



Legislation Text

File #: 251033

ORDINANCE NO. 251033

Waiving the limitations established by the Fund Balance and Reserve Policy in Section 2-1954 of the Code of Ordinances; appropriating \$2,031,975.00 from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the Parks and Recreation Fund for maintenance projects at Gregg/Klice Community Center pool, Penguin Park, and the Parks and Recreation Administration building; designating requisitioning authority; and recognizing this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.

WHEREAS, in August of 2012 the voters of Kansas City, Missouri approved a half-cent sales tax increase, in perpetuity, to benefit parks and community centers; and

WHEREAS, the pool at Gregg/Klice Community Center has been out of order since October of 2024, and the City has placed a priority on ensuring aquatic programs and opportunities to residents in all areas of the city; and

WHEREAS, Penguin Park is one of the busiest parks in the City and is used by thousands of children each year, and the protective safety surface that covers that land underneath the playground is damaged in sections and is reaching the end of its usable lifespan; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Administration Building is the primary work location for over eighty (80) employees, and the HVAC system has been failing since 2019, creating an untenable work environment for City employees; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Fund balance reserve will go below the threshold of 16% of the annual operating budget, as established by City ordinance, requiring a council waiver; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners passed Resolution No. 32990 on October 21, 2025, approving the use of \$2,031,975.00 from the Parks and Recreation Fund to fund these improvements; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby waives Section 2-1954(f)(4)(B)(i), Code of Ordinances, entitled "Fund Balance and Reserve Policy" to authorize the appropriation of funds bringing the reserve of the Parks and Recreation Fund below recommended levels.

Section 2. That the sum of \$2,031,975.00 is hereby appropriated from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of Fund No. 2030, the Parks and Recreation Fund, to the following accounts:

26-2030-707704-B-70260102	Gregg/Klice Pool repair	\$ 735,250.00
26-2030-707704-B-70260103	Penguin Park safety surface replacement	770,000.00
26-2030-707704-B-70260104	Parks & Rec Admin Building HVAC	342,000.00
26-2030-707704-B-70260105	Projects' Contingency fund	<u>184,725.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$2,031,975.00

Section 3. That the Director of Parks and Recreation is hereby designated requisitioning authority for Account Nos. 26-2030-707704-B-70260102, 26-2030-707704-B-70260103, 26-2030-707704-B-70260104, and 26-2030-707704-B-70260105.


Section 4. That this ordinance relating to the appropriation of money and the expenses of government is recognized as an ordinance with an accelerated effective date as provided by Section 503(a)(3)(B) and Section 503(a)(3)(C) of the City Charter and shall take effect in accordance with Section 503, City Charter.

I hereby certify that there is a balance, otherwise unencumbered, to the credit of the appropriation to which the foregoing expenditure is to be charged, and a cash balance, otherwise unencumbered, in the treasury, to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made, each sufficient to meet the obligation hereby incurred.



Authenticated as Passed



Quinton Lucas, Mayor


Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

Date Passed


William Choi
Interim Director of Finance

Approved as to form:


Lana K. Torczon
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