

Date: September 14, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager
Subject: EMERGENCY ORDINANCE – LITTLE MIAMI SCENIC TRAIL

Attached is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Grant of Easements in favor of Great Parks of Hamilton County granting easements over City-owned land near the Beechmont Avenue Bridge, on either side of the Little Miami River, in the Linwood and Mt. Washington neighborhoods of Cincinnati.

Great Parks of Hamilton County has received funding from the State of Ohio to construct the Little Miami Scenic Trail that will be open to the general public in Linwood and Mt. Washington. In connection with this trail, Great Parks has requested easements from the City over portions of City property located east and west of the Beechmont Avenue Bridge.

The fair market value of the easements is \$30,500; however, the City is granting the easements to Great Parks for \$0.00 because they are a governmental entity and the easements are intended for public use and benefit.

The City Planning Commission approved the grant of the easements at its meeting on September 4, 2020.

The reason for the emergency is to enable Great Parks to acquire the easements, obtain funding grants for the construction of the portions located on City property, and move forward with construction without delay, for the benefit of the public.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached emergency ordinance.

Attachment I – Grant of Easements

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering