



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

The purpose of this ordinance is to give the Directors of the Departments of Public Service, Development, and Recreation and Parks, the authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) relative to the 2020 Vision Plan. The MOU will outline the plans and certain commitments of the parties relating to coordinating public improvements with the redevelopment and new construction of various local library locations. The plans and proposals for those libraries remain subject to authorization pursuant to the adoption of appropriate legislation by Columbus City Council.

The Columbus Metropolitan Library is undertaking the 2020 Vision Plan, a \$120 million capital improvement program that will invest approximately \$85 million in seven libraries in Columbus. To complement the 2020 Vision Plan, the City has appropriated \$500,000.00 in the 2014 Capital Improvement Budget and \$1,333,000.00 in the 2015 Capital Improvement Budget. In addition, the City has agreed to request an additional \$1,957,000.00 in the 2016 Capital Improvement Budget, for a maximum investment of \$3,790,000.00, for public improvements in support of CML's redevelopment or new construction of the Main Library, Northside Branch, Shepherd Branch, Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch, Driving Park Branch, Parsons Branch and Northern Lights Branch locations. As part of its commitment to the City, CML will transfer the current Shepard Branch property, located at 790 N. Nelson Road, Columbus, Ohio 43209, to the Department of Recreation and Parks.

Under the MOU, the City and CML will enter into agreements to complete the public improvements associated with the aforementioned Columbus libraries. Ordinance No. 0696-2015 authorized the execution of Guaranteed Maximum Reimbursement Agreements up to \$500,000.00, and Ordinance No. 2225-2015 authorized a grant agreement in the amount of \$1,333,000.00. Additional agreements and appropriations are subject to adoption of future ordinance(s).

3. FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the execution of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Any requisite expenditures are subject to the passage authorizing legislation by Columbus City Council.

4. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

The Departments of Public Service, Development and Recreation and Parks are requesting this ordinance be considered an emergency measure in order to allow the Columbus Metropolitan Library to maintain its project schedules.

To authorize the Directors of the Departments of Public Service, Development and Recreation and Parks to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Columbus Metropolitan Library to outline the plans and certain commitments of the parties relating to coordinating public improvements in support of the 2020 Vision Plan; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, the Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) is undertaking the 2020 Vision Plan, a \$120 million capital improvement program that will invest approximately \$85 million in seven libraries in Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus and CML are engaged in a Public-Private Partnership (3P) to design and construct public improvements at the following libraries: Main Library, Northside Branch, Shepherd Branch, Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch, Driving Park Branch, Parsons Branch and Northern Lights Branch; and

WHEREAS, the City has appropriated a total of \$1,833,000.00 in the 2014 and 2015 Capital Improvement Budgets and has agreed to request an additional \$1,957,000.00 in the 2016 Capital Improvement Budget, for a maximum investment of \$3,790,000.00 toward said public improvements; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes the Directors of Public Service, Development and Recreation and Parks to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CML relative to the 2020 Vision Plan; and

WHEREAS, the MOU will outline the plans and certain commitments of the City and CML relating to coordinating public improvements in support of the redevelopment or new construction of seven libraries in Columbus; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Departments of Public Service, Development and Recreation and Parks, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Directors to enter into a MOU with Columbus Metropolitan Library so as to maintain the project schedules and meet community commitments, thereby immediately preserving the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Directors of Public Service, Development and Recreation and Parks be and hereby are authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) to outline the plans and certain commitments of the City and CML relating to coordinating public improvements in support of the redevelopment or new construction of seven libraries in Columbus.

SECTION 2. 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.