



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

This legislation authorizes the Chief Innovation Officer to enter into a professional services contract with Park Mobile, hereafter referenced as Park Mobile, in an amount of up to \$450,000.00 to create a one-stop location for drivers in Columbus to find, reserve and pay for parking across the downtown and Short North areas of Columbus via both mobile and web application. It will also provide a means for parking providers of garages and surface lots to provide parking availability information to the application either automatically through an interface or through a web-based user interface. This functionality will expand the functionality of the existing ParkColumbus parking application.

The Smart City Challenge is a U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) grant program seeking to “create a fully integrated, first-of-its kind city that uses data, technology and creativity to shape how people and goods move in the future.” In 2016, the City of Columbus, acting through the Department of Public Service, applied for and won the Smart City Challenge, receiving a \$40 million dollar grant from USDOT and a \$10 million grant from the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation (Vulcan).

As part of Columbus’ overall response to the Smart City Challenge, efforts were focused on creating a one-stop location for drivers in Columbus to find, reserve, and pay for parking across the downtown and Short North areas of Columbus.

To that end, the PMO submitted justification for the approach for the Event Parking Management project and on May 28th received concurrence from the grant sponsor to utilize the vendor.

Searches in the Excluded Party List System (Federal) and the Findings for Recovery list (State) produced no findings against Park Mobile.

Due to the nature of the USDOT and Vulcan grant reimbursements, professional support for the Smart City Challenge Program will be awarded in annual funding phases. Additional contract modifications may occur throughout the Smart City Challenge grant period. There are no current planned modifications to this contract.

2. CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

The contract compliance number for Park Mobile is CC0026824 and expires 01/09/2021.

3. FISCAL IMPACT

This is a budgeted item within the Department of Public Services’ 2018 Capital Improvement Budget. Funds in the amount of \$450,000.00 are available for this project in Fund 7704, the Streets and Highways Bond Fund. An amendment to the 2018 Capital Improvement Budget is required to establish sufficient budget authority for the project.

4. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Chief Innovation Officer to execute a contract with Park Mobile authorizing the expenditure of requisite engineering and design funding so as to prevent unnecessary delays in the Smart City Challenge deployment schedule.

To amend the 2019 Capital Improvements Budget; to authorize the Chief Innovation Officer to execute a professional services contract with Park Mobile relative to the Smart Columbus - Event Parking Management project; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$450,000.00 from the Streets and Highways Bond Fund to pay for the expenditure; and to declare an emergency. (\$450,000.00) **(AMENDED BY ORD. 2345-2019; PASSED 9/23/19)**

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2015, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) announced the Smart City Challenge, a collaborative effort by the USDOT and Vulcan seeking to “create a fully integrated, first-of-its kind city that uses data, technology and creativity to shape how people and goods move in the future”; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2016, the City of Columbus bested six other finalists to be named the winner of the Smart City Challenge; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to enter into a professional services contract to provide the Smart Columbus Program Management Office (PMO) with a vendor to create a one-stop location for drivers in Columbus to find, reserve and pay for parking across the downtown and Short North areas of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance Number 1901-2017 authorized the Public Service Director to transfer signature authority to the Chief Innovation Officer or the Chief Innovation Officer's designee for all past, present and future Smart Columbus, Smart City Challenge, Paul G. Allen Family Foundation contracts, documents, and projects; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Service, Office of Support Services, has received concurrence from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Smart Columbus - Event Parking Management project for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into a professional services contract with Park Mobile to provide for the aforementioned services in the amount of up to \$450,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize an amendment to the 2018 Capital Improvements 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, Smart Columbus PMO in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Chief Innovation Officer to execute a contract with Park Mobile authorizing the encumbrance and expenditure of requisite funding so as to prevent unnecessary delays in the Smart City Challenge deployment schedule, 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 2019 Capital Improvements Budget, authorized by Ordinance 0345-2019, be and is hereby amended as follows to establish sufficient authority for this project:

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

7704 / P530163-100000 / Smart City Challenge (Voted Carryover) / \$3,389,064.00 / (\$450,000.00) / \$2,939,064.00

7704 / P530163-100019 / Smart Columbus - Event Parking Management (Voted Carryover) / \$0.00 / \$450,000.00 / \$450,000.00

SECTION 2. That the Chief Innovation Officer be and is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Park Mobile, 1100 Spring Street NW, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30309, in an amount of up to \$450,000.00 related to the Smart Columbus - Event Parking Management project.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$450,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized in Fund 7704 (Streets and Highways Bond Fund), Dept-Div 5912 (Division of Design and Construction), Project 530163-100019 (Smart Columbus - Event Parking Management), 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 Chief Innovation Officer administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

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.