



**EMERGENCY**

**City of Cincinnati**

**An Ordinance No.**

**- 2021**

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate State of Ohio Capital Budget Grant resources in the amount of \$1,700,000 as authorized by Senate Bill 310 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x202008, "Smale Riverfront Park Extension," for the purpose of providing resources for expansion and improvements at the Smale Riverfront Park extension on Lot 23 of the Banks; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance, upon receipt of the State of Ohio Capital Budget Grant resources in the amount of \$1,700,000, as authorized by Senate Bill 310, from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, to return to source the amount of up to \$1,700,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x202008, "Smale Riverfront Park Extension," to the unappropriated surplus of Park and Recreation Improvement Bond Fund 860 for the purpose of partially offsetting the notes issued to fund a portion of the expansion and improvements at the Smale Riverfront Park extension on Lot 23 of the Banks.

**WHEREAS**, on November 18, 2015, City Council passed Ordinance No. 0358-2015 which authorized the City Manager to apply for State of Ohio Capital Grants related to the final phases of construction at Smale Riverfront Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 126.14 of the Ohio Revised Code, "Controlling board to approve release of appropriation for purchase of real estate or other capital project," permits the Director of the State of Ohio's Office of Budget and Management (OBM) to determine and release appropriations for specific capital projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the resources awarded for the Smale Riverfront Park extension on Lot 23 through the State Capital Budget process will be used to support costs associated with expansion and improvements at Smale Riverfront Park on Lot 23, including construction of an event lawn, walkways, landscape, park furnishings, park utilities, tree groves, an elevator, and stairways; and

**WHEREAS**, these grant resources do not require any local matching funds and there are no new FTEs associated with acceptance of these funds; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance No. 221-2020, passed by City Council on June 24, 2020, on August 20, 2020, the City issued notes in the amount of \$2,775,000 to fund certain park and recreation improvements in order to partially fund costs associated with the expansion and improvements at Smale Riverfront Park on Lot 23; and

**WHEREAS**, the Smale Riverfront Park Extension is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "build a robust public life" and strategy to "develop and maintain inviting and engaging public spaces that encourage social interaction between different types of people" as described on pages 147-151 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate State of Ohio Capital Budget Grant resources in the amount of \$1,700,000 as authorized by Senate Bill 310 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x202008, "Smale Riverfront Park Extension," for the purpose of providing resources for expansion and improvements at the Smale Riverfront Park extension on Lot 23 of the Banks.

Section 2. That upon receipt of the State of Ohio Capital Budget Grant resources in the amount of \$1,700,000, as authorized by Senate Bill 310, from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to return to source the amount of up to \$1,700,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x202008, "Smale Riverfront Park Extension," to the unappropriated surplus of Park and Recreation Improvement Bond Fund 860 for the purpose of partially offsetting the notes issued to fund a portion of the expansion and improvements at the Smale Riverfront Park extension on Lot 23 of the Banks.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to take all necessary action to carry out the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 herein.

Section 4. 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 accept grant funds to cover expenses related to improvements at Smale Riverfront Park extension on Lot 23 of the Banks.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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John Cranley, Mayor

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