



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND:

Ordinance 1253-2012 passed council on July 23, 2012 and authorized the Directors of Recreation and Parks, Public Service and Public Utilities to enter into an agreement between the City of Columbus and the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation (CDDC) for CDDC to construct improvements to the Scioto Riverfront including removal of the Main Street Dam and installation of fill, walkways and landscaping as well as provides funding in the amount of \$18 million dollars from the city towards the improvements (the Scioto Greenways Project). An initial payment of \$4,000,000 has been paid. The city has identified additional items to be included in the agreement in the amount of \$1,304,346.00 which includes:

- Trail Development \$879,313.00
- Relocation of Memorials \$204,673.00
- Removal and relocation of Richter Park Memorial \$110,360.00
- Traffic and fiber conduit \$110,000
- Authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks, as part of the obligations undertaken by the City, to sign a Local Project Administration (LPA) Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to provide up to \$5,900,000 in federal funds for the Project.
- Authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to execute an environmental covenant and such other documents approved by the City Attorney as may be necessary for CDDC to obtain WRRSP funding
- Providing for the release of liability to CDDC for damage to the Santa Maria during its relocation.

This ordinance does not appropriate additional funding. Funding is subject to future appropriations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No additional funding is required at this time. Funding will be required in 2014 and 2015 subject to council appropriations.

To authorize the Directors of Public Service, Public Utilities, and Recreation and Parks Departments to amend the agreement with Columbus Downtown Development Corporation for the development of the Scioto Greenway Project to include trail development, relocation of memorials and Richter Park, Traffic and fiber conduit; to authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to execute a Local Project Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation and an environmental covenant as part of said amendment, and to declare an emergency. \$0

WHEREAS, Ordinance #1253-2012 authorized the Directors of Recreation and Parks, Public Service and Public Utilities to enter into an agreement, known as the Scioto Greenways Project Primary Agreement, between the City of Columbus and the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation (CDDC) for CDDC to construct improvements to the Scioto Riverfront; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Directors of Recreation and Parks, Public Service and Public Utilities to amend the Scioto Greenways Project Primary Agreement to now include the following:

1. Trail development

2. Relocation of memorials
3. Relocation of Richter Park
4. Traffic and fiber conduit
5. Authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks, as part of the obligations undertaken by the City, to sign a Local Project Administration (LPA) Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)
6. Authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to execute an environmental covenant and such other documents approved by the City Attorney as may be necessary for CDDC to obtain WRRSP funding; and

WHEREAS, all other terms of the Primary Agreement shall remain unchanged; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Recreation and Parks, Public Service and Public Utilities Departments in that it is immediately necessary to amend said agreement so that work can begin immediately and maintain schedule for 2015 completion, thereby preserving public health, safety and welfare; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the Directors of Recreation and Parks, Public Service and Public Utilities, be and are hereby authorized to enter into an amendment to the Scioto Greenways Primary Agreement with the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation for the removal of the Main Street Dam and the development of the Scioto River to include the following:

1. Trail development
2. Relocation of memorials
3. Relocation of Richter Park
4. Traffic and fiber conduit
5. Authority for the Director of Recreation and Parks, as part of the obligations undertaken by the City, to sign a Local Project Agreement (LPA) with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)
6. Authority for the Director of Recreation and Parks to execute an environmental covenant and such other documents approved by the City Attorney as may be necessary for CDDC to obtain WRRSP funding

SECTION 2. That all other terms of the Primary Agreement shall remain unchanged.

SECTION 3. That this legislation does not authorize any expenditures, and the City's financial obligations are conditioned on future Council action.

SECTION 4. 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.