

June 11, 2025

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

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**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – FY 2026 Budget: Restricted and Special Revenue Funds Capital Budget**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**APPROVING AND ADOPTING** a Capital Improvement Program and Budget for FY 2026; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to establish Fund No. 982, “Parking System Facilities Capital,” to account through the use of project numbers for Parking System Facilities capital improvements by having monies transferred from other sources; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to establish Fund No. 983, “Convention Center Capital,” to account through the use of project numbers for Convention Center capital improvements by having monies transferred from other sources; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to establish Fund No. 984, “General Aviation Capital,” to account through the use of project numbers for General Aviation capital improvements by having monies transferred from other sources; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to establish Fund No. 985, “Municipal Golf Activities Capital,” to account through the use of project numbers for Municipal Golf Activities capital improvements by having monies transferred from other sources; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to establish Fund No. 987, “Stormwater Management Capital,” to account through the use of project numbers for Stormwater Management capital improvements by having monies transferred from other sources; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of revenue and existing funds to carry out certain parts of the Capital Improvement Program; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$2,447,000 from various restricted and special revenue funds to various capital and permanent improvement project accounts according to the attached Schedules to continue and complete certain capital and permanent improvement projects listed in the Schedules; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$25,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Water Works Fund 101 to Water Works Capital Improvement Fund 756, to continue funding for the current Capital Improvement Program, which includes new water mains, water main replacements, treatment plant improvements, system development, tanks, pumping stations, and private development; **AUTHORIZING** the use and expenditure of \$55,830,000 for Greater Cincinnati Water Works Capital Improvements; and **DECLARING** the permanent improvement program project, Strategic Housing Initiatives Program SHPIF, to be for a public purpose.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the Director of Finance to establish the following capital funds as described below:

1. Fund No. 982, "Parking System Facilities Capital," to account, through the use of project numbers, for Parking System Facilities capital improvements by having monies transferred from other sources.
2. Fund No. 983, "Convention Center Capital," to account, through the use of project numbers, for Convention Center capital improvements by having monies transferred from other sources.
3. Fund No. 984, "General Aviation Capital," to account, through the use of project numbers, for General Aviation capital improvements by having monies transferred from other sources.
4. Fund No. 985, "Municipal Golf Activities Capital," to account, through the use of project numbers, for Municipal Golf Activities capital improvements by having monies transferred from other sources
5. Fund No. 987, "Stormwater Management Capital," to account, through the use of project numbers, for Stormwater Management capital improvements by having monies transferred from other sources

This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the funding of Restricted Funds Capital Budget projects in the amount of \$2,447,000 in the following restricted funds as described below:

1. Telecommunications Services Fund: The Radio Communications Equipment capital project allocation of \$30,000 will primarily provide for the maintenance of radio communications equipment.
2. Special Housing Permanent Improvement Fund: The allocation of \$747,000 provides resources for the Strategic Housing Initiatives Program capital project for strategic investment in housing projects throughout the City's neighborhoods. The program will support the rehabilitation or new construction of market rate, workforce, and affordable rental and home ownership units as well as permanent supportive housing.
3. General Aviation Fund: The \$340,000 budget will provide resources for the following capital projects: Airport Infrastructure Improvements, Facility Improvements, and General Aviation Motorized Equipment.
4. Convention Center Fund: The \$230,000 budget will provide resources for Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment at the Convention Center.
5. Parking System Facilities Fund: \$1,000,000 from this fund will provide resources for the repair and modification needed to continue safe usage of the Town Center Garage by the general public.
6. Stormwater Management Fund: The \$100,000 budget will provide resources for Stormwater Fleet and Equipment.

This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$25,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Water Works Fund 101 to Water Works Capital Improvement Fund 756 for the purpose of continuing funding for the current Capital Improvement Program, which includes new water mains, water main replacements, treatment plant improvements, system development, tanks, pumping stations, and private development. This Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the use and expenditure of \$55,830,000 for Greater Cincinnati Water Works Capital Improvements.

This Emergency Ordinance also declares that the “Strategic Housing Initiatives Program SHIPF” serves a public purpose because the project will foster local improvements and investment and increase neighborhood vitality.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to have funding in place to carry out the City’s FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program, which begins July 1, 2025.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachments