

Ordinance No. 1456-2025

By Council Members Welch, Bishop,
Hairston and Griffin (by departmental
request)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Parks and Recreation to enter into an amendment to the Property Operations and Programming Agreement, effective June 30, 2016, with Downtown Cleveland, Inc., as assignee of the Group Plan Commission, to provide a restricted contribution to support the ongoing maintenance obligations at Public Square.

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 1061-14, passed September 15, 2014, this Council, authorized the Director of Public Works to enter into the Property Operations and Programming Agreement (the “Agreement”) with the Group Plan Commission (“GPC”) relating to operating, preserving, maintaining, and providing ongoing programming and supplemental maintenance at Public Square; and

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 521-2024, passed July 10, 2024, the new Department of Parks and Recreation was established and this agreement now falls under its authority instead of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, GPC has since blended it’s staff with Downtown Cleveland, Inc. (“DCI”), and has requested the assignment of the Agreement to DCI; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works consents to GPC’s assignment to DCI and will execute the assignment pursuant to the terms of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Parks and Recreation is authorized to enter into an amendment to the Agreement (the “Amendment”) to provide an additional restricted contribution to support the ongoing maintenance obligations at Public Square. After the referenced-assignment, all other terms and conditions contained in the Agreement shall remain the same.

Section 2. That the Amendment shall be prepared by the Director of Law.

Section 3. That the costs of the Amendment shall not exceed \$500,000.00 and shall be paid from Fund No. 01-9998-6320. (RQS 4501, RLA 2025-120)

Section 4. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by

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the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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FOR: Director Nichols

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