the FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget Update.

Section 7. That, as proposed by the Mayor, Council authorizes a five percent increase to \$11,927.24 bi-weekly and to \$310,108.23 annually for the salary of City Manager Sheryl M. M. Long, retroactive to September 1, 2023. The City Manager benefits and exceptions authorized by Council in Ordinance No. 263-2022 remain in effect and unmodified except that the authorized five percent salary increase shall supersede the salary level formerly set forth in Section 2 of Ordinance No. 263-2022 as subsequently increased by a three percent wage adjustment provided to non-represented Division 5 employees effective June 25, 2023, as authorized by Ordinance No. 202-2023.

Section 8. That the effective date of Sections 1 through 6 of this ordinance shall be July 1, 2024.

Section 9. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms

of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the need to have funding in place to carry out the City's Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget Update and Capital Improvement Program, which begins July 1, 2024.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk