

June 5, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DCED: Downtown Streetscapes - TIF

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$198,380 from the unappropriated surplus of Downtown/OTR East Equivalent Fund 483 to non-personnel operating budget account no. 483x164x7200 to provide resources for design, survey, and engineering services for pedestrian safety and streetscape beautification projects located in the Central Business District (“CBD”); **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$91,610 from the unappropriated surplus of Downtown/OTR West Equivalent Fund 482 to non-personnel operating budget account no. 482x164x7200 to provide resources for design, survey, and engineering services for pedestrian safety and streetscape beautification projects located in the CBD; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$10,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Downtown/OTR East Equivalent Fund 483 to personnel operating budget account no. 483x164x7100 to provide resources for design, survey, and engineering services for pedestrian safety and streetscape beautification projects located in the CBD; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$5,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Downtown/OTR West Equivalent Fund 482 to personnel operating budget account no. 482x164x7100 to provide resources for design, survey, and engineering services for pedestrian safety and streetscape beautification projects located in the CBD; **DECLARING** that expenditures from Department of Community and Economic Development (“DCED”) non-personnel operating budget account no. 483x164x7200 and from DCED personnel operating account no. 483x164x7100 to provide resources for design, survey, and engineering services for pedestrian safety and streetscape beautification projects located in the CBD are for a public purpose and constitute a “Public Infrastructure Improvement” (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40(A)(8)) that will benefit and/or serve the District 4-Downtown/OTR East District Incentive District, subject to compliance with R.C. Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43; and **DECLARING** that expenditures from DCED non-personnel operating budget account no. 482x164x7200 and from DCED personnel operating account no. 482x164x7100 to provide resources for design, survey, and engineering services for pedestrian safety and streetscape beautification projects located in the CBD are for a public purpose and constitute a “Public Infrastructure Improvement” (as defined in R.C. Section 5709.40(A)(8)) that will benefit and/or serve the District 3-Downtown/OTR West District Incentive District, subject to compliance with R.C. Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and appropriation of (1) \$198,380 from Downtown/OTR East Equivalent Fund 483 to non-personnel operating budget account no. 483x164x7289; (2) \$91,610 from Downtown/OTR West Equivalent Fund 482 to non-personnel operating budget account no. 482x164x7289; (3) \$10,000 from Downtown/OTR East Equivalent Fund 483 to personnel operating budget account no. 483x164x7100 and (4) \$5,000 from the Downtown/OTR West Equivalent Fund 482 to personnel operating budget account no. 482x164x7100, all to provide resources for design, survey, and engineering services for pedestrian safety and streetscape beautification projects located in the Central Business District.

This Emergency Ordinance also declares expenditures from the DCED non-personnel operating budget account no. 483x164x7200 and from the DCED personnel operating budget account no. 483x164x7100 to provide resources for design, survey, and engineering services for pedestrian safety and streetscape beautification projects located in the CBD are for a public purpose and constitute a “Public Infrastructure Improvement” (as defined in Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) Section 5709.40(A)(8)) that will benefit and/or serve the District 4-Downtown/OTR East District Incentive District, subject to compliance with R.C. Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43. This Emergency Ordinance also declares expenditures from the DCED non-personnel operating budget account no. 482x164x7200 and from the DCED personnel operating budget account no. 482x164x7100 to provide resources for design, survey, and engineering services for pedestrian safety and streetscape beautification projects located in the CBD are for a public purpose and constitute a “Public Infrastructure Improvement” (as defined in R.C. Section 5709.40(A)(8)) that will benefit and/or serve the District 3-Downtown/OTR West District Incentive District, subject to compliance with R.C. Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43.

The pedestrian safety and streetscape beautification projects located within the CBD are the portion of 6th Street between Walnut and Main Streets (TIF District 4-Downtown/OTR East), the portion of Walnut Street between 4th and 5th Streets (TIF District 4-Downtown/OTR East), and the portion of Race Street between 6th and 7th Streets (TIF District 3-Downtown/OTR West) all of which will benefit the CBD by beautifying the appearance of these streetscapes.

Providing resources for design, survey, and engineering services for pedestrian safety and streetscape beautification projects located in the Central Business District is in accordance with the “Compete” goal to “cultivate our position as the most vibrant and healthiest part of our region” as described on page 114 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the need to ensure the appropriations are effective for FY 2025, which begins on July 1, 2024.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachments