

June 11, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202501178

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Donation for Ault Park Playground

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a donation of \$205,000 from the Ault Park Advisory Council to provide resources for construction of a new playground at Ault Park; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252048, “Ault Park Playground,” to provide resources for the construction of a new playground at Ault Park; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$205,000 from Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252048, “Ault Park Playground,” to provide resources for the construction of a new playground at Ault Park.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance accomplishes the following:

1. Authorizes the City Manager to accept a \$205,000 donation from the Ault Park Advisory Council for the construction of a new playground at Ault Park;
2. Authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit donated funds into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430;
3. Establishes new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252048, “Ault Park Playground,” to provide resources for the construction of a new playground at Ault Park; and
4. Authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$205,000 from Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252048, “Ault Park Playground.”

The Ault Park Advisory Council agreed to donate \$205,000 in support of a new playground at Ault Park. This donation does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this donation.

Constructing a new playground at Ault Park is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” as well as the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and strategy to “[u]nite our communities,” as described on pages 193 and on 209-212 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept and appropriate the donated funds in FY 2025, which ends on June 30, 2025.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

