



## Legislation Text

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### **1. BACKGROUND:**

This legislation authorizes payment for utility relocation work by Columbia Gas of Ohio, American Electric Power, and other utilities as needed in an amount up to \$180,000.00.

The Public Service Department is engaged in the Warner Road Improvements - Phase 2 project. Project work includes widening Warner Road to 3 lanes from Ulry Road to Hamilton Road. This project will also install sidewalks, curbs, ramps, and a shared use path.

In the course of effecting roadway improvements it is sometimes necessary to force the relocation of utilities from privately held easements or place overhead utilities underground to promote public health, safety, and welfare, including the economic development of the City. It is necessary to move utilities to complete this project. The City is responsible for reimbursing utility companies for the forced relocation of their utilities for this project.

The funding request for utilities relocation reimbursement is based upon estimates from the utilities. The utilities will invoice the City for actual costs incurred in relocating the utilities. The amount needed may exceed the amount requested in this ordinance. Additional legislation will be submitted by the Department of Public Service if additional funds are needed to complete the relocations.

### **2. FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funds for this project are available within the Upper Albany West TIF Fund 7443.

### **3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION:**

The Warner Road project is expected to commence construction in April of 2018 and to complete construction in December of 2018. The utility relocations must be completed before construction can begin. Public Service is requesting emergency designation so as to provide funding for utility reimbursements at the earliest possible time to maintain the project construction schedule.

To authorize the Director of Public Service to pay utility relocation costs to various utilities for the Warner Road Improvements - Phase 2 project; to appropriate funds in the Upper Albany West TIF Fund; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$180,000.00 for utility relocations for this project from the Upper Albany West TIF Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$180,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus is concerned with the use of the various rights-of-way areas in the City as such rights-of-way areas represent a valuable and limited resource that must be utilized to promote the public health, safety, and welfare, including the economic development of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, utility relocations must be completed before construction can begin; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Service requires funding to be available for utility relocation expenses for the Warner Road Improvements - Phase 2 project; and

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance authorizes funding in the amount of \$180,000.00 for that purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service in that it is immediately necessary to authorize payment for utility relocation expenses at the earliest possible time to prevent

construction delays, 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 Director of Public Service be and hereby is authorized to reimburse utilities for utility relocation costs to Columbia Gas of Ohio, American Electric Power, and other utilities as necessary, for the Warner Road Improvements - Phase 2 project.

**SECTION 2.** That from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, the sum of \$180,000 is appropriated in Fund 7443 Upper Albany West TIF in Object Class 06 Capital Outlay per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of \$180,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in the Upper Albany West TIF Fund 7443 in object class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** 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 5.** 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 6.** 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 7.** For the reasons stated in this ordinance's preamble, which are made a part of this ordinance, this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and is effective and 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.