

October 7, 2024

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 

202402158

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – FY 2024 Carryover to FY 2025 Report –
Recommended Transfers and Appropriations**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$3,591,406 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Working Capital Reserve Fund 754 to increase the City's working capital reserve; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$1,128,610 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2585, "Economic Downturn Reserve," to increase the City's emergency reserve; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$25,931,295 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to provide resources for unanticipated emergencies, including those caused by unusual weather events, to increase the City's reserve and for one-time needs; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$5,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Department of Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x7200 to provide resources for the Cincinnati Development Fund to use for affordable housing initiatives; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7500 to provide a one-time contribution to address the City's pension obligation to the Cincinnati Retirement System; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2535, "Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies," to provide resources for subsequent appropriation for one-time unforeseen operating needs that arise during the remainder of the current fiscal year; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$18,409,008 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3440, "Infrastructure and Capital Project Reserve," to provide resources for subsequent appropriation by Council for identified one-time infrastructure and capital projects for identified urgent needs or as part of the next annual budget cycle; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$15,890,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$6,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x7100 to provide resources for

retroactive pay and one-time lump sum payments included in the new bargaining agreement between the City and the International Association of Fire Fighters to be paid during FY 2025; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$3,600,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Cincinnati Police Department General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x222x7100 to provide resources for retroactive pay included in the new bargaining agreement between the City and the Fraternal Order of Police to be paid during FY 2025; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Contribution To Total Benefit Arrangement (CRS) non-departmental personnel operating budget account no. 050x915x7500 to provide a one-time payment to the Cincinnati Retirement System to cover benefits received by retirees since 2001 that exceeded the maximum amount allowable under Internal Revenue Code Section 415(b); **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7100 to provide funds for additional public safety measures in the downtown and uptown areas of the City; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$2,450,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 to provide resources for items funded in FY 2024 for which contracts were not executed before June 30, 2024; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$100,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Department of Transportation and Engineering non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x231x7200 to provide resources to conduct a site assessment for a permanent customs facility at Lunken Airport; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$100,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2535, "Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$100,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 to provide resources to support the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation ("3CDC") North Over-the-Rhine ("OTR") Clean & Safe Ambassador program; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$113,500 from the unappropriated surplus of Stormwater Management Fund 107 to the City Manager's Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 107x101x7200 to provide resources to support the 3CDC North OTR Clean & Safe Ambassador program; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x271x252724, "Cardiac Monitor Equipment – GFCO," to provide resources for the acquisition of cardiac monitors and related equipment to allow medics to monitor the vital signs of patients requesting emergency medical services from the Cincinnati Fire Department; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x251625, "Talbert House Crisis Center – GFCO," to provide resources to construct a new Talbert House Crisis Center that will house programs to assist City residents struggling with addiction and mental health issues; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$3,550,000 from

General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3440, "Infrastructure and Capital Project Reserve," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$4,790,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various capital improvement program project accounts according to Schedule A of the Capital Budget Schedule of Transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 to provide resources to Keep Cincinnati Beautiful for capital facilities improvements; and **DECLARING** certain projects to be for a public purpose, all for the purpose of carrying out the Capital Improvement Program.

This Emergency Ordinance would authorize the various transfers and appropriations as recommended in the FY 2024 Carryover to FY 2025 Report which includes the following transfers and appropriations:

Application of FY 2024 Carryover Balance

Cash Basis Carryover Balance FY 2024	\$ 64,974,804
Uses of Carryover Balance	
Application of Stabilization Funds Policy:	
Less General Fund Carryover Balance (1.5% of operating revenue)	\$ 8,414,485
Less Transfers to Reserve Accounts:	
General Fund Contingency Account (2.30% of operating revenue)	\$ 4,241,295
General Fund Contingency Account for one-time needs	\$ 21,690,000
Economic Downturn Reserve (5.00% of operating revenue)	\$ 1,128,610
Working Capital Reserve (8.20% of operating revenue)	\$ 3,591,406
Total Reserve Transfer from Stabilization Funds Policy	\$ 30,651,311
Carryover Balance Less Total Applied to Stabilization Funds Policy	\$ 25,909,008
Less Modified Waterfall Uses:	
CRS Pension Contribution	\$ 2,000,000
Affordable Housing Trust Fund	\$ 5,000,000
Operating Contingencies Account	\$ 500,000
Balance Available	\$ 18,409,008
Less One-Time Uses:	
Infrastructure and Capital Project Reserve	\$ 18,409,008
Balance Available	\$

Also included in this Emergency Ordinance are allocations recommended by the Mayor which include:

- \$3,550,000 from the Infrastructure and Capital Project Reserve, leaving a remaining balance of \$14,859,008.
- \$100,000 from the Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies, leaving a remaining balance of \$400,000.

Additional information regarding the overview of the City of Cincinnati's financial condition for the fiscal year (FY) ending June 30, 2024, can be found in the Department of Finance Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 (unaudited) (Item #202402132).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accomplish the authorized transfers and appropriations so that the funding described herein is in place immediately and so that the necessary expenditures described herein may be made as soon as possible.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: William "Billy" Weber, Assistant City Manager
Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachments