



Legislation Text

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Background: This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to modify an existing contract with Ironsite, Inc. DBA Facemyer to provide construction services associated with the Ulry-Warner Parkland Improvements Project, now referred to as Warner Woods Park. The modification amount being authorized by this ordinance is \$210,000.00.

This modification will include the addition of a bicycling pump track for youth. It will also include additional material and labor required to complete the sanitary services to a new enclosed pavilion that is part of the original contract. The site for the new fifty-three acre park was acquired in 2013 for a community park for thousands of residents in one of the city's fastest growing communities. The parkland has been on the community's highest priority list for development. Funds for this project are being provided by the Central College Community Development Authority project account within the Department of Development Hamilton-Central College TIF Fund.

Principal Parties:

Facemyer, LLC
PO Box 304
Sunbury, Ohio 43074
Ada Facemyer, (740) 965-4616
Contract Compliance Number: 005926
Contract Compliance Expiration Date: July 16, 2025

Emergency Justification: Emergency action is requested in order keep the construction project on schedule in order to open to the public in the fall of 2024.

Benefits to the Public: The Warner Woods Park will be one of the major greenspaces for the entire Rocky Fork-Blacklick Community and far northeast region of the city. The scale of the park will accommodate a wide range of recreation for all ages and will be accessible to over 4,000 nearby residents. Future subdivision projects currently underway are expected to add an additional 1,000 residents within a 10 minute walk to the park within the next two years.

Community Input/Issues: Since 2014, the surrounding communities have been extensively engaged with the Recreation and Parks Department in the acquisition, anticipated uses, access, surrounding zonings, services, street improvements, and land use planning for this park. The TIF committee charged with prioritizing the City's TIF and CDA funds for the community's infrastructure identified the park as one of the highest priorities for development and worked with the City's Development Department to organize the funding. Civic groups involved include Asherton Grove Condominium Association, Upper Albany West Homeowners' Association, and Albany Crossing Homeowners' Association. Two new large subdivisions are currently under construction surrounding the park space and the future residents will benefit from this new nearby park.

Area(s) Affected: Rocky Fork-Blacklick (33)

Master Plan Relation: This project will support the Recreation and Parks Master Plan by providing quality recreational parks, trails, and connectivity for Columbus residents.

Fiscal Impact: The expenditure of \$9,985,958.00 was legislated by Ordinance 0102-2023 for a construction contract with Ironsite, Inc. DBA Facemyer for the Ulry-Warner Parkland Improvements Project, which is now referred to as

Warner Woods Park. This ordinance will provide funding that will modify by increasing the previously authorized amount by \$210,000.00 available from within the Central College Community Development Authority project account of the Hamilton-Central College TIF Fund 7445 to meet the financial obligations of this contract modification. The aggregate total amount authorized, including this modification, is \$10,195,958.00.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks to modify an existing contract with Ironsite, Inc. DBA Facemyer for the Ulry-Warner Parkland Improvements Project which is now referred to as Warner Woods Park to expand upon the scope of existing services in the contract namely to include the addition of a bicycling pump track for youth; to authorize the appropriation of \$210,000.00 within the Hamilton-Central College TIF Fund; to authorize the transfer of \$210,000.00 within the Hamilton-Central College TIF Fund; to authorize the expenditure of \$210,000.00 from the Hamilton-Central College TIF Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$210,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to modify an existing contract with Ironsite, Inc. DBA Facemyer to provide construction services associated with the Ulry-Warner Parkland Improvements Project, which is now referred to as Warner Woods Park; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the appropriation of \$210,000.00 within the Hamilton-Central College TIF Fund 7445; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the transfer of \$210,000.00 within the Hamilton-Central College TIF Fund 7445; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the expenditure of \$210,000.00 from the Hamilton-Central College TIF Fund 7445; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to modify an existing contract with Ironsite, Inc. DBA Facemyer in order complete the construction project on schedule in order to open to the public by the fall of 2024, all for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare and, **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Recreation and Parks be and is hereby authorized to modify an existing contract with Ironsite, Inc. DBA Facemyer for the Ulry-Warner Parkland Improvements Project, which is now referred to as Warner Woods Park, in order to expand upon the scope of existing services in the contract namely to include the addition of a bicycling pump track for youth. The modification amount being authorized by this ordinance is \$210,000.00.

SECTION 2. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 3. 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 4. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

SECTION 5. That the appropriation of \$210,000.00 is authorized within the Hamilton-Central College TIF Fund 7445 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 6. That the transfer of \$210,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized between projects within the Hamilton Central College TIF Fund 7445 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 7. For the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$210,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the cost thereof, be and is hereby authorized from the Hamilton Central College TIF Fund 7445 in object class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachments to this ordinance.

SECTION 8. 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.