


March 9, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager  202200586

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Operations Center Design

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$334,565.60 from the unappropriated surplus of Park Board Permanent Improvement Fund 752 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212006, “Parks Operations Center,” for the purpose of providing resources for the design of the Parks Operations Center replacement facility.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$334,565.60 from the unappropriated surplus of Park Board Permanent Improvement Fund 752 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212006, “Parks Operations Center,” for the purpose of providing resources for the design of the Parks Operations Center replacement facility.

A new federal facility for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is being developed on a site that includes the current Parks Operations Center on Reading Road. The Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners agreed to sell the property and a replacement facility must be designed and constructed within 21 months of the closure of the existing facility.

On February 18, 2021, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0047-2021 which authorized the City Manager to transfer and appropriate \$57,750 from Park Board Permanent Improvement Fund 752 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212006, “Parks Operations Center.”

The Park Board’s original contract for design work was related to a relocation to the former Police District 5 building. An amendment is being added to the original contract for additional design work which will consider other locations, at lesser costs, for the relocation of the Parks Operations Center.

This project is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “Manage our financial resources,” and strategy to “Better coordinate our capital improvement spending,” as described on pages 199-201 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to transfer the funding necessary to complete the design work and relocation of the Parks Operations Center and avoid a disruption in service.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment