

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261012, “Center Hill Solar Power Array,” to provide for the installation of a solar photovoltaic array at the site of the former Center Hill Landfill; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$475,400 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261029, “Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives,” to Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758 to realign sources with uses; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$6,325,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x261055, “Strategic Property Acquisition: Health,” to Public Building Improvement Bond Fund 861 to realign sources with uses; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$12,100,400 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261012, “Center Hill Solar Power Array,” according to the attached Schedule of Appropriation; and **DECLARING** expenditures for the Center Hill Solar Power Array serve a public purpose by expanding opportunities for renewable energy generation and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2025, Council passed Ordinance No. 223-2025, which approved and adopted a Capital Improvement Program and Budget for Fiscal Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Approved FY 2026 Budget included \$1,000,000 for the “Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives,” capital improvement program project to provide resources for the implementation of permanent improvements that advance the goals of the City’s Green Cincinnati Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Approved FY 2026 Budget included \$11,500,000 for the “Strategic Property Acquisition: Health,” capital improvement program project to provide resources for the City to pursue property acquisition to benefit the delivery of health services and other municipal purposes, including off-street parking; and

WHEREAS, the proposed strategic property acquisition for Health is not moving forward, making a portion of these funds available for reallocation; and

WHEREAS, there is a \$12,400,000 need to install a solar photovoltaic array at the site of the former Center Hill Landfill, for which various resources will be appropriated in accordance with the attached Schedule of Appropriation; and

WHEREAS, ownership of the solar project will provide a fixed electric rate that is lower than the existing Power Purchase Agreement for the project as well as projected utility rate increases; and

WHEREAS, the project is eligible for a minimum elective pay benefit from the federal government equal to thirty percent of the project costs with the potential to secure an additional twenty percent benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Center Hill Solar Power Array supports the implementation of the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan and advances the City’s goal to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050; and

WHEREAS, installing a solar photovoltaic array is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption” as described on pages 181 - 185 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That new capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261012, “Center Hill Solar Power Array,” is established to provide for the installation of a solar photovoltaic array at the site of the former Center Hill Landfill.

Section 2. That the transfer and return to source of \$475,400 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261029, “Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives,” to Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758 is authorized to realign sources with uses.

Section 3. That the transfer and return to source of \$6,325,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x261055, “Strategic Property Acquisition: Health,” to Public Building Improvement Bond Fund 861 is authorized to realign sources with uses.

Section 4. That \$12,100,400 is transferred and appropriated to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261012, “Center Hill Solar Power Array,” according to the attached Schedule of Appropriation.

Section 5. That Council declares that expenditures for the Center Hill Solar Power Array serve a public purpose by expanding opportunities for renewable energy generation and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Cincinnati.

Section 6. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 5.

Section 7. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms

of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to appropriate resources to the capital project to meet established deadlines.

Passed: _____, 2026

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk