

August 5, 2024

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202401858

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Then and Now Payment to Vets Securing America

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the payment of \$27,306.26 from Parks Department Cincinnati Riverfront Park Fund 329 non-personnel operating budget account no. 329x202x8000x7286 to Vets Securing America for charges related to security services provided in Cincinnati parks from April 1, 2024, through May 31, 2024, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the payment of \$27,306.26 from existing resources in the Department of Parks Cincinnati Riverfront Park Fund 329 non-personnel operating budget account no. 329x202x8000x7286 to Vets Securing America (VSA) for charges related to security services provided in Cincinnati parks from April 1, 2024, through May 31, 2024, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

The City entered into an agreement on November 29, 2022, with VSA for the provision of security services in certain Cincinnati parks. VSA provided security services in certain Cincinnati parks from April 1, 2024, through May 31, 2024, pursuant to a duly executed contract. A misunderstanding regarding the timing of the Office of Procurement's service quote process and subsequent encumbrance approval requirements resulted in a delay and the outstanding obligation of \$27,306.26.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5705.41(D)(1), the Director of Finance issued the attached certificate, verifying that a sufficient sum was appropriated and in the City Treasury for the purpose of paying such charges under the contract both at the time the quote was issued and at the time the attached certificate was issued.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay Vets Securing America for the outstanding charges in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachments