



Legislation Text

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Background: In 1940 the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) developed 426 dwelling units in 33 buildings to provide affordable housing for primarily African American residents on the East side of Columbus. The development was named after pastor and activist Reverend James A. Poindexter. The Village produced many nationally and locally successful individuals including Aminah Robinson, Nancy Wilson and Jimmy Rogers.

In 2008, CMHA undertook a process to redevelop the Poindexter Village site. Although the majority of the original buildings were demolished, CMHA preserved 2 of the original buildings. In December of 2016, CMHA approved the sale of the buildings to the Ohio History Connection for long term preservation. The Ohio History Connection will collaborate with the James Preston Poindexter Foundation to create exhibits and programming at the site that promote the history and story of the residents.

The City of Columbus is committed to the preservation of these buildings and has committed funding to assist with the costs associated with the acquisition, stabilization and rehabilitation of the buildings.

This ordinance authorizes the expenditure of \$1,100,000 from the Development Taxable Bonds Fund for the acquisition, stabilization and rehabilitation of the two buildings located at 290 N. Champion Ave. and 1227 Granville Street.

Emergency action is requested to allow the acquisition of the buildings for this project to proceed without delay.

Fiscal Impact: Funding for this project is included in the 2017 Capital Improvement Budget, Development Taxable Bonds in project 590418-100000, Poindexter Village African American History Museum and is contingent on the 2017 Bond Sale.

To authorize the Director of the Development Department to enter into contract with The Ohio History Connection; to authorize the expenditure of \$1,100,000.00 from the Development Taxable Bonds Fund for the acquisition, stabilization and rehabilitation of the two buildings located at 290 N. Champion Ave. and 1227 Granville Street; and to declare an emergency. (\$1,100,000.00)

WHEREAS, in 1940 the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) developed 426 dwelling units in 33 buildings to provide affordable housing for primarily African American residents on the East side of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 CMHA undertook a process to redevelop the Poindexter Village site. Although the majority of the original buildings were demolished, CMHA preserved 2 of the original buildings; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2016 CMHA approved the sale of the buildings to the Ohio History Connection for long term preservation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is committed to the preservation of these buildings and has committed funding to assist with the costs associated with the acquisition, stabilization and rehabilitation of the buildings; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into contract with The Ohio History Connection in order to facilitate the timely acquisition of the two Poindexter Village site buildings, all for the preservation of the public health, peace, property and safety; and **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into contract with The Ohio History Connection for the acquisition, stabilization and rehabilitation of the two buildings located at 290 N. Champion Ave. and 1227 Granville Street.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure, contingent on the 2017 Bond Sale, of \$1,100,000 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 7739 Development Taxable Bonds, Dept-Div 4410, Project 590418-100000 (Poindexter Village African American History Museum), in object class 06 (Capital Outlay) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That these agreements are awarded in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 329 relating to not-for-profit service contracts.

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 unallocatd 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 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 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 approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.