



City of Cleveland Memorandum

Frank D. Williams, Director

Department of Public Works

July 24, 2024

The Honorable Blaine A. Griffin, President
Cleveland City Council
601 Lakeside Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Re: Legislation for Passage under Suspension of Rules on August 7, 2024

Dear Council President Griffin:

I am writing to ask your support for Passage under Suspension of the Rules on August 7, 2024, of an emergency ordinance amending Ordinance for new legislation authorizing the Director of Public Works to employ one or more professional consultants to provide security services at various indoor/outdoor recreation facilities, recreation centers, outdoor pools and surrounding play areas as required and to extend the term of the existing contract for security services, Contract No. CT-7004-PS2023-0345, for an additional ninety (90) days with Safe Choice, until the new contract can be fully executed.

The reason we are asking for Passage under Suspension of the Rules is because the Department of Public Works needs legislative authority to hire security providers who are qualified companies with experience of interacting with children and a thorough knowledge of security services to increase safety and security at various City recreation centers, outdoor pools and surrounding play areas. Also, to extend the term of the Contract No. CT-7004-PS2023-0345 for an additional ninety (90) days with the current vendor, Safe Choice; with the same terms and conditions; from August 31, 2024 to November 30, 2024; for security at various indoor/outdoor recreation facilities, recreation centers, outdoor pools and surrounding play areas, within the Division of Recreation, Department of Public Works, based upon its proposal dated March 10, 2023.

On June 7, 2024, we solicited RFPs for the 2024-2025 year, but we only received a sole bid from the current vendor that we are currently contracted with. Our plan is to revise the 2024-2025 Request for Proposal to capture additional vendors and assign these additional vendors separately to each recreation center. This would allow us to have coverage at all of the recreation centers.

The source of funding will be taken from the Department of Public Works and any funds deemed appropriate by the Director of Finance.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank D. Williams", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Frank D. Williams, Director
Department of Public Works

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Enclosure

CC: All Members of Council; Patricia J. Britt, City Clerk, Clerk of Council
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