



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** On July 25, 2011 Columbus City Council passed legislation (Ordinance 1153-2011) authorizing the encumbrance of funds and authorizing the Development Director to enter into contracts as needed to complete an artist selection process for a permanent public art installation at North Bank Park. Inspired by the City's Bicentennial, the Development Department, Columbus Art Commission (CAC) and Columbus Recreation and Parks Department (CRPD), have partnered on this project.

Following passage of Ordinance 1153-2011, the Development Department retained public art consultant Shelly Willis to facilitate the artist selection process. Willis led a curated limited invitational artist selection process, as determined by the CAC, to select an artist. A seven member artist review and design selection panel was seated by the CAC and the Commission approved the North Bank Park Public Art Plan, which guided the artist selection. Sixty-four artists submitted qualifications, out of which 22 were selected by the curatorial team for presentation to the Selection Panel. In February 2012, the Panel unanimously selected artist finalists and one alternate.

On June 1, 2012, the artists presented their design proposals and the panel unanimously selected artist Lawrence Argent to create two steel and granite sculptures. On June 13, 2012, the CAC approved the panel's selection of Argent by voting unanimously to conceptually approve the design and placement of his sculpture proposal.

This ordinance initiates the second phase of the North Bank Public Art Project by using a \$206,872 allocation from the Miranova TIF, Riverfront Vision Account and \$33,861 allocation from the Ohio Arts Council Percent for Art Program. This allocation will be used for two primary purposes: 1) artwork design, fabrication and installation; and 2) extend the term and amount of public art consultant, Shelly Willis' contract to continue her consultancy through artwork installation. The Director of Development will undertake these steps by entering into contracts with contractor/artist Argent Studios Ltd. (cc# 050530360, expires 2/28/14) for \$230,733 and public art consultant Shelly Willis (cc# 556178452, expires 7/6/13) for \$10,000.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation authorizes the transfer of \$25,399 and the appropriation of \$167,000 from the Miranova TIF - City Riverfront Vision Account (Ordinance 1578-98), adopted by Columbus City Council on June 29, 1998. In addition, \$33,861 will be authorized from the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund.

To authorize the transfer of \$25,399.00 between object levels in the Miranova TIF Fund; to authorize the appropriation of \$167,000.00 from the Miranova TIF - City Riverfront Vision Account; to authorize the Director of Development to enter into a design/build contract with Argent Studios Ltd. for the design refinement, fabrication, installation and artist fees to complete a permanent public artwork at North Bank Park; to extend the term and amount of the contract with Shelly Willis to continue her consultancy through artwork installation; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Codes; and to authorize the expenditure of \$ 206,872.00 from the Miranova TIF - City Riverfront Vision Account and \$33,861.00 from the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund. (\$240,733.00)

**WHEREAS,** the Columbus Art Commission (CAC), seated in 2007, was asked to identify public art projects; and

**WHEREAS,** the CAC identified an opportunity to commission a legacy public art installation for North Bank Park that would celebrate the City's Bicentennial using funds from the Miranova TIF - Riverfront Vision Account and the Ohio Arts Commission's Percent for Art Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the CAC initiated a curated invitational artist selection process including a curatorial team and artist selection and design review advisory panel, and adopting an Art Plan to guide and inform the selection process; and

**WHEREAS**, the curatorial team invited 114 artists (21 from Ohio) to submit qualification for the public art commission, 64 responded (14 from Ohio), and the curatorial team selected 22 artists (6 from Ohio) to present to the Panel; and

**WHEREAS**, the Panel unanimously selected artists Lawrence Argent, Jonathan Borofsky and Jun Kaneko as the finalists to develop proposals for North Bank Park and Terry Allen was selected as an alternate; and

**WHEREAS**, after traveling to Columbus in April 2012, Jonathan Borofsky withdrew from the competition and alternate Terry Allen agreed to enter and submit a design for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 1, 2012 the Panel reviewed the design proposals and interviewed artists Argent, Kaneko and Allen and unanimously selected Lawrence Argent's proposal to create two stainless steel and granite sculptures; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 13, 2012, the Columbus Art Commission accepted the Panel's recommendation by voting unanimously to conceptually approve the design and proposed placement of Argent's public art proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department desires to enter into contract with Argent Studios Ltd. and to continue the professional services of public art consultant, Shelly Willis by extending the term and amount of her contract thru the completion of artwork installation; **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

**Section 1.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$25,399 within the Miranova TIF Fund, Fund No.406, Project 440071-100000, as follows:

**FROM:**

**Division / OJL 1 / OJL 3 / OCA / Amount**

44-01 / 01 / 1112 / 440071 / \$25,399

**TO:**

**Division / OJL 1 / OJL 3 / OCA / Amount**

44-01 / 03 / 3336 / 440071 / \$25,399

**Section 2.** That from the unappropriated balance in the Miranova TIF Fund - City Riverfront Vision Account, Fund 406, and from any and all sources unallocated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ending in December 31, 2012, the sum of \$167,000 is hereby appropriated to the Development Department, Department 44-01, Project 440071-100000, OCA 440071, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336.

**Section 3.** That the Director of Development is hereby authorized to amend the Professional Services Contract with Shelly Willis (cc# 556178452, expires 7/6/13) by extending the term and amount to continue in an advisory capacity through the fabrication and installation of the public art selected for the North Bank Park Project for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

**Section 4.** That the provisions of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Code relating to competitive bidding be and hereby are waived (Willis contract).

**Section 5.** That the Director of Development be and is authorized to enter into a design/build contract with Argent Studios Ltd. (cc# 050530360, expires 2/28/14) for a public art installation at North Bank Park for an amount not to exceed \$230,733.

**Section 6.** That the expenditure of \$206,872 or so much as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized from the Development Department, Department 44-01, Miranova TIF - Riverfront Vision Account, Fund 406, Project 440071-100000, OCA 440071, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336.

**Section 7.** That the expenditure of \$33,861 or so much as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized from the Recreation and Parks Department, Department No. 51-01, Recreation and Parks Grant Fund, Fund 286, Grant No. 510206, OCA 510206, Object Level One 06, Object Level Three 6621.

**Section 8.** 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 9.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.