

February 10, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council **202100593**
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Parks Operations Center**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the establishment of capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212006, “Parks Operations Center,” for the purpose of providing resources for the Parks Operations Center replacement facility; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$57,750 from the unappropriated surplus of Park Board Permanent Improvement Fund 752 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212006, “Parks Operations Center.”

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the establishment of capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212006, “Parks Operations Center,” for the purpose of providing resources for the Parks Operations Center replacement facility. A new federal facility for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health is being developed on a site that includes the Parks Operations Center on Reading Road. The Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners has agreed to a sale of this property, with conditions; thus, a replacement facility must be designed and constructed within 21 months of the closure of the existing facility.

This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$57,750 from the unappropriated surplus of Park Board Permanent Improvement Fund 752 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212006, “Parks Operations Center.”

This project is in accordance with the “Compete” goals to “Foster a climate conducive to growth, investment, stability, and opportunity,” and to “Grow our own by focusing on retention, expansion and relocation of existing businesses,” as described on pages 101-107 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to transfer the funding necessary to avoid disruption in the activity of the Park Board and Parks Department by having a new facility designed as soon as possible.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
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Attachment