

November 19, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
Sunset**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the establishment of new capital improvement program project account nos. 980x211x262112, “Building Inspector IT Equipment,” to provide resources for information technology (IT) software, equipment, and peripherals to enable building inspectors with live access to project information while operating in the field; 712x233x262329, “Western Hills Viaduct - COT MSI,” to provide resources for labor, materials, tools, and technologies needed to inspect, prioritize, plan, design, repair, rehabilitate, remove, and replace the Western Hills Viaduct, including but not limited to insurance, engineering, property acquisition, utility relocation, and contractor costs; 980x234x262339, “Lunken Airport Customs House,” to provide resources for planning, design, and construction of a Customs House at Lunken Airport, including but not limited to engineering, property acquisition, utility relocation, and contractor costs; 980x981x262543, “Pothole Spray Patchers,” to provide resources for acquiring automotive or motorized equipment necessary to repair potholes or other compromised pavement conditions; 980x203x262041, “Krohn Conservatory Building Improvements,” to provide resources for the design and construction of building improvements at Krohn Conservatory; and 980x981x262358, “Wasson Way Trail Phase 7 - TIF,” to provide resources for the design and construction of phase 7 of the Wasson Way Trail, which will connect a shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians from Blair Court to Reading Road at Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$9,894,794.37 from various General Capital Budget capital improvement program project accounts to close out or decrease certain existing capital improvement program project accounts, according to Section A of the attached Schedule of Transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$9,372,895.72 from the unappropriated surplus of various General Capital Funds to new or existing capital improvement program project accounts to provide resources for certain capital improvement program project accounts, according to Section B of the attached Schedule of Transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$866,898.65 from the unappropriated surplus of Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758 to new or existing permanent

improvement project accounts to provide resources for certain permanent improvement project accounts, according to Section C of the attached Schedule of Transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$981,279.76 from various Restricted and Special Revenue Funds capital improvement program project accounts to close out or decrease certain existing capital improvement program project accounts, according to Section D of the attached Schedule of Transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,314,460.84 from the unappropriated surplus of various Restricted and Special Revenue Funds to new or existing capital improvement program project accounts to provide resources for certain capital improvement program project accounts, according to Section E of the attached Schedule of Transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$500,000 from Department of Community and Economic Development Corryville Equivalent Fund non-personnel operating budget account 488x164x7200 to the unappropriated surplus of the Corryville Equivalent Fund; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Community and Economic Development General Fund non-personnel operating budget account 050x164x7400; and further **DECLARING** certain projects to be for a public purpose, all to carry out the Capital Improvement Program.

Approval of the annual Capital Sunset Ordinance would authorize the establishment of various new capital improvement program project accounts, as well as authorize various adjustments to the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Section A of the attached Schedule of Transfer includes the return of \$9,894,794.37 to various General Capital Budget funding sources. Section B of the Schedule of Transfer authorizes the transfer of \$9,372,895.72 from various General Capital Budget funding sources to various new and existing capital improvement program project accounts. Section C of the Schedule of Transfer authorizes the transfer of \$866,898.65 from Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758 to existing permanent improvement program project accounts.

Section D of the attached Schedule of Transfer includes the return of \$981,279.76 to various Restricted and Special Revenue Funds Capital Budget sources. Section E authorizes the transfer of \$1,314,460.84 from various Restricted and Special Revenue Funds to various existing capital improvement program project accounts.

Schedule of Transfer – Section A

Section A of the attached Schedule of Transfer returns \$9,894,794.37 to various General Capital Budget sources. A significant portion of capital project resources returned to the various funding sources in Section A is no longer needed for the original intended purposes. Other project balances are returned to source to better align sources with uses.

1. The sum of \$8,527,895.72 will be reprogrammed to fulfill needs in other capital improvement program project accounts, as indicated in Section B of the Schedule of Transfer.
2. The sum of \$866,898.65 will be reprogrammed to fulfill needs in other permanent improvement program project accounts, as indicated in Section C of the Schedule of Transfer.
3. The sum of \$500,000 will be transferred to the operating budget, as indicated in Section 8 of the Emergency Ordinance.

Schedule of Transfer – Section B

Section B of the Schedule of Transfer will transfer and appropriate \$9,372,895.72 from the unappropriated surplus of various General Capital Funds to new or existing capital improvement program project accounts.

Emergency Communications Center (ECC)

1. 911 Facility Safety & Security Improvements: \$1,291.31 will be appropriated to the “911 Facility Safety & Security Improvements” capital improvement program project account to help provide resources for the addition of fencing, gates, and other security and safety enhancements needed at the shared 9-1-1, Police, and Fire facility.
2. 911 Phone System Hardware Refresh: \$14,860.96 will be appropriated to the “911 Phone System Hardware Refresh” capital improvement program project account to help provide resources for the replacement of hardware components of the Emergency Communications Center's (ECC) 9-1-1 Telephone System.

Buildings and Inspections

1. Building Inspector IT Equipment: \$47,000.00 will be appropriated to the newly established “Building Inspector IT Equipment” capital improvement program project account to provide resources for IT equipment and peripherals for use by Building Inspectors in the field.

Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE)

1. Bicycle Transportation Program: \$500,000.00 will be appropriated to the “Bicycle Transportation Program” capital improvement program project to provide resources for activities that enhance and improve bicycle/pedestrian transportation, safety, and access citywide as part of the larger regional effort.
2. Street Rehabilitation: \$302,821.37 will be appropriated to multiple “Street Rehabilitation” capital improvement program projects to provide resources for the systematic repair and resurfacing of streets throughout the City through repairs to curbs, pavements, and resurfacing the roadway.
3. Western Hills Viaduct: a total of \$6,700,000 will be appropriated to “Western Hills Viaduct” capital improvement program project accounts, primarily to cover the cost of insurance on the span of the project, consisting of \$5,700,000 appropriated to the newly established “Western Hills Viaduct – COT MSI” capital improvement program project and \$1,000,000 appropriated to the account established in FY 2022.
4. Street Improvements: \$76,311.52 will be appropriated to the existing “Street Improvements” capital improvement program project to help support improvements to the

through street system to increase safety and/or capacity and to support new housing and/or economic development.

5. Wall Stability & Landslide Correction: \$50,300.40 will be appropriated to an existing capital improvement program project to restore funding that was previously redirected to repair failed sections of the retaining wall and to stabilize the landslide at 1769 Carll Street as outlined in Ordinance No. 0285-2025. This project will provide resources for the inspection, repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of retaining walls and appurtenances thereto and provides funding to stabilize landslides affecting the right-of-way at various locations.
6. Lunken Airport Customs House: \$500,000.00 will be appropriated to a newly established capital improvement program project to provide resources for the design and future construction of a Customs House to serve international travelers at Lunken Airport.

Department of Public Services (DPS) – Motorized and Construction Equipment

1. Pothole Spray Patchers: \$700,000 will be appropriated to a newly established capital improvement program project account to provide resources for automotive or motorized equipment necessary to repair potholes or other compromised pavement conditions.

Health

1. Facility Renovation and Repairs: A total of \$87,993.98 will be appropriated to the “Facility Renovation and Repairs” capital improvement program project account to provide resources for major repairs and renovations at Health Department facilities.
2. Environmental Health Technology Improvement: A total of \$392,315.18 will be appropriated to the “Environmental Health Technology Improvement” capital improvement program project accounts. This project will provide resources for the registered sanitarians in the Health Department's Environmental Health division to effectively and efficiently perform the licensing, permitting and code enforcement of more than 50 inspection programs including food safety, swimming pool inspections, private sewage system inspections, nuisance complaints, rabies investigations and more as mandated by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) and other state agencies. The projects considered include 1) implementing a fully integrated, mobile information system including hardware and software and 2) improving various online services for customers.

Schedule of Transfer – Section C

Section C of the Schedule of Transfer will transfer and appropriate \$866,898.65 from the unappropriated surplus of Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758 to various existing permanent improvement program project accounts.

Enterprise Technology Solutions (ETS)

1. CHRIS Upgrades and Enhancements: \$7,540.00 will be appropriated to the “CHRIS Upgrades and Enhancements” permanent improvement program project. This project will provide resources for the enhancement of the Cincinnati Human Resources Information System (CHRIS) in order to streamline processes and eliminate paper transactions.

2. Data Center Infrastructure Replacement: \$181,000.00 will be appropriated to the “Data Center Infrastructure Replacement” permanent improvement program project. This ETS project will provide resources for the cyclic replacement or upgrade of infrastructure equipment and software related to the enterprise data center and to optimize capacity to meet business needs.
3. Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity: \$108,164.86 will be appropriated to the “Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity” permanent improvement program project. This ETS project will provide resources for identification and acquisition of the necessary components for setup of the required logistics, software, and hardware for the recovery strategy to anticipate the loss of the enterprise information technology infrastructure.

Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES)

1. Center Hill Gas & Leachate: \$81,254.00 will be appropriated to the “Center Hill Gas & Leachate” permanent improvement program project. This project will provide resources for continuing operations and maintenance of the methane gas and leachate collection systems at the former Center Hill Landfill to comply with State and Federal solid waste regulations.
2. Wheeled Recycling Cart Replacement: \$3,154.39 will be appropriated to the “Wheeled Recycling Cart Replacement” permanent improvement program project to help provide resources for the replacement of the aging wheeled recycling cart fleet for City residents. The fleet was established in 2010 with a 10-year life expectancy. The rate of recycling cart failure is accelerating.

Finance Department

1. Cincinnati Financial System Upgrades: \$485,785.40 will be appropriated to the “Cincinnati Financial System Upgrades” permanent improvement program project to provide resources for a major upgrade of the Cincinnati Financial System (CFS).

Schedule of Transfer – Section D

Section D of the Schedule of Transfer returns \$981,279.76 to various Restricted and Special Revenue Funds Capital Budget sources.

1. The combined sum of \$56,356.12 from Funds 107, 318, 336, and 486 will be returned to source and remain available in the unappropriated surplus of each fund.
2. The amount of \$251,514.65 will be returned to source Fund 430 from the “Lytle Park Improvements” and “Krohn Conservatory Building Improvements” capital improvement program project accounts. This funding is then appropriated to the “Lytle Park Comfort Station” and the newly established “Krohn Conservatory Building Improvements” capital improvement program project accounts, as indicated in Schedule of Transfer – Section E.
3. The sum of \$442,946.19 will be returned to Fund 103 to be appropriated to the "Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment" project account, as indicated in Schedule of Transfer – Section E.
4. The combined total of \$110,462.80 from Fund 846 will be returned to source and be used to pay debt service.
5. The amount of \$120,000 will be returned to source Fund 107 from a certain account to be appropriated to the “Stormwater Fleet and Equipment” capital improvement program project, as indicated in Schedule of Transfer – Section E.

Schedule of Transfer – Section E

Section E of the Schedule of Transfer will transfer and appropriate \$1,314,460.84 from the unappropriated surplus of various Restricted and Special Revenue Funds to new or existing capital improvement program project accounts.

Parks

1. Lytle Park Comfort Station: \$17,260.59 will be appropriated to the “Lytle Park Comfort Station” capital improvement program project to help provide resources to construct a comfort station at Lytle Park.
2. Krohn Conservatory Building Improvements: \$234,254.06 will be appropriated to the “Krohn Conservatory Building Improvements” capital improvement program project to provide resources for design and construction of building improvements at Krohn Conservatory.

Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE)

1. Wasson Way Trail Phase 7 - TIF: \$500,000 will be appropriated to the “Wasson Way Trail Phase 7 - TIF” capital improvement program project to provide resources for the design and construction of phase 7 of the Wasson Way Trail, which will connect a shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians from Blair Court to Reading Road at Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.

Convention Center

1. Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment: \$442,946.19 will be appropriated to the “Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment” capital improvement program project account to provide resources for the purchase of furniture, fixtures, and equipment necessary to provide an appealing venue for conventions and visitors coming to the Convention Center.

Stormwater Management Utility (SMU)

1. Stormwater Fleet and Equipment: \$120,000.00 will be appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of Stormwater Management Fund 107 to the “Stormwater Fleet and Equipment” capital improvement program project to provide resources for the acquisition of fleet and equipment needed by the Stormwater Management Utility (SMU).

This Emergency Ordinance will also authorize the transfer of \$500,000 from the Department of Community and Economic Development Corryville Equivalent Fund non-personnel operating budget account 488x164x7200 to the unappropriated surplus of the Corryville Equivalent Fund to provide resources for the "Wasson Way Trail Phase 7 – TIF" capital improvement program project account, as indicated in Section E of the Schedule of Transfer.

This Emergency Ordinance will also authorize the transfer of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Department of Community and Economic General Fund non-personnel operating budget account 050x164x7400 to provide a grant to the Clifton Cultural Arts Center (CCAC).

This Emergency Ordinance will declare a certain project to be for a public purpose.

Authorizing Capital Sunset activities is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[m]anage our financial resources” as well as the strategies to “[b]etter coordinate our capital improvement spending” and “[s]pend public funds more strategically” as described on pages 199-204 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to provide resources for the Capital Improvement Program.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
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Attachments