

June 7, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Budget: Deferred FY 2023 General Fund Appropriations

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the transfer and return of \$4,418,931 to source the General Fund unappropriated surplus in accordance with attached Schedule of Transfer Part A; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$4,418,931 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, “Deferred Appropriations,” to preserve resources for commitments made during Fiscal Year 2023; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$4,418,931 from balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, “Deferred Appropriations,” to the General Fund unappropriated surplus effective July 1, 2023; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$4,418,931 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various operating budget accounts according to the attached Schedule of Transfer Part B, effective July 1, 2023, to provide resources for leveraged support commitments, the Housing Solutions Summit, the Department of Public Services bonus and retention pilot program, the Emergency Communications Center 311 service line chat bot, the Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Investment Program, and the Cincinnati Fire Department social service outreach pilot program that were previously approved by Council in Fiscal Year 2023.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and return to source of \$4,418,931 to the General Fund unappropriated surplus in accordance with the attached Schedule of Transfer Part A. The Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the transfer of \$4,418,931 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, “Deferred Appropriations,” for the purpose of preserving resources for commitments made during Fiscal Year 2023. The Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and return to source of \$4,418,931 from balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, “Deferred Appropriations,” to the General Fund unappropriated surplus effective July 1, 2023. Finally, the Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$4,418,931 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various operating budget accounts according to the attached Schedule of Transfer Part B, effective July 1, 2023, to provide resources for leveraged support commitments, the Housing Solutions Summit, the Department of Public Services bonus and retention pilot program, the Emergency Communications Center 311 service line chat bot, the Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Investment

Program, and the Cincinnati Fire Department social service outreach pilot program that were previously approved by Council in Fiscal Year 2023.

A total of \$4,418,931 in General Fund resources is required in FY 2024 to meet the commitments outlined below.

Cincinnati Fire Department Social Services Outreach Pilot Program (\$591,000)

Ordinance No. 0171-2022 authorized the appropriation of \$100,000 in donated resources from Hamilton County Public Health to the Cincinnati Fire Department (CFD) for a social service outreach pilot program. Ordinance No. 0029-2023 authorized an additional appropriation of \$500,000 in donated resources from Hamilton County Public Health to CFD for the social service outreach pilot program. Of the total \$600,000 in appropriations, \$591,000 will not be expended before the end of Fiscal Year 2023 and will be provided in Fiscal Year 2024.

Childcare Pilot Program (\$1.0 million)

Ordinance No. 0188-2022 authorized the appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the City Manager's Office for a childcare pilot program. However, the contract will not be completed before the end of Fiscal Year 2023, necessitating that \$1,000,000 be provided for this program in Fiscal Year 2024.

Artswave Black and Brown Artists Fund (\$25,000)

Ordinance No. 0188-2022 authorized the appropriation of \$25,000 for the Artswave Black and Brown Artists Fund. However, the contract will not be completed before the end of Fiscal Year 2023, necessitating that \$25,000 be provided for this program in Fiscal Year 2024.

Human Services Fund (\$134,785)

Ordinance No. 0188-2022 authorized the appropriation of \$7,976,930 for the Human Services Fund, and \$134,785 of the \$7,976,930 will not be expended before the end of Fiscal Year 2023 and is needed in Fiscal Year 2024.

Green Cincinnati (\$100,000)

Ordinance No. 0188-2022 authorized the appropriation of \$100,000 to the Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES) for Green Cincinnati, but the resources will not be expended before the end of Fiscal Year 2023 and will be provided in Fiscal Year 2024.

Neighborhood Business Districts (\$3,750)

Ordinance No. 0188-2022 authorized the appropriation of \$120,000 to the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for Neighborhood Business Districts, and \$3,750 of the \$120,000 will not be expended before the end of Fiscal Year 2023 and will be provided in Fiscal Year 2024.

Department of Public Services Work Crew Bonus Pilot (\$313,000)

Ordinance No. 0188-2022 authorized the appropriation of \$500,000 to the Department of Public Services for a pilot program to provide signing or retention bonuses to work crews. The Department of Public Services pilot program will be divided between Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2024, and \$313,000 of the \$500,000 appropriation will be provided in Fiscal Year 2024.

311 Service Line Chat Bot (\$55,000)

Ordinance No. 0188-2022 authorized the appropriation of \$55,000 to the Enterprise Software and License Non-Departmental Account for the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) 311 service line chat bot. ECC will be unable to complete the contract for the chat bot before the end of Fiscal Year 2023, and the sum of \$55,000 will be provided in Fiscal Year 2024.

YWCA of Greater Cincinnati (\$12,218)

Ordinance No. 0233-2022 authorized the appropriation of \$12,218 for the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati, but the resources will not be expended before the end of Fiscal Year 2023 and will be provided in Fiscal Year 2024.

Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Investment Program (\$1,944,178)

Ordinance No. 0103-2023 appropriated \$1,944,178 to the Department of Community and Economic Development for various projects as part of the Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Investment Program, but resources will not be expended before the end of Fiscal Year 2023 and will be provided in Fiscal Year 2024.

Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Investment Program – OTR A.D.O.P.T. (\$50,000)

Ordinance No. 0104-2023 appropriated \$50,000 to the Department of Community and Economic Development for OTR A.D.O.P.T. for project management of The Volkhaus Renovation Project as part of the Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Investment Program, but the resources will not be expended before the end of Fiscal Year 2023 and will be provided in Fiscal Year 2024.

WarmUp Cincy (\$175,000)

The \$175,000 appropriation to the Office of Environment and Sustainability for WarmUp Cincy authorized by Ordinance No. 0136-2023 will not be expended before the end of Fiscal Year 2023 and will be provided in Fiscal Year 2024.

Housing Solutions Summit (\$15,000)

Ordinance No. 0166-2023 authorized the appropriation of \$15,000 to the Department of City Planning and Engagement for the Housing Solutions Summit, but the funds will not be expended in Fiscal Year 2023 and will be provided in Fiscal Year 2024.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to meet commitments and ensure contracts can be executed as soon as possible.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment