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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Development Department wishes to contract with the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) for the completion of a second streetcar themed public artwork to be placed in Livingston Park. The Design Center has been working with the Livingston Park area neighborhoods and in 2012, administered the completion of a streetcar themed, gateway public art feature located at the railroad crossing on Nelson Road. The NDC has continued working with the Livingston Park Area Commission, neighborhoods and Nationwide Children's Hospital. They have raised \$10,750 in grant funds for a second streetcar themed artwork.

The Development Department, through the Columbus Public Art Program, proposes to provide an additional \$ 41,750 for the project. This will allow for an art budget of \$50,000, with an additional \$2,500 to fund up to three public art proposals. The total project budget is \$52,500. The project will be open to all Ohio artists. It was presented to the Columbus Art Commission at their September 23, 2014 hearing. Commissioner comments have been incorporated into the artist call/request for qualifications. The Planning Division has assisted the NDC in the development of the artist call/request for qualifications and will assist with the artist selection process.

Emergency action is requested to allow program services to begin without delay.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of \$41,750 from the Northland and Other Acquisitions Fund for this purpose.

To amend the Capital Improvement Budget; to authorize the City Auditor to transfer cash between projects within the Northland and Other Acquisitions Fund; to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Neighborhood Design Center for the administration of the Livingston Park Public Art Project (Streetcar District Art Series); to authorize the expenditure of \$41,750.00 from Fund 735 Northland and Other Acquisitions Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$41,750.00)

WHEREAS, by Executive Order 2014-1, Mayor Michael B. Coleman created the Columbus Public Art Program; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Public Art Program is administered by the Department of Development, Planning Division; and

WHEREAS, funds have been allocated from the Capital Improvements Budget to fund public art projects; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) has been working on a variety of projects with Livingston Avenue neighborhoods that have focused on the area's history as having the first streetcar service in Columbus; and

WHEREAS, The community desires another similarly themed public artwork, for which the NDC has been in conversation with the Recreation and Parks Department about placement of the art at Livingston Park and has raised \$10,750 in grant funds for the artwork; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2014, Al Berthold, Executive Director of the Neighborhood Design Center attended the

Livingston Avenue Area Commission meeting to brief them on the status of the project and received the Commission's support; and

WHEREAS, the NDC and the Development Department see benefits to creating a consistent approach to public art selection, facilitation and installation that is in accordance with best practices in the administration of public art and that increases the capacity to undertake public art projects in Columbus neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Development Department wishes to enter into contract with the Neighborhood Design Center for the administration of the Livingston Park Public Art Project (Streetcar District Art Series); and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development and it is immediately necessary to enter into contract with the Neighborhood Design Center to allow program services to begin without delay, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

SECTION 1. That the 2014 Capital Improvements Budget, authorized by ordinance 0683-2014, be and is hereby amended to provide sufficient budget authority for the appropriate projects authorized within this ordinance as follows:

Fund / Project / Project Name / C.I.B. / Change / C.I.B. as Amended

735 / 440119-100000 / Public Art / \$328,007 / (\$41,750) / \$286,257

735 / 440119-100008 / Public Art-Livingston Park / \$0 / \$41,750 / \$41,750

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor be and is hereby authorized to transfer cash and appropriation within the Northland and Other Acquisitions Fund, Fund 735, as follows:

Transfer from:

Fund / Project / Project Name / O.L. 01-03 Codes / OCA / Amount

735 / 440119-100000 / Public Art / 06-6621 / 735190 / \$41,750

Transfer to:

Fund / Project / Project Name / O.L. 01-03 Codes / OCA / Amount

735 / 440119-100008 / Public Art - Livingston Park / 06-6621 / 711908 / \$41,750

SECTION 3. That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the Neighborhood Design Center for the administration of the Livingston Park Public Art Project (Streetcar District Art Series).

SECTION 4. That for the purpose of paying the cost of this contract the sum of up to \$41,750 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized to be expended from the Northland and Other Acquisitions Fund, Fund 735, Project 440119-100008, Public Art - Livingston Park, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 6621, OCA 711908.

SECTION 5. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance 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 6. 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 7. 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 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.