



Legislation Text

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ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/15/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Funding Agreement with The Model Group, Inc., providing for a grant from the City to fund (i) the removal of the elevated pedestrian skywalk bridge above Walnut Street that connects the Mercantile Library Building to the US Bank Tower, and (ii) the restoration of the public right-of-way along Walnut Street, and the exterior, façade, and limited interior portions of those buildings; **AUTHORIZING** the removal of said skywalk bridge and the release and quitclaim of certain public walkway easements over and through the Mercantile Library Building; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$1,753,337 from the unappropriated surplus of Downtown South/Riverfront Equivalent Fund 481 (Downtown South/Riverfront TIF District) to the Department of Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account no. 481x164x7200 to provide resources for the demolition and removal of the elevated pedestrian skywalk bridge above Walnut Street that connects the Mercantile Library Building to the US Bank Tower, restoration of the façades of such buildings, and other public improvements in support of such project; and further **DECLARING** expenditures from such account related to the demolition of the skywalk bridge, the façade restoration activities, and the other public improvements in support of such project to be a public purpose and constitute a “Public Infrastructure Improvement” (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40(A)(8)) that will benefit and/or serve the District 2-Downtown South/Riverfront District Incentive District, subject to compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>).

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