

Date: June 16, 2026

To: Members of the Youth & Human Services Committee
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202602280
Subject: Assessment of Need for Additional Lighting and Camera Infrastructure in Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreational Areas

Reference Document #202600233

The Council at its session on January 22, 2026, referred the following item for review and report.

We MOVE that the Administration prepare a report within 30 days assessing the need for additional lighting and camera infrastructure across city parks, playgrounds and recreational areas owned by Cincinnati Parks and the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, with priority given to locations that have already experienced shootings and the five neighborhoods experiencing the highest levels of gun violence.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Administration prepare a separate subsequent report within 30 days of the initial report outlining the costs associated with installing, operating, and maintaining recommended lighting and camera improvements identified in the initial report, including any potential funding sources.

Subsequent Report for Costs of Improvements

This subsequent report outlines the costs associated with installation, operations and maintenance of the camera and lighting improvements in Avondale, Over-the-Rhine, Walnut Hills, West End, and Winton Hills. See attached map for locations.

	Camera Infrastructure	Lighting	Annual Energy & Maintenance	Total
<u>Neighborhoods</u>				
Avondale	\$150,000	\$100,000	\$5,000	\$255,000
OTR	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$6,000	\$156,000
Walnut Hills	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$4,000	\$354,000
West End	\$200,000	\$650,000	\$7,000	\$857,000
Winton Hills	\$150,000	\$250,000	\$7,000	\$407,000
			Overall Cost	\$2,029,000

SUMMARY

The Administration recommended \$1,000,000 in the FY27 budget to begin the improvements in the Avondale, Over-the-Rhine, Walnut Hills, West End, and Winton Hills neighborhood.

cc: John S. Brazina, Assistant City Manager