



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into a lease agreement for 51.10 acres, approximately, of real property located at 1960 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223 {Franklin County Tax Parcel(s) 010-067014} (*i.e.* Property) with the State of Ohio, via it's Department of Administrative Services (ODAS) for the term of five (5) years.

BACKGROUND: The City via its Recreation and Parks Department (CRPD) has leased a portion of the property from ODAS in order to use, operate, and maintain a public park commonly known as "Rhodes Park." The City's existing lease with ODAS to operate Rhodes Park recently expired, and CRPD desires to continue to lease the same portions of the Property in order to use, operate, and maintain Rhodes Park. The City and ODAS agree in principle for the City to lease Rhodes Park for a term of five (5) years in consideration of the City paying a onetime nominal lease payment of Five and 00/100 U.S. Dollars (\$5.00).

Principal Parties:

State of Ohio, Department of Administrative Services
1960 West Broad St.
Columbus, OH 43223
Debra Kuehn, 614-466-9361

Contract Compliance: Not applicable.

Fiscal Impact: \$5.00 is required and budgeted in the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund 2285 to meet the financial obligations of this lease.

Emergency Justification: An emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into said lease due to current lease expiration and so that the activities at Rhodes Park can continue.

Benefits to the Public: By acquiring the continued ability to utilize this property, we will be able to offer more sporting events. Leasing of the property will continue to maintain the 51+ acres as open park space, athletic field space and provide both active and passive recreation opportunities for the community. Park space is also used for ADA accessible basketball, softball and play equipment.

Community Input/Issues: The community has asked for additional recreational spaces for cricket, soccer and lacrosse.

Area(s) Affected: Rhodes Park (15)

Master Plan Relation: This lease agreement will support the mission of the Recreation and Parks Master Plan by continuing to create new opportunities for a larger variety of sports and facilities to be available for the public.

To authorize the director of Recreation and Parks Department to execute and acknowledge any necessary document(s), as approved by the Columbus City Attorney, in order to lease certain portions of real property from the State of Ohio to continue to use, operate, and maintain Rhodes Park; and to declare an emergency. (\$5.00)

WHEREAS, the City intends to lease certain portions of real property owned by ODAS located at 1960 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223 {Franklin County Tax Parcel(s) 010-067014} (*i.e.* Property) in order to continue to use, operate, and maintain Rhodes Park; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to lease Rhodes Park from ODAS for a term of five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to lease Rhodes Park from ODAS in consideration of a onetime nominal lease payment of Five and 00/100 U.S. Dollars (\$5.00); and

WHEREAS, the City intends for the City Attorney to approve of all document(s) executed by City personnel or affecting City interests pursuant to this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Recreation and Parks in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into the lease with ODAS to prevent unnecessary delay in using, operating, and maintaining Rhodes Park, which will preserve the public peace, property, health, welfare, and safety; **now, therefore,**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department (CRPD) is authorized to execute and acknowledge any document(s) necessary to lease 51.10 acres, approximately, of real property located at 1960 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223 {Franklin County Tax Parcel(s) 010-067014} (*i.e.* Property) and described and depicted in the three (3) page attachment, Exhibit-A, which is fully incorporated as if rewritten, from the State of Ohio via its Department of Administrative Services (ODAS) in order to use, operate, and maintain a public park commonly known as Rhodes Park for up to five years.

SECTION 2. That the City Attorney is required to approve all document(s) executed by City personnel or affecting City interests pursuant to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the director of CRPD, in order to exercise the authority described in this ordinance, is authorized to spend up to Five and 00/100 U.S. Dollars (\$5.00), or as much as may be necessary, according to the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the City Auditor is authorized and directed to establish any appropriate accounting codes once the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are deemed appropriated.

SECTION 5. That the City Auditor is authorized and directed to transfer any unencumbered balance in the public project's account to the unallocated balance within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the director of the department administering the public project that the public project is complete and the monies are no longer required for the public project, except that no transfer can be made from a project account by monies from more than one source.

SECTION 6. That the City Auditor is authorized and directed to establish any proper and appropriate project accounting numbers.

SECTION 7. That the City Auditor is authorized and directed to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 8. That this ordinance, for the reasons stated in the preamble of this ordinance, which are fully incorporated for reference as if rewritten, is 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 (10) days after its passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes this ordinance.

