



Legislation Text

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Background: This ordinance will authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into an agreement with the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District for the City's share of the operation of the District and the surrounding department-owned land for the period of February 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020. This allocation will support the continued management, operation, development, marketing, security and volunteer programming of the Conservatory and the maintenance of the entire Franklin Park site, including the portion owned by the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department. This contract is awarded pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 329 that relate to not-for-profit service contracts.

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 requested so that payment can be made in accordance with the cash flow needs of the Conservatory.

Benefits to the Public: Supporting Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District 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 well-kept parks through workshops, surveys, and direct contact with staff.

Area(s) Affected: The entire City of Columbus, Central Ohio, and beyond will benefit from the amenities and programming offered, adding to the quality of life for citizens.

Master Plan Relation: The Master Plan's focus on creating improved facilities and parks is supported by this support.

Fiscal Impact: \$350,000.00 is budgeted and available in the 2019 Recreation and Parks Operating Fund 2285 to meet the financial obligations of this agreement. No other funds will be used.

To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into an agreement with the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District for the city's share of the operation of the District in 2019; and to authorize the expenditure of \$350,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$350,000.00).

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize and direct the Director of the Recreation and Parks to enter into an agreement with the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District for the city's share of the operation of the District in 2019; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the expenditure of \$350,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund; and

WHEREAS, continued support of the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District is necessary for management, operations, development, marketing, security and volunteer programming in 2019, in accordance with Ordinance 2707-89 and Ordinance 1960-94; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 329 that relate to not-for-profit service contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District will maintain the entire Franklin Park site, including the portion owned by the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into said agreement with the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District so that the required payment can be made immediately in accordance with the cash flow needs of the Conservatory, thereby preserving the public health, safety and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Recreation and Parks is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District for the City's share of the operation of the District in 2019 and maintenance of the entire Franklin Park site, including the portion owned by the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department.

SECTION 2. That this contract is awarded pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 329 that relate to not-for-profit service contracts.

SECTION 3. 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 4. That the expenditure of \$350,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized from the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund 2285 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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 legislation.

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 passage and approval by the Mayor, or 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.