



TO: Gahanna City Council
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DATE: May 27, 2026

SUBJECT: Dept. of Parks & Recreation - Request for Council Action (June 1, 2026 COTW Meeting)

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM #1: ORDINANCE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

The Administration is seeking supplemental appropriations for a grant award in support of our Academy Park project and a monetary donation for Friendship Park.

The City applied for and received an Ohio EPA Recycle Ohio Grant for utilizing recycled scrap tires for a replacement of the playground surface at Academy Park (PK-25-08). This work is being performed as part of the larger Academy Park project. This grant will allow the entire playground surface to be upgraded from a traditional surface to a poured-in-place surface, which provides a more inclusive experience. This grant reimburses 50% of the eligible costs. The project team has estimated \$226,000 meet grant eligibility requirements. The grant reimbursement of 50% is estimated at \$113,000.

The grant agreement requires separate accounting for use of the funds. A new account has been established in the State Capital Grant Fund. In order to use the dollars in the newly established fund, the Administration respectfully requests supplemental appropriations for the grant award and related match, in the amount of \$226,000. A separate request is in Action Item #2 below, seeking to transfer appropriations within the Capital Improvement Fund from the Academy Park project account to transfers out and authorization to transfer the funds to the grant fund.

In addition, the City received a \$10,000 donation from the Gahanna Kiwanis for Friendship Park (PK-25-01) playground improvements. The funds will be incorporated into the project budget to enhance the overall play value and improve the functionality as an inclusive playground. A supplemental appropriation is respectfully requested for the Capital Improvement Fund for the Friendship Park project.

Requested Legislation and Funding

Legislation Needed: Ordinance
Emergency/Waiver: N/A
Vendor Name: N/A
Vendor Address: N/A
Already Appropriated: N/A
Supplemental/Transfer: Supplemental
\$226,000 from the unencumbered unappropriated balance of the State Capital Grant 3220 to 322.08.530.5505 – OEPA Recycle Ohio Capital Improvements, Project PK-25-08 Academy Park

\$10,000 from the unencumbered unappropriated balance of the Capital Improvement Fund 3250 to 325.06.550.5510 – Capital Equipment, Project PK-25-201 Friendship Park.

ACTION ITEM #2: RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZE A TRANSFER OF FUNDS

This action is directly related to Action Item #1 above to move related grant matching funds from the Capital Improvement Fund to the State Capital Grant Fund. This is necessary to meet the separate accounting requirements of the grant. The Administration respectfully requests a Resolution to transfer \$113,000 of Capital Improvement Fund appropriations (Academy Park Project) from capital improvements to transfers out, and authorization for the Finance Director to transfer the funds to the State Capital Grant Fund. This will be appropriated under Action Item #1 above for the Academy Park project.

Requested Legislation and Funding

Legislation Needed: Resolution
Emergency/Waiver: N/A
Vendor Name: N/A
Vendor Address: N/A
Already Appropriated: N/A
Supplemental/Transfer:
\$113,000 from 325.06.550.5505 – Capital Improvements, Academy Park Project to 325.06.550.5900 – Transfer Out