

ORDINANCE 2024-48

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN EXPEDITED PATHWAY AGREEMENT WITH BEEMOK SPORTS, LLC IN SUPPORT OF NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CINCINNATI OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Mason is the owner of certain property commonly known as the Grizzly Lodge; and

WHEREAS, Beemok Sports, LLC and the City of Mason intend to work collaboratively to preserve the long-term home for the Cincinnati Open Tennis Tournament in Mason and through economies of scales aspire to grow the Lindner Family Tennis Center, adjacent property and facilities into a state-of-the-art development that enhances the experience for professional tennis, grows non-pro and community tennis/racquet programming, golf opportunities, community amenities and economic development innovation to the Region; and

WHEREAS, Beemok has indicated a need for assurance that the City is agreeable to raising the Lodge facility and removal of parking used for golf operations, slated to begin May 1, 2024, in order to meet the schedule for future improvements to the tennis facility; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to assist in expediting the needs of Beemok while at the same time maintaining the City's fiduciary responsibility to secure assurances for continued golf operations as a community asset; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined that the Grizzly Lodge and its contents are no longer of use to the City of Mason for municipal purposes as set out in Ohio Revised Code Section 721.15; and

WHEREAS, Beemok has preliminary identified construction needs and a tightly condensed schedule to meet desired improvements planned for the 2024 Cincinnati Open Tennis Tournament hosted at the Lindner Family Tennis Center and is working to more specifically outline those needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, five members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an Expedited Pathway Agreement with Beemok Sports, LLC, in substantial conformity with and generally following the terms of Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. That the City Manager is further authorized to execute any other necessary and related agreements to fulfill the requirements of said Expedited Pathway Agreement.

Section 3. That the property commonly known as the Grizzly Lodge, including its contents, are hereby declared to be surplus property no longer needed for municipal purposes.

Section 4. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to sell or dispose of said property by any legal means, including demolition and/or sale of said property.

Section 5. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare, and shall be effective immediately upon its adoption. The reason for said declaration of emergency is the need to authorize the agreement at the earliest possible date in order to allow the tennis improvements to proceed in a timely fashion.

Passed this 8th day of April, 2024

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council