



# City of Chicago



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**Sponsor(s):** Lightfoot (Mayor)

**Type:** Ordinance

**Title:** Intergovernmental agreement with Chicago Park District for allocation of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds to acquire land for park expansion, playground improvements, walking paths, lighting at Kells (George) Park, 3201 W Chicago Ave

**Committee(s) Assignment:** Committee on Finance



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LORI E. LIGHTFOOT  
MAYOR

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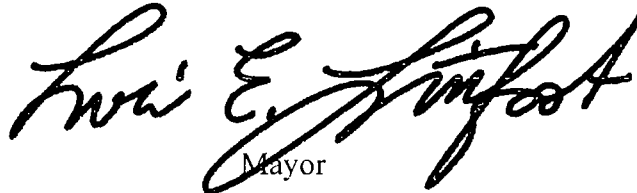
TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of the Commissioner of Planning and Development, I transmit herewith ordinances authorizing the execution of intergovernmental agreements with the Chicago Park District to provide TIF funds for improvement at various City parks.

Your favorable consideration of these ordinances will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

  
Mayor

## ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago (the "City"), is a home rule unit of government under Article VII, Section 6(a) of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Park District (the "Park District"), is an Illinois municipal corporation and a unit of local government under Article VII, Section 1 of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such is authorized to exercise control over and supervise the operation of all parks within the corporate limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized under the provisions of the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-1 *et seq.*, as amended from time to time (the "Act"), to finance projects that eradicate blight conditions and conservation factors that could lead to blight through the use of tax increment allocation financing for redevelopment projects; and

WHEREAS, under 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-3(q)(7), incremental ad valorem taxes, which pursuant to the Act, have been collected and are allocated to pay redevelopment project costs and obligations incurred in the payment thereof ("Increment") may be used to pay all or a portion of a taxing district's capital costs resulting from a redevelopment project necessarily incurred or to be incurred in furtherance of the objectives of a redevelopment plan and project, to the extent the municipality by written agreement accepts and approves such costs; and

WHEREAS, the Park District is a taxing district under the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Park District is engaged in an ongoing program of construction and renovation projects at its parks and other Park District facilities ("Park Projects"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City (the "City Council") on February 24, 2021, and published in the Journal of Proceedings for the City Council for such date at pages 27586 through 27604, the City Council approved a form of an intergovernmental agreement attached thereto for a project at Donovan Park (the "Form Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Park District owns a park identified in Exhibit A (the "Park") located on the property identified in Exhibit A (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Park District desires to undertake certain improvements to the Park as identified in Exhibit A (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Property lies wholly within the boundaries of the Redevelopment Area (as hereinafter defined); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the City Council: (i) approved and adopted a redevelopment plan and project (the "Plan") for a portion of the City identified on Exhibit A (the "Redevelopment Area"); (ii) designated the Redevelopment Area as a "redevelopment project area"; and (iii) adopted tax increment allocation financing for the

Redevelopment Area, pursuant to ordinances (collectively, the "TIF Ordinances") adopted on the date (or dates, if subsequently amended) and published in the Journal for such date(s), identified on Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Increment collected from the Redevelopment Area shall be known as the "Redevelopment Area Increment"; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Development of the City desires to use a portion of the Redevelopment Area Increment in an amount not to exceed the amount identified in Exhibit A for the purpose of wholly or partially funding certain costs of the Project (the "TIF-Funded Improvements") to the extent and in the manner provided in this ordinance and the Agreement (as hereinafter defined); and

WHEREAS, a detailed budget for the Project (the "Project Budget") and an itemized list of the TIF-Funded Improvements are each incorporated into Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Plan contemplates that tax increment financing assistance would be provided for public improvements, such as the Project, within the boundaries of the Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act, the TIF-Funded Improvements shall include such of the Park District's capital costs necessarily incurred or to be incurred in furtherance of the objectives of the Plan, and the City has found that the TIF-Funded Improvements consist of the cost of the Park District's capital improvements that are necessary and directly result from the redevelopment project constituting the Project and, therefore, constitute "taxing districts' capital costs" as defined in Section 5/11-74.4-3(u) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Park District wish to enter into an intergovernmental agreement in substantially similar form to the Form Agreement, substituting the Project-specific terms with the information contained in Exhibit A, whereby the City shall pay for or reimburse the Park District for the TIF-Funded Improvements related to the Project (the "Agreement"); now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The above recitals are expressly incorporated in and made a part of this ordinance as though fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. The City hereby finds that the TIF-Funded Improvements, among other eligible redevelopment project costs under the Act approved by the City, consist of the cost of the Park District's capital improvements that are necessary and directly result from the redevelopment project constituting the Project and, therefore, constitute "taxing districts' capital costs" as defined in Section 5/11-74.4-3(u) of the Act.

SECTION 3. The Commissioner of Planning and Development and a designee are each hereby authorized, subject to approval by the City's Corporation Counsel, to negotiate, execute and deliver the Agreement and such other documents as may be necessary to carry out and comply with the provisions of the Agreement, with such changes, deletions and insertions as shall be approved by the persons executing the Agreement on behalf of the City.

SECTION 4. To the extent that any ordinance, resolution, rule, order or provision of the Municipal Code of Chicago, or part thereof, is in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, the provisions of this ordinance shall control. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any other provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

**EXHIBIT A**

1. **Park:** Kells (George) Park
2. **Property:** 3201 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60624
3. **Project:** The proposed improvements will develop newly-available property to expand the Park. The project will allow the site to be reconfigured, moving the playground, constructing a walking path, improving park lighting and adding a drinking fountain and seating.
4. **Amount of Redevelopment Area Increment:** Not to exceed \$600,000
5. **Project Budget:**

Sources	Amount
Chicago/Central Park TIF	\$600,000
Total	\$600,000

Uses	Amount
Relocation of playground	\$200,000
Park reconfiguration to include construction of walking path, site perimeter fencing, drinking fountain, benches and landscaping	\$300,000
Design services	\$100,000
Total	\$600,000

6. **TIF-Funded Improvements:** Reconfiguration of the existing park to include the relocation of the playground, construction of a walking path and other site amenities to include lighting, drinking fountain and benches.
7. **Redevelopment Area:** Chicago/Central Park Redevelopment Project Area
8. **Date of adoption and Journal page numbers of TIF Ordinances (including any amendments):** Under ordinances adopted on February 27, 2002, and published in the Journal of Proceedings (the "Journal") of the City Council of the City (the "City Council") for such date at pages 79794 through 80025, the City Council: (i) approved a redevelopment plan and project (the "Redevelopment

Plan") for the Chicago/Central Park Redevelopment Project Area; (ii) designated the Chicago/Central Park Redevelopment Project Area as a "redevelopment project area" within the requirements of the Act; and (iii) adopted tax increment financing for the Chicago/Central Park Redevelopment Project Area. The Plan was amended by ordinance adopted on June 8, 2011.