



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND:

In the course of effecting roadway improvements, it is sometimes necessary to force the relocation of utilities from privately held easements. These relocations are in areas where the City has previously allowed utilities, but due to this project there is a need to relocate them at the City's expense. Utility relocation estimates are normally included in the budget for each project, but occasionally estimates are insufficient and not always in the City's control. This legislation provides a source of funding for the Traffic Signal Installation -- Columbus Traffic Signal System Phase C project utility relocations yet to be named in order to provide for quick turnaround of these relocations once the utility and project are determined.

City Council recognizes that this ordinance does not identify the contractor(s) to whom the contract(s) will be awarded and understands that its passage will give the Director of Public Service the final decision in determination for such contract(s). This Council is satisfied it is in the best interests of the City to delegate this contracting decision.

2. FISCAL IMPACT:

This project is budgeted and available within the 2013 Capital Improvement Budget.

3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested to provide funding for utility reimbursements at the earliest possible time for reimbursing utilities as necessary and to maintain proper accounting practices.

To authorize the Director of Public Service to reimburse various utilities for utility relocation costs incurred in conjunction with the Columbus Traffic Signal System Phase C project ; to authorize the expenditure of \$200,000.00 from the Streets and Highways General Obligation Bonds Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$200,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is vitally concerned with the use of the various rights-of-way areas in the City as such rights-of-way areas represent a valuable and limited resource that must be utilized to promote the public health, safety and welfare including the economic development of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Service requires funding to be available for utility relocation expenses for the Traffic Signal Installation - Columbus Traffic Signal System Phase C project in order to provide for quick turnaround of utility relocation work; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes funding in the amount of \$200,000.00 for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service, in that this legislation should go forth immediately to provide funding for these utility relocation expenses the earliest possible time, thereby 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 Director of Public Service be and hereby is authorized to pay utility relocation costs to various utilities for Traffic Signal Installation - Columbus Traffic Signal System Phase C project.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose of paying the cost of utility relocation expenses the sum of \$200,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized to be expended for the Division of Design and Construction as follows Dept./Div. 59-12:

Fund / Fund Name / Project Number / Object Level 01/03 Codes / OCA Code / Amount

704 / 540007-100005 / Traffic Signal Installation - Columbus Traffic Signal System Phase C (Voted 2008 Debt SIT Supported) / 06-6631 / 740705 / \$200,000.00

SECTION 3. City Council recognizes that this ordinance does not identify the contractor(s) to whom the contract(s) will be awarded and understands that its passage will give the Director of Public Service the final decision in determination for such contract(s). This Council is satisfied it is in the best interests of the City to delegate this contracting decision.

SECTION 4. 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 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 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 7. 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 approvals.