

**AUTHORIZING** the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232033, “Ault Park Trails & Playground – Grant”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate State of Ohio Capital Budget Grant resources in the amount of up to \$350,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, as authorized by the 134<sup>th</sup> Ohio General Assembly through House Bill 687, to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232033, “Ault Park Trails & Playground – Grant,” for the purpose of providing resources to renovate the trail system and refurbish the playground at Ault Park.

WHEREAS, Ault Park Advisory Council, in partnership with State Representative Tom Brinkman, solicited funding from the Ohio General Assembly to renovate the trail system and playground in Ault Park; and

WHEREAS, in House Bill 687 the 134<sup>th</sup> Ohio General Assembly awarded the City of Cincinnati up to \$350,000 for trail and playground improvements at Ault Park; and

WHEREAS, these grant resources do not require any local matching funds, and there are no new FTEs associated with acceptance of these funds; and

WHEREAS, the trail renovations require professional assessment, redesign, and installation to make them compatible with the park’s natural topography, and the elimination of trail runs that are not sustainable; and

WHEREAS, the playground renovations seek to reinforce and enhance the existing Ault Park play areas and structures, enabling a safe and sustainable playground that promotes the health, enjoyment, and well-being of children and families visiting the park; and

WHEREAS, improvements to Ault Park’s trails and playground are in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” and strategy to “[p]rotect our natural resources,” as described on pages 193-196 of Plan Cincinnati (2012), as well as the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 207-212 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Finance Director is hereby authorized to establish capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232033, “Ault Park Trails & Playground – Grant,” for the

purpose of providing resources to renovate the trail system and refurbish the playground at Ault Park.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate State of Ohio Capital Budget Grant resources in the amount of up to \$350,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, as authorized by the 134<sup>th</sup> Ohio General Assembly in House Bill 687, to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232033, “Ault Park Trails & Playground – Grant,” for the purpose of providing resources to renovate the trail system and refurbish the playground at Ault Park.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to take all necessary and proper action to carry out the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 herein.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk