



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

2:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:07 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Anna Albi, President Pro Tempore
Victoria Parks, Councilmember Seth Walsh,
Councilmember Scotty Johnson, Vice Mayor Jan-Michele
Kearney, Councilmember Jeff Cramerding,
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys, Councilmember Meeka
Owens, and Councilmember Evan Nolan

In attendance were Assistant City Manager John Brazina, City Solicitor Emily Smart
Woerner and Chief Deputy Clerk Nicole Crawford.

**Council observed a moment of silent prayer and recited the Pledge of
Allegiance to the Flag.**

**There being no objection, the Minutes of the previous session of council
were Approved and Filed.**

MR. JOHNSON

1. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Johnson, from Emily Smart
Woerner, **RECOGNIZING** the Summit County Day Boys Basketball
Program and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the
Council of the City of Cincinnati for the Program's outstanding
achievements during the 2024-2025 Season.

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Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0026-2025

MR. JEFFREYS

2. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** the Urban Appalachian Council and its successor organization the Urban Appalachian Community Coalition and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for the Coalition's fifty years of advocacy and service for the citizens of Cincinnati.

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Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0027-2025

CITY MANAGER

3. **REPORT**, dated 4/30/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Kroger Hatch Chile Event.

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Filed

4. **RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE) (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/30/2025, **AUTHORIZING** tax levies for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2026, certifying them to the Hamilton County Auditor pursuant to R.C. Section 5705.34, and requesting the County Auditor and County Treasurer to pay monies that may be in the County Treasury and are lawfully applicable to the purpose of this calendar year to the City Treasurer pursuant to R.C. Section 321.34.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

5. **REPORT**, dated 4/30/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Slice Night 2025.

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Filed

6. **REPORT**, dated 4/30/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Department of Finance Reports for the Month Ended March 31, 2025.

[202500904](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

7. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/30/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$13,298.48 from Emergency Communications Center General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x103x0000x7289 as a moral obligation

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to Voiance Language Services, LLC (Cyracom International Inc.) for outstanding charges related to over-the-phone interpretation services.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

8. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/30/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$7,985.21 from the capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x6000x7671x231901, "Recreation Facilities Renovation," as a moral obligation to Perkins Carmack Construction, Inc. for outstanding charges related to the construction of the Eastside Recreation Center.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

9. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/30/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager and employees of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission to solicit and accept donations of money, sponsorships, in-kind contributions, team registration fees, vendor fees, and other things of value from the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources to provide resources to support the Queen City Slam Basketball Tournament; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the resources donated to or generated by the event into Fund No. 319, "Contributions for Recreation Purposes."

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

10. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/30/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$175,000 through the FY 2025 Police Reform and Equitable Justice Grant Program from the United States Conference of Mayors and the Target Corporation to support and promote police policies and practices shown to be effective in advancing equitable treatment of all residents of Cincinnati; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 25TUSM.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

11. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/30/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$194,990 from the Ohio Public Works Commission ("OPWC") Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program to acquire approximately one-third of an acre of property located at the corner of Parkside Place and Martin Drive in Mt. Adams (Parcel ID 007200020288) (the "Property") for permanent public access and greenspace preservation and to fund improvements to the Property, including but not limited to trails, trees, and benches (the "Improvements"); **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252043, "Mt. Adams Greenspace Acquisition - OPWC," to provide resources for the acquisition of the Property and for the Improvements; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit up to \$194,990 of the OPWC Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252043, "Mt.

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Adams Greenspace Acquisition - OPWC"; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a donation of up to \$107,835 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to acquire the Property for permanent public access and greenspace preservation and to fund the Improvements; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to accept and deposit up to \$107,835 of the donated funds into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252044, "Mt. Adams Greenspace Acquisition - Donation," to provide resources for the acquisition the Property for permanent public access and greenspace preservation and for the Improvements; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of up to \$107,835 in donated funds from Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252044, "Mt. Adams Greenspace Acquisition - Donation."

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 12. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/30/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252042, "Glenway Park Improvement - ODNR," to provide grant resources for improvements to Glenway Park; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$50,082 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks grant program to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252042, "Glenway Park Improvement - ODNR," to provide grant resources for improvements to Glenway Park; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252042, "Glenway Park Improvement - ODNR."

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/30/2025, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the execution of a Job Creation Tax Credit Agreement with Waites Sensor Technologies, Inc., a Delaware corporation, pursuant to which the company agrees to create 48 new jobs at 1045 W. 8th Street in the Queensgate neighborhood of Cincinnati and, for a period of seven years, the City agrees to provide an income tax credit equal to forty percent of City income tax revenue from such new jobs.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 14. REPORT**, dated 4/30/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Taste of Boujie LLC, 5841 Hamilton Avenue. (#8805741, New, D5) [Objections: Yes]

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Filed

- 15. REPORT**, dated 4/30/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Delightmore LLC, 115 E. 5th Street &

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Basement Storage Room. (#20298070025, D1 D2 D3 D3A D6, TRF0)
[Objections: Yes]

Filed

- 16. REPORT**, dated 4/30/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for SSA Group LLC, AKA SSA Ohio LLC, DBA Cincinnati Zoo, 3400 Vine Street. (#76432140020, D1 D2 D3 D6, TRFO) [Objections: None]

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Filed

- 17. REPORT**, dated 4/30/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Mass Grill Restaurant & Sports Bar Inc., 5548 Colerain Avenue. (#5628680, D5 D6, TREX) [Objections: None]

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Filed

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 18. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/23/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant valued at up to \$280,000 from The Recycling Partnership, which includes a monetary grant of up to \$155,000 and a grant of in-kind services valued at up to \$125,000; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to appropriate up to \$155,000 of the grant resources to provide recycling collection, education, and supplies to residents at large, multifamily properties in Cincinnati; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit up to \$155,000 of the grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8571, Office of Environment and Sustainability project account no. 25RPGrant, "2025 Recycling Partnership Grant."

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Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0105-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0105-2025

- 19. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/23/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$3,388 from the State of Ohio Department of Development's TechCred Credential Reimbursement Program to reimburse Cincinnati Police Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x227x72000 for eligible costs incurred by the Cincinnati Police Department in providing its employees with technology-focused credentials; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8533.

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Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0106-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Enactment No: 0106-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0106-2025

- 20. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/23/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a donation of \$3,243,210.67 from the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners' Fund for use by the Parks Department; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit donated funds of \$3,242,210.67 into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 revenue account no. 430x8571 for use by the Parks Department; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit donated funds of \$1,000 into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 revenue account no. 430x8572 for use by the Parks Department; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,856,333.46 from the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to various operating budget accounts to provide resources for horticultural supplies, maintenance contracts, salary reimbursements, acquiring Krohn Conservatory's gift shop inventory, and other vital costs associated with running the City's parks; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$206,266.69 from the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to the unappropriated surplus of Sawyer Point Fund 318; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252040, "Sawyer Point Improvements," to provide resources for improvements to Sawyer Point including electrical improvements at Kroger Promenade, plumbing and irrigation upgrades, Geologic Timeline Path stone and lighting work, and gateway sculpture improvements; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252041, "Riverwalk Signage," to provide resources for the design, fabrication, and installation of signage improvements for Sawyer Point; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,180,610.52 from the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to various capital improvement program project accounts, according to the attached Schedule of Transfer, to provide resources for various Parks Department capital improvement program projects.

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Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0107-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0107-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0107-2025

- 21. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/23/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Funding Agreement with the Abercrombie Group to provide one-time operational support for upcoming signature events; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager's Office to expend resources of up to \$100,000 from the City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 to provide one-time operational support to the Abercrombie Group for upcoming signature events; and **DECLARING** such expenditure to serve a public purpose.

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Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0108-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0108-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0108-2025

- 22. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/23/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to expend existing resources of up to \$100,000 from the City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 to provide one-time operational support to the Midwest Regional Black Family Reunion to support its production of the 2025 Black Family Reunion in Cincinnati; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Funding Agreement with Midwest Regional Black Family Reunion to provide

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one-time operational support for its production of the 2025 Black Family Reunion; and **DECLARING** such expenditure to serve a public purpose.

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0109-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0109-2025

- 23. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/23/2025, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the execution of a Job Creation Tax Credit Agreement with Prospiant, Inc., pursuant to which the company agrees to create 120 new jobs at 7108 Shona Drive in the Roselawn neighborhood of Cincinnati and, for a period of eight years, the City agrees to provide an income tax credit equal to forty percent of City income tax revenue from such new jobs.

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Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Enactment No: 0110-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0110-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0110-2025

- 24. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/23/2025, **ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING** the grant of a permanent easement in favor of the City of Cincinnati for a sidewalk on behalf of the pedestrian public through and across certain real property in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio in accordance with the easement as recorded in Official Record 15371, Pages 1317, Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office, and the dedication to public use of an approximately 0.0468 acre tract of real property as a portion of Dana Avenue, a public right-of-way, in the Evanston neighborhood of Cincinnati.

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Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0111-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0111-2025

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

PUBLIC SAFETY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

- 25. REPORT**, dated 4/16/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Hate Crime Incident Procedures. (Reference Document #'s 202402433, 202500166, & 202500171)

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Approved & Filed

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 2:36 P.M.