



## Legislation Text

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This ordinance is to authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into a Guaranteed Maximum Reimbursement Agreement pursuant to Section 186 of the Columbus City Charter with the Franklin County Historical Society, dba COSI, for the renovation of the COSI facility and surrounding grounds.

**Background:** The City of Columbus owns Genoa Park, located immediately east of COSI along with the building that COSI operates, located at 333 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio, 43215. The City has determined that it is in their best interest to enter into an agreement with the Franklin County Historical Society (dba COSI) for the purposes of renovating and improving the building and surrounding grounds. In order to facilitate the renovation of the building, it is necessary for the City and COSI to enter into this agreement for the purposes of setting forth the terms and conditions therein. The guaranteed maximum cost to be reimbursed by the City for the design and construction of improvements shall not exceed \$2,100,000.00. This ordinance allows the Director of Recreation and Parks to authorize payment of Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Funds for the renovation of the COSI facility and surrounding grounds.

2016 improvements will include, but are not limited to, roof replacement (phase 1 of 3), cooling tower renovations, building signage upgrades, exterior shell preservation, safety/security system upgrades, carpet replacements, flooring replacements, and educational/directional footpath signage on the surrounding greenways area.

**Principal Parties:**

Franklin County Historical Society (DBA COSI Columbus)  
333 W. Broad St.  
Columbus, OH 43215  
Federal Identification Number: 31-4383802  
Non-Profit Organization

**Emergency Justification:** Emergency action is requested in order to keep design and construction phases on schedule, keeping the impact to facility operations to a minimum and allowing the public to utilize the improvements as soon as possible.

**Benefits to the Public:** These improvements will benefit the community by enhancing the visitor experience, creating a more attractive destination for Central Ohio residents and beyond. COSI and the surrounding public grounds are an asset to the entire Central Ohio community.

**Community Input Issues:** The Community has expressed a desire for cultural enrichment and educational outreach available to residents.

**Area(s) Affected:** The entire City of Columbus, Central Ohio, and beyond will benefit from these improvements, adding to the quality of life for citizens and creating an attractive environment for industry.

**Master Plan Relation:** This project supports the mission of the Recreation and Parks by enhancing the quality of life of our citizens. The Master Plan's focus on creating improved facilities and green space is supported by these improvements.

**Fiscal impact:** The expenditure of \$2,100,000.00 is budgeted in the Recreation and Parks Voted Recreation and Parks Bond Fund 7712 to meet the financial obligations of this agreement. Funding is contingent on the 2016 Bond Sale.

To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into a Guaranteed Maximum Reimbursement Agreement pursuant to Section 186 of the Columbus City Charter with the Franklin County Historical Society, dba COSI, for the renovation of the COSI facility and surrounding grounds; to authorize the expenditure of \$2,100,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$2,100,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Department of Recreation and Parks to enter into a Guaranteed Maximum Cost Agreement with Franklin County Historical Society for the purpose of design and construction services for the renovation of the COSI facility and surrounding grounds; 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 in order to keep design and construction phases on schedule, keeping the impact to facility operations to a minimum and allowing the public to utilize the improvements as soon as possible and 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 is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Guaranteed Maximum Reimbursement Agreement pursuant to Section 186 of the Columbus City Charter with the Franklin County Historical Society for the purpose of design and construction services for the renovation of the COSI facility and surrounding grounds.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$2,100,00.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the cost thereof, be and is hereby authorized from the Voted Recreation and Parks Bond Fund 7712 in object class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance. Funding is contingent on the 2016 Bond Sale.

**SECTION 3.** 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 4.** 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 5.** 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.

**SECTION 6.** 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 7.** 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.