

June 23, 2022

To:

Mayor and Members of City Council

From:

John P. Curp, Interim City Manager

Subject:

Ordinance - DCED: Shillito's West Asbestos Remediation

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x221603, "Shillito's West Remediation," for the purpose of providing resources for necessary asbestos abatement in the Shillito's West Building; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant in an amount of up to \$900,000 from the Ohio Department of Development, through a subaward from the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority, to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x221603, "Shillito's West Remediation," for the purpose of providing resources for necessary asbestos abatement in the Shillito's West Building; and DECLARING the expenditures from capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x221603, "Shillito's West Remediation," to be for a public purpose.

Approval of this Ordinance will authorize the acceptance and appropriation of a grant in an amount up to \$900,000 from the Ohio Department of Development, via the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority ("Port Authority"), to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x221603, "Shillito's West Remediation," for the purpose of providing resources for necessary asbestos abatement in the Shillito's West Building. This Ordinance will also declare expenditures from the "Shillito's West Remediation" capital improvement program project account to serve a public purpose.

A 2019 survey identified extensive quantities of asbestos throughout the Shillito's West Building, including but not limited to, the drywall joint compound, floor mastic, floor tiles, pipe insulation, duct seam tape, and window glazing.

The Port Authority has been awarded a \$900,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Development. The City intends to enter a subaward agreement to implement the project and provide \$300,000 of matching funds from existing capital improvement program project accounts. The Shillito's West building is a City owned property and the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) is seeking redevelopment or demolition.

The Shillito's West asbestos remediation project is consistent with the "Compete" goal to "[f]oster a climate conducive to growth, investment, stability, and opportunity" as described on page 103 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc:

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

Attachment