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**BACKGROUND:** The Development Department, in cooperation with the Department of Public Service, selected the Parsons Avenue Arterial Street Rehabilitation Broad Street to Franklin Avenue Project for artist involvement and determined a project budget of \$101,000. The project is located just outside of the Ohio Department of Transportation's Capital Crossroads Project. The area is within the boundaries of both the Olde Towne East Civic Association and the Near East Area Commission. At the request of the Columbus Art Commission, the project will include an artist working with the design team retained by the Department of Public Service. The outcome of the public art project is open, which means that in addition to the artist integrating their ideas into the project design, the art created may be wholly integrated into the streetscape (e.g., pavement design, seating, tree grates, etc.), a specific installation or series of installations (e.g., sculptures, mosaics, etc.), or some combination thereof.

A statewide Request for Qualifications/Artist Call (RFQ) for this project was issued May 5<sup>th</sup> thru June 8<sup>th</sup> of this year via *GoARTS!*, the Greater Columbus Arts Council's (GCAC) web-based artist submission platform. The RFQ was promoted extensively through GCAC and the Ohio Art League. It was also shared for distribution with the King Arts Complex, Cultural Arts Center, The Ohio State University and Columbus College of Art and Design faculty and alumni associations, as well as with other Ohio-based art organizations. A total of eight artist submissions were received, from which the Advisory Panel unanimously selected artists Olga Ziemka, Tom Huddle, and Erwin Redl as finalists. The Artist Advisory Panel seated by the Columbus Art Commission included:

- David Barker, Columbus Art Commission
- Kevin Conlon, Artist and Provost, Columbus College of Art and Design
- Antoinette Barker, Near East Area Commission Appointment
- Tyler Cann, Curator, Columbus Museum of Art
- Larissa Boiwka, Olde Towne East Neighborhood Association Appointment
- Lori Duiguid, DPS Transportation and Pedestrian Committee

At their June 23, 2014 hearing, the Art Commission unanimously approved the Artist Advisory Panel recommendation of Ziemka, Redl, and Hubbard as each being artistically qualified for the Parsons Avenue Public Art Commission. The three finalists were interviewed by a team including two representatives from the DPS project design team, DPS project coordinator, Planning/Public Art Coordinator, Columbus Art Commissioner David Barker and Near East Area Commissioner, Antoinette Barker. The interview team unanimously selected artist Olga Ziemka from Cleveland, Ohio for this public art commission. An artist talk open to the public will also be included in the artist contract.

This ordinance is submitted as emergency in order to expedite the contract with artist Olga Ziemka and maintain the DPS schedule for the Parsons Avenue Arterial Street Rehabilitation Broad Street to Franklin Avenue Project.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funds in the amount of \$101,000.00 are available for this project in the Streets and Highways G.O. Bond Fund within the Department of Development. An amendment to the 2014 Capital Improvements fund is necessary for the purpose of providing sufficient spending authority for the aforementioned project expenditure.

To amend the 2014 Capital Improvement Budget; to authorize the City Auditor to transfer cash and appropriation between projects within the Streets and Highways Bonds Fund; to authorize the Director of Development to enter into a contract with Olga Ziemka for artwork for the Parsons Avenue Arterial Street Rehabilitation Broad Street to Franklin Avenue

Project; to authorize the expenditure of \$101,000.00 from the Streets and Highways Bonds Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$101,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Development Department in cooperation with the Department of Public Service (DPS) selected the Parsons Avenue Arterial Street Rehabilitation Broad Street to Franklin Avenue Project for artist involvement with an art budget of \$101,000; and

**WHEREAS**, with input from the Columbus Art Commission, it was determined that the Request for Qualifications/Artist Call would be open to artists living and working in the State of Ohio and the artist would join the DPS project design team to integrate their ideas into the overall project and create a site specific installation, whether integrated or discrete; and

**WHEREAS**, a statewide artist call was released in Spring 2014 from which an Artist Advisory Panel with Art Commission and community appointees selected three artist finalists to interview; and

**WHEREAS**, at their June 23, 2014, hearing the Art Commission reviewed and approved the Art Advisory Panel finalist recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, an interview panel with representatives from the Design Team, the Near East Area Commission, Columbus Art Commission, and City of Columbus Development and DPS representatives interviewed the three finalists and selected artist Olga Ziemka for the art project commission; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to authorize an amendment to the 2014 Capital Improvements Budget for the purpose of providing sufficient spending authority for the aforementioned project expenditure; and

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance authorizes the Department of Development to enter into contract with artist Olga Ziemka; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract with artist Olga Ziemka to maintain the Department of Public Service's schedule for the Parsons Avenue Arterial Street Rehabilitation Broad Street to Franklin Avenue Project 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 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**

704/530058-100005/ NCR - TBD (carryover) / \$1,371,184/ (\$101,000)/ \$1,270,184

704/530103-100053/Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Parsons Avenue - Franklin Avenue to Broad (carryover) / \$0/  
\$101,000/\$101,000

**SECTION 2.** That the City Auditor be and is hereby authorized to transfer cash and appropriation within the Streets and Highways GO Bonds Fund, No. 704, as follows:

**Transfer from:**

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

704/530058-100005/ NCR - TBD/ 06-6600/745805/\$101,000

**Transfer to:**

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

704/530103-100053/ Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Parsons Avenue - Franklin Avenue to Broad Street / 06-6600/  
741353/ \$101,000

**SECTION 3.** That the Director of Development be and is authorized to enter into a contract with Olga Ziemka for a public artist involvement on the Parsons Avenue Design Team, an artist talk, and creation of a site specific artwork or artworks, discrete to, or integrated into the new Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Parsons Avenue - Franklin Avenue to Broad for an amount not to exceed \$101,000.

**SECTION 4.** That for the purpose of paying the cost of this contract the sum of up to \$101,000 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized to be expended from the Streets and Highways GO Bonds Fund as follows:

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

704/530103-100053/ Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Parsons Avenue - Franklin Avenue to Broad Street/ 06-6631/ 741353/  
\$101,000

**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 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.