



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Service to modify an existing grant agreement with the Scioto Peninsula Association, Inc. (SPA), a non-profit corporate entity managed by the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation, to provide funding for additional security personnel within the Scioto Peninsula development area.

Ordinance 3168-2022 authorized the execution of a grant agreement between the City, acting through the Director of Public Service, and the SPA, to facilitate the implementation of various security enhancement programs in the Scioto Peninsula area intended to increase public safety and to support growth and development in that area. The primary purpose of that grant award was to subsidize the cost associated with the use of unarmed security personnel in order to establish a visible security presence in the Scioto Peninsula.

Recent security concerns at the Starling Street North and South garages have prompted SPA to recommend increasing security staffing in those facilities. The Department of Public Service has committed \$20,000.00 to subsidize the cost of additional security patrols there for 8 hours per day through the end of the year. The purpose of this legislation is to authorize a modification to the aforementioned grant agreement to facilitate the provision of needed safety services.

2. CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

The contract compliance number for the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation, which manages the SPA, is CC010217, which expires on June 8, 2024.

3. FISCAL IMPACT

Funding in the amount of \$20,000.00 is available within Fund 6500, the Mobility Enterprise Operating Fund, for this expenditure.

4. MINORITY AND WOMAN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE & SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

This expenditure is not subject to the MBE/WBE/SLBE program requirements.

5. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency legislation is requested in order to allow increased security patrols to commence as soon as reasonably practicable to address an uptick in criminal activity in the Scioto Peninsula area.

To authorize the Director of Public Service to modify an existing grant agreement with the Scioto Peninsula Association to provide funding for additional security patrols in the Scioto Peninsula area; to authorize an expenditure of up to \$20,000.00 from the Mobility Enterprise Operating Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$20,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation, which manages the Scioto Peninsula Association (SPA), is overseeing the redevelopment of the Scioto Peninsula, which will culminate in the construction of various residential, office, and commercial developments; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Service previously agreed to partner with the SPA to facilitate the implementation of various security enhancement programs in the Scioto Peninsula area intended to increase public safety and to support growth and development in that area; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 3168-2022 authorized the execution of a grant agreement between the Department of Public Service and the SPA, pursuant to which the City agreed to subsidize the cost of utilizing unarmed security personnel in order to establish a visible security presence in the Scioto Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, recent security concerns at the Starling Street North and South garages have prompted the SPA to recommend increasing security staffing in those facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Service has committed \$20,000.00 to subsidize the cost of additional security patrols there for 8 hours per day through the end of the year, making it necessary to modify the existing grant agreement; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of Public Service to execute the requisite modification in order to allow increased security patrols to commence as soon as reasonably practicable to address an uptick in criminal activity in the Scioto Peninsula area, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property and safety; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Service is hereby authorized to modify an existing grant agreement with the Scioto Peninsula Association and to provide funding for additional security patrols in the Scioto Peninsula area.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$20,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 6500 (Mobility Enterprise Operating Fund), Subfund 650001 (Mobility Enterprise), Section 3, Dept-Div 5906 (Division of Parking Services), in Object Class 05 (Grants), per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the aforementioned grant is hereby authorized pursuant to and made pursuant to relevant provisions of Columbus City Code governing grant agreements.

SECTION 4. Funds are hereby deemed appropriated and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purposes of this ordinance and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 5. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 6. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.