

December 1, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager **202103161**

Subject: **Ordinance – DOTE: Traffic Calming Grant for Harrison & Kling**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account nos. 980x232x222347, “Harrison and Kling Traffic Calming – Grant,” for the purpose of providing Ohio Department of Transportation grant resources for right of way improvements for traffic calming on Harrison Avenue at Kling Avenue, and 980x232x222348, “Harrison and Kling Traffic Calming – TIF,” for the purpose of providing tax increment financing (TIF) resources for right of way improvements for traffic calming on Harrison Avenue at Kling Avenue; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Highway Safety Improvement Program Abbreviated Safety Funding grant in an amount of up to \$225,000 from the Ohio Department of Transportation to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x222347, “Harrison and Kling Traffic Calming – Grant,” for the purpose of implementing right of way improvements for traffic calming on Harrison Avenue at Kling Avenue; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of a sum of \$75,000 from Westwood 1 Equivalent Fund 496 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x222348, “Harrison and Kling Traffic Calming – TIF”; and **DECLARING** expenditures from capital improvement program account no. 980x232x222348, “Harrison and Kling Traffic Calming – TIF,” to be for a public purpose because the project will improve pedestrian safety in the Westwood neighborhood.

This Ordinance establishes new capital project account nos. 980x232x222347, “Harrison and Kling Traffic Calming – Grant,” for the purpose of providing Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) grant resources for right of way improvements for traffic calming on Harrison Avenue at Kling Avenue, and 980x232x222348, “Harrison and Kling Traffic Calming – TIF,” for the purpose of providing tax increment financing (TIF) resources for right of way improvements for traffic calming on Harrison Avenue at Kling Avenue. This Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Highway Safety Improvement Program Abbreviated Safety Funding grant in an amount of up to \$225,000 from ODOT to newly established capital project account no. 980x232x222347, “Harrison and Kling Traffic Calming – Grant,” and authorizes the transfer and appropriation of a sum of \$75,000 from Westwood 1 Equivalent Fund 496 to newly established capital project account no. 980x232x222348, “Harrison and Kling Traffic Calming – TIF.” Finally, this Ordinance declares that expenditures from capital improvement project no. 980x232x222348, “Harrison and Kling Traffic Calming – TIF,” to be for a public purpose because the project will improve pedestrian safety in the Westwood neighborhood.

City 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 ODOT Highway Safety Improvement Program for the purpose of ensuring the timely completion of various safety improvement projects throughout the City. The Department of Transportation and Engineering applied for a grant of up to \$225,000 on July 1, 2021. However, the funding will not be accepted without approval from the City Council.

The ODOT grant requires a local match in the amount of up to \$75,000, which is anticipated to come from the unappropriated surplus of Westwood 1 Equivalent Fund 496. No new FTEs are required.

The Harrison and Kling Traffic Calming project is 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).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment

