

## EMERGENCY

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**ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account nos. 980x232x232351, “Central & 8th Traffic Calming – Grant,” for the purpose of providing Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) grant resources for right of way improvements for traffic calming on Central Avenue at 8<sup>th</sup> Street; 980x232x232352, “Harrison & Ruehlman Traffic Calming – Grant,” for the purpose of providing ODOT grant resources for right of way improvements for traffic calming on Harrison Avenue at Ruehlman Place; and 980x232x232353, “Harrison & Ruehlman Traffic Calming – TIF,” for the purpose of providing tax increment financing resources for right of way improvements for traffic calming on Harrison Avenue at Ruehlman Place; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a Highway Safety Improvement Program Systemic Safety grant (ALN 20.205) in an amount of up to \$600,000 from ODOT, and appropriate an amount up to \$300,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232351, “Central & 8<sup>th</sup> Traffic Calming – Grant,” for the purpose of implementing right of way improvements for traffic calming on Central Avenue at 8th Street, and appropriate an amount up to \$300,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232352, “Harrison & Ruehlman Traffic Calming – Grant,” for the purpose of implementing right of way improvements for traffic calming on Harrison Avenue at Ruehlman Place; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$90,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Westwood 1 Equivalent Fund 496 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232353, “Harrison & Ruehlman Traffic Calming – TIF”; and **DECLARING** expenditures from capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232353, “Harrison & Ruehlman Traffic Calming – TIF,” to be for a public purpose because the project will improve pedestrian safety in the Westwood neighborhood.

WHEREAS, Council adopted Ordinance No. 0239-2017 on September 13, 2017, which authorized the City Manager to apply for grants up to \$500,000 awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) Highway Safety Improvement Program for the purpose of ensuring the timely completion of various safety improvement projects throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, Council adopted Ordinance No. 0026-2022 on February 9, 2022, which authorized the City Manager to apply for a grant in the amount of up to \$2,000,000 from the Highway Safety Improvement Program Systemic Safety Funding grant, administered by ODOT, for the purpose of implementing traffic calming improvements on Harrison Avenue between Kling Avenue and the corporate line; and

WHEREAS, ODOT has grant funding available from the Highway Safety Improvement Program Systemic Safety grant program (ALN 20.205) for the purpose of implementing traffic calming improvements; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to implement right of way improvements for traffic calming on Central Avenue at 8th Street and on Harrison Avenue at Ruehlman Place in order to construct pedestrian friendly amenities; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Engineering submitted two grant applications and received a lump sum grant award of up to \$600,000 from the ODOT Highway Safety Improvement Program Systemic Safety Funding program for the Central Avenue at 8th Street and Harrison Avenue at Ruehlman Place traffic calming projects, funding which will not be accepted without approval from Council; and

WHEREAS, a local match in the amount of up to \$90,000 will be required for the traffic calming project at Central Avenue at 8th Street, which will come from existing “Neighborhood Transportation Strategies” and “Safety Improvements” capital improvement program project accounts; and

WHEREAS, a local match in the amount of up to \$90,000 will be required for the traffic calming project at Harrison Avenue at Ruehlman Place, which is anticipated to come from the unappropriated surplus of Westwood 1 Equivalent Fund 496; and

WHEREAS, the Westwood Civic Association and the Westwood Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation support using the Westwood 1 Equivalent Fund 496 to provide resources for the local match for the project at Harrison Avenue and Ruehlman Place; and

WHEREAS, the project will serve a public purpose because the project will improve pedestrian safety in the neighborhood of Westwood; and

WHEREAS, no new FTEs are associated with these grants; and

WHEREAS, these grant projects are in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” and strategy to “[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system,” as described on pages 127-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to establish new capital improvement program project account nos. 980x232x232351, “Central & 8<sup>th</sup> Traffic Calming – Grant,” for the purpose of providing Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) grant resources for right of way improvements for traffic calming on Central Avenue at 8th Street; 980x232x232352, “Harrison & Ruehlman Traffic Calming – Grant,” for the purpose of providing ODOT grant resources for right of way improvements for traffic calming on Harrison Avenue at Ruehlman

Place; and 980x232x232353, “Harrison & Ruehlman Traffic Calming – TIF,” for the purpose of providing tax increment financing resources for right of way improvements for traffic calming on Harrison Avenue at Ruehlman Place.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept a grant in the amount of up to \$600,000 from ODOT’s Highway Safety Improvement Program Systemic Safety grant (ALN 20.205), and appropriate an amount up to \$300,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232351, “Central & 8<sup>th</sup> Traffic Calming – Grant,” for the purpose of implementing right of way improvements for traffic calming on Central Avenue at 8th Street, and appropriate an amount up to \$300,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232352, “Harrison & Ruehlman Traffic Calming – Grant,” for the purpose of implementing right of way improvements for traffic calming on Harrison Avenue at Ruehlman Place.

Section 3. That the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$90,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Westwood 1 Equivalent Fund 496 to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232353, “Harrison & Ruehlman Traffic Calming – TIF,” for the purpose of implementing traffic calming right of way improvements on Harrison Avenue at Ruehlman Place is hereby authorized.

Section 4. That the Harrison and Ruehlman Traffic Calming – TIF right of way improvements project for traffic calming is hereby declared to serve a public purpose because it will improve pedestrian safety in the Westwood neighborhood.

Section 5. That Council hereby declares that the right of way improvements project at the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Ruehlman Place constitutes a “Public Infrastructure Improvement” (as defined by Section 5709.40(A)(8) of the Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”)), that

will benefit and/or serve the District 17 – Westwood Incentive District, subject to compliance with ORC Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43.

Section 6. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements necessary to accept these grant and local matching resources.

Section 7. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 through 6 hereof.

Section 8. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to begin project design work to meet ODOT deadlines.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk