



## Legislation Text

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**Background:** This ordinance will authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Franklin Park Conservatory for the administration of the implementation of the Franklin Park Master Plan in the amount of \$1,500,000.00.

Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens developed Master Plan 2.0 in partnership with Columbus Recreation and Parks. The Conservatory has requested capital support from the City of Columbus in support of Phase One construction. The \$1,500,000.00 commitment from the City of Columbus in 2017 will support design and construction of a new 2-acre children's garden and 8-acre expanded visitor experience scheduled to open in May, 2018. Public support from the City, County and State are being matched 2:1 by the private sector. To date, the Conservatory has raised \$20,123,400.00.

It has been determined that it will be beneficial to have the Franklin Park Conservatory perform the administration of this project to help allow the least disruption to the daily operation of the Conservatory business. The funds will be used to reimburse the Conservatory for expenditures to support the implementation of the Master Plan for the Conservatory and Franklin Park and capital improvement projects for the Conservatory.

**Principal Parties:**

Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District  
1777 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43203  
Federal Identification Number: 31-1364884  
Non-Profit Organization

**Emergency Justification:** Emergency action is necessary to allow the City to reimburse the Franklin Park Conservatory as soon as possible as plans for the park are moving forward and work has commenced.

**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. Franklin Park, The Conservatory, and Botanical Gardens are an asset to the entire Central Ohio community.

**Community Input Issues:** The Community has expressed a desire for cultural enrichment and improvements to parks 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 parks is supported by these improvements.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The expenditure of \$1,500,000.00 is budgeted in the Recreation and Parks Voted Recreation and Parks Bond Fund 7702 to meet the financial obligations of this agreement. This ordinance is contingent upon the successful receipt of bond proceeds from the 2017 Bond Sale.

To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Franklin Park Conservatory for the implementation of the Franklin Park Master Plan in the amount of \$1,500,000.00; contingent on the 2017 Bond Sale; to authorize the expenditure of \$1,500,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$1,500,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into a contract with the Franklin Park Conservatory for the administration of the Franklin Park Master Plan Project; and

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance is contingent on the 2017 Bond Sale;

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to authorize the expenditure of \$1,500,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702; 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 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 service contract with the Franklin Park Conservatory for the administration and implementation of the Franklin Park Master Plan.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$1,500,000.00 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 7702 in object class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That this ordinance is contingent on the 2017 Bond Sale.

**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.** 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 8.** 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.