

December 14, 2020

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager *UB for PBM* 202002203
Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Obama Avenue Donations

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to deposit donations from the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors and other appropriate sources into Fund 314 – Special Events for the purpose of providing funding to rename the entire stretch of Reading Road that is located within Cincinnati city limits as “President Barack Obama Avenue”; and **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the solicitation, acceptance, and appropriation of said donations.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to deposit donations from the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors and other appropriate sources which are available for the purpose of providing funding to rename the entire stretch of Reading Road that is located within Cincinnati city limits, specifically from downtown Cincinnati to the edge of Reading, Ohio at Galbraith Road, as “President Barack Obama Avenue” into Special Events Fund 314. Moreover, the City Manager is authorized to solicit, accept, and appropriate said donations.

On September 30, 2020, the City Council adopted Motion #202001615 which called for the renaming of the entire stretch of Reading Road that is located within Cincinnati city limits, specifically from downtown Cincinnati to the edge of Reading, Ohio at Galbraith Road, to “President Barack Obama Avenue” in honor of the 44th President of the United States who became the first African-American elected to serve in the highest office of our country when he was inaugurated on January 20, 2009. Donors have come forward to provide private funding sources to recoup the costs of renaming including sign replacement and installation. The Office of the Clerk of Council will administer the collection of donations.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept donations in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
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