

October 16, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: Amend Ordinance No. 0272-2023

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AMENDING Ordinance No. 272-2023 to increase the amount of funding the City Manager is authorized to accept from the Highway Safety Improvement Program, as awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation, from up to \$6,143,865 to up to \$9,900,000, and to appropriate the additional amount of up to \$3,756,135 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x242348, “Harrison Avenue Improvements HSIP Grant,” to provide resources to right-size Harrison Avenue from Queen City Avenue to Kling Avenue by reducing vehicle lanes to three and implementing other various safety improvements along the corridor.

This Emergency Ordinance amends Ordinance No. 0272-2023 to increase the amount of funding the City Manager is authorized to accept from the Highway Safety Improvement Program (“HSIP”), as awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”), from up to \$6,143,865 to up to \$9,900,000, and to appropriate the additional amount of up to \$3,756,135 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x242348, “Harrison Avenue Improvements HSIP Grant.” Grant resources will be used to right-size Harrison Avenue from Queen City Avenue to Kling Avenue by reducing vehicle lanes to three and implementing other various safety improvements along the corridor.

Ordinance No. 0272-2023 authorized the City Manager to accept and appropriate a HSIP grant of up to \$6,143,865 from ODOT to capital project account no. 980x232x242348, “Harrison Avenue Improvements HSIP Grant.” The final grant agreement included an award amount based on a revised Engineer’s Estimate for the Harrison Avenue Improvements HSIP Grant project, which was \$3,756,135 higher than the original Engineer’s Estimate on which the grant award amount included in Ordinance No. 0272-2023 was based. Ordinance No. 0272-2023 must be amended to increase the grant amount for the City to accept and appropriate additional funding.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept and appropriate additional grant resources to ensure the uninterrupted progress of the Harrison Avenue Improvements HSIP Grant project.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment