



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

This legislation authorizes payment for utility relocation work as needed by American Electric Power, Columbia Gas of Ohio, and other utilities (or companies hired by utilities to perform utility relocation work) for the Roadway Improvements - Hamilton Road Extension from Central College to Walnut project in an amount up to \$200,000.00.

The Department of Public service is engaged in the Roadway Improvements - Hamilton Road Extension from Central College to Walnut Road project. Phase 1 of the project will build a 3-lane roadway to Site Drive 3, an intersection with a private drive approximately 1000' north of Central College Road. The roadway will remain uncurbed and the typical section will accommodate future widening of the road to a 5-lane section. Construction will also include sidewalk, street lighting, stormwater controls, and a right-in, right-out approximately 300' north of Central College Road. The intersection of Hamilton Road and Central College Road will become 4-way stop controlled.

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 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

Funding for this expense is available within Fund 7442, the Ulry Central College TIF Fund. The \$200,000.00 needed for this expenditure will need to be appropriated and an amendment to the 2018 Capital Improvement Budget is required to establish sufficient budget authority for the project. Cash will need to be transferred from P442001 to P530161 (Roadway Improvements) to establish cash in the correct project.

3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency designation is requested to provide funding for utility reimbursements at the earliest possible time to maintain the project construction schedule.

To appropriate funds and transfer cash within the Ulry Central College TIF Fund; to amend the 2018 Capital Improvement Budget; to authorize the Director of Public Service to pay utility relocation costs to various utilities for the Roadway Improvements - Hamilton Road Extension - Central College to Walnut Road project; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$200,000.00 for utility relocations from the Ulry Central College TIF Fund for the project; and to declare an emergency. (\$200,000.00)

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 Roadway Improvements - Hamilton Road Extension - Central College to Walnut Rd project; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes funding in the amount of up to \$200,000.00 for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appropriate funds within Fund 7442, the Ulry Central College TIF Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer cash between projects within Fund 7442, the Ulry Central College TIF fund, to establish funding in the correct project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize an amendment to the 2018 Capital Improvement Budget for the purpose of providing sufficient spending authority for the aforementioned project expenditure; 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 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 2018 Capital Improvements Budget authorized by ordinance 1010-2018 be amended as follows to establish sufficient authority for this project:

Fund / Project / Project Name / C.I.B. / Change / C.I.B. as Amended

7442 / P530161-100202 / Roadway Improvements - Hamilton Road Extension - Central College to Walnut Rd (TIF Revenue) / \$0.00 / \$200,000.00 / \$200,000.00 (To match cash appropriated in Section 2)

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, 2019, the sum of \$200,000.00 is appropriated in Fund 7442 (Ulry Central College TIF), Dept-Div 4401 (Development Administration), Project P530161-100202 (Roadway Improvements - Hamilton Road Extension - Central College to Walnut Rd), in Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the transfer of \$200,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized within Fund 7442 (Ulry Central College TIF Fund), from Dept-Div 4401 (Development Administration), Project P442001-100000 (Ulry Central College TIF), Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) to Dept-Div 4401 (Development Administration), Project P530161-100202 (Roadway Improvements - Hamilton Road Extension - Central College to Walnut Rd), Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the Director of Public Service be and hereby is authorized to reimburse utilities for utility relocation work, or to reimburse companies hired by utilities to perform utility relocation work, for the Roadway Improvements - Hamilton Road Extension - Central College to Walnut Rd project.

SECTION 5. That the expenditure of \$200,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 7442 (Ulry Central College TIF Fund), in Dept-Div 4401 (Development Administration), Project P530161-100202 (Roadway Improvements - Hamilton Road Extension - Central College to Walnut Rd), in Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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 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 8. 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 9. 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.