



Legislation Text

File #: 1494-2012, **Version:** 1

Background:

This ordinance will authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Franklin Park Conservatory for the administration of the implementation of the Franklin Park Master plan in the amount of \$950,000.00.

It has been determined that it will be beneficial to have the Franklin Park Conservatory perform the administration of this project to help allow the least disruption to the daily operation of the Conservatory business. The funds will be used to reimburse the Conservatory for expenditures to support the implementation of the Phase One of the Master Plan for the Conservatory and Franklin Park and capital improvement projects for the Conservatory

Phase One of the Master Plan includes three major projects:

The first project, Palm House Additions, includes two 5,000 square foot additions to the historic John F. Wolfe Palm House, roof top gardens, a bride's garden, and a permanent lighting installation in the Palm House by world-renowned artist James Turrell. The expansion of the Conservatory's gardens and facilities will provide an opportunity to increase earned-revenue from event sales and catering while enhancing the value proposition for the visitors and clients. The project was completed and dedicated on Aug. 8, 2008.

The second project, Community Garden Campus, includes restoration of the historic Caretaker's House, construction of an Education Pavilion, Apiary Building, Summer Kitchen, Community Gardening Shed, a live Fire Cooking Theatre, commercial and residential rain gardens, and numerous horticultural display gardens. The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company Community Garden Campus will serve as a living classroom for the Conservatory's educational programs and will be a catalyst for an expansion of the community gardening program titled "Growing to Green". The project was completed on schedule and on budget and was dedicated on Sept. 9, 2009.

The third project, a 9,300 square foot Production Greenhouse, was completed in July, 2011.

A dedication ceremony commemorating successful completion of Phase One of the Master Plan was held on Aug. 8, 2011.

2012 Project Breakdown (Scheduled for completion prior to 12/12)

\$25,000	East parking lot repair and resurfacing (City of Columbus/Conservatory property)
\$60,000	1992 building water leak assessment, structural enhancement, roof replacement
\$10,000	Showhouse glass re-glazing and vent automation system installation
\$45,000	Annual capital maintenance projects (e.g. equipment pumps, valves, etc.)
<u>\$10,000</u>	West Terrace paver and stonework repair
\$150,000	Total

Principal Parties:

Franklin Park Conservatory
#31-1364884

Emergency Justification:

Emergency action is necessary to allow Franklin Park Conservatory to begin work as soon as possible as plans for the park are moving forward.

Fiscal Impact:

The expenditure of \$950,000.00 is budgeted in the Recreation and Parks Voted Recreation and Parks Bond Fund.

To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Franklin Park Conservatory for the implementation of the Franklin Park Master Plan; to authorize the expenditure of \$950,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$950,000.00),

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into a contract with the Franklin Park Conservatory for the administration of the Franklin Park Project; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into said contract for the preservation of 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 Recreation and Parks be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract with the Franklin Park Conservatory for the administration and implementation of the Franklin Park Master Plan.

SECTION 2. That to pay the cost of said contract, the expenditure of \$950,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund No. 702, Department 51-01, as follows:

Project Title	OCA Project No.	Object Code	Level 3	Amount
Franklin Park Conservatory	510017-100017	517017	6621	\$950,000,000

SECTION 3. 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; except that no transfer shall be so made from a project account funded by monies from more than one source.

SECTION 4. That the monies in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon order of the Director of Recreation and Parks, and that no order shall be drawn or monies paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

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 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.