

ORDINANCE NO. 222-2024(PD), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to solicit statements of qualifications from design-build firms for the Cain Park Restrooms Renovation Project; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, Cain Park is the historically significant crown jewel of the park system of the City of Cleveland Heights, centrally located, with a long and proud tradition of providing passive and active recreational opportunities, art festivals, and dramatic and musical performances for the City, its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to renovate and improve the restroom facilities in Cain Park to improve the visitor experience, create more attractive park amenities, and increase accessibility so that all patrons of Cain Park including disabled patrons are able to easily access and use the restrooms; and

WHEREAS, through this Ordinance the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights desires to authorize the public solicitation of statements of qualifications from design-build firms for a Project known as the Cain Park Restrooms Renovation Project and to establish a process for the award of a contract for such project; and

WHEREAS, the City has engaged City Architecture as the criteria architect to prepare evaluative criteria for the solicitation of statements of qualifications from design-build firms for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City will publish a public announcement that contains the necessary evaluative design criteria, prepared by the criteria architect, in order to solicit statements of qualifications from design-build firms for the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor, acting by and through the Director of Planning or other designee, is hereby authorized to solicit statements of qualifications from design-build firms for the Project and in so doing shall follow all applicable provisions of Ohio law and is authorized to publish a public announcement.

SECTION 2. The Mayor, acting by and through the Director of Planning or other designee, is authorized to set a deadline for the receipt and review of qualifications and, in conjunction with City Architecture, other staff members and legal, counsel as needed, shall make a recommendation for the award of a design-build contract for the Project.

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SECTION 3. It is understood that the City Council will be presented at a later date with an Ordinance to authorize a contract with the recommended design-build firm for the Project.

SECTION 4. Notice of the passage of this Ordinance shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights, or by posting the full text of this Ordinance on the City of Cleveland Heights website.

SECTION 5. It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to meet the December 31, 2024 deadline for obligation of ARPA funds. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.



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President of Council



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Clerk of Council

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Presented to Mayor: 11/19/2024      Approved: 11/20/2024



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Mayor