



City of Cincinnati

Budget and Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Reggie Harris
Vice Chair Jeff Cramerding
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Scotty Johnson
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Liz Keating
Councilmember Meeka Owens
Councilmember Seth Walsh
President Pro Tem Victoria Parks

Monday, October 16, 2023

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

Present: Seth Walsh
Jan-Michele Kearney
Liz Keating
Councilmember Jeff Cramerding
Mark Jeffreys
Scotty Johnson
Meeka Owens
Victoria Parks
Councilmember Harris

Also in attendance were Erica Faaborg, Deputy Solicitor, Karen Alder, Finance Director, Dr. Andrew Dudas, Budget Director and Assistant City Manager, Billy Weber. The meeting began at 1:04 pm and ended at 1:45 pm.

AGENDA

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

1. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/11/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a donation of up to \$198,550 from the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners' Fund to fund improvements to Fleischmann Gardens; AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430; ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x242034, "Fleischmann Gardens

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Improvements,” to provide resources for improvements to Fleischmann Gardens; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$198,550 from Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x242034, “Fleischmann Gardens Improvements,” to provide resources for improvements to Fleischmann Gardens; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$124,900 from the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Riverfront Park Fund 329 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222011, “Smale Riverfront Park Water Feature Repairs,” to replace the Main Street pump filter system.

Recommend Passage Emergency

2. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/11/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept in-kind donations and contributions of artwork, horticultural supplies, park supplies, professional services, and event and program coordination services from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation, valued at approximately \$110,782.74, to benefit various City parks.

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Recommend Passage

3. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/11/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of four mountain bikes and upfitting equipment from the Cincinnati Fire Foundation valued at up to \$8,330 to be used by the Cincinnati Fire Department’s Emergency Medical Bike Unit.

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Recommend Passage

4. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/11/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$581,851 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (ALN 97.044) to provide resources for the replacement of outdated equipment; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Fire Grant Fund 472, revenue account no. 472x8542.

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Recommend Passage

5. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/11/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$18,884,111 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2022 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program (ALN 97.083) to fully fund the salary and benefits of up to fifty fire recruits in the Cincinnati Fire Department for three years; and AUTHORIZING the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Fire Grants Fund 472, revenue account no. 472x8542.

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Recommend Passage

REPORTS

6. REPORT, dated 10/11/2023, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Department of Finance Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 (unaudited).

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7. REPORT, dated 10/16/2023, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Revised Department of Finance Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 (unaudited).

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FY 2023 CARRYOVER

8. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/11/2023, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$5,575,948 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Working Capital Reserve Fund 754 to increase the City's working capital reserve; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$1,762,615 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2585, "Economic Downturn Reserve," to increase the City's emergency reserve; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$2,185,648 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to provide resources for unanticipated emergencies, including those caused by unusual weather events, to increase the City's reserve; ESTABLISHING new balance sheet reserve

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account no. 050x3425, "Affordable Housing," within the General Fund; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$5,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to newly created balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3425 "Affordable Housing," to provide a one-time contribution to the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7500 to provide a one-time contribution to address the City's pension obligation to the Cincinnati Retirement System; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2535, "Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies," to provide resources for subsequent appropriation for one-time unforeseen operating needs that arise during the remainder of the ongoing fiscal year; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$150,000 from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2535, "Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$150,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the various General Fund operating budget accounts according to the attached Schedule A of the General Fund Operating Budget Schedule of Appropriation to provide one-time funds for the following: the City Manager's Office for a project to digitize records for multiple City departments (\$45,000); the City Manager's Office for detail needs at special events (\$50,000); and the Department of Community and Economic Development for a tax abatement study (\$55,000); AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$8,474,191 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to new or existing capital improvement program project accounts according to the attached Schedule B of the Capital Budget Schedule of Transfer; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$350,809 from the unappropriated surplus of Parking System Facilities Fund 102 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x248x242400, "Parking Garage Rehabilitation," to provide resources for improvements to off-street parking garages; ESTABLISHING new capital improvement

program project account no. 980x164x241624, "Industrial Site Redevelopment - GF CO," to provide resources for industrial site redevelopment projects; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$1,600,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to newly created capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x241624, "Industrial Site Redevelopment - GF CO," to provide resources for industrial site redevelopment projects; ESTABLISHING new balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3423, "West End Community Development Initiatives," within the General Fund; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to newly created balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3423 "West End Community Development Initiatives," to provide resources for various community development initiatives in the West End neighborhood; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x0000x7289 to provide resources to Keep Cincinnati Beautiful for capital facilities improvements; and DECLARING certain projects to be for a public purpose, all for the purpose of carrying out the Capital Improvement Program.

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9. REPORT, dated 10/11/2023, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the FY 2023 Carryover to FY 2024. [202302174](#)
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10. ORDINANCE (B VERSION) (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2023, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$473,648 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to provide resources for unanticipated emergencies, including those caused by unusual weather events, to increase the City's reserve; ESTABLISHING new balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3425, "Affordable Housing," within the General Fund; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$5,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to newly created balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3425 [202302210](#)

“Affordable Housing,” to provide a one-time contribution to the City’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager’s Office personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7500 to provide a one-time contribution to address the City’s pension obligation to the Cincinnati Retirement System; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2535, “Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies,” to provide resources for subsequent appropriation for one-time unforeseen operating needs that arise during the remainder of the ongoing fiscal year; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$150,000 from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2535, “Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies,” to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$150,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the various General Fund operating budget accounts according to the attached Schedule A of the General Fund Operating Budget Schedule of Appropriation to provide one-time funds for the following: the City Manager’s Office for a project to digitize records for multiple City departments (\$45,000); the City Manager’s Office for detail needs at special events (\$50,000); and the Department of Community and Economic Development for a tax abatement study (\$55,000); and AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$10,945,646 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3440, “Infrastructure and Capital Project Reserve,” to provide resources for subsequent appropriation by Council for identified one-time infrastructure and capital projects for identified urgent needs or as part of the next annual budget cycle.

Recommend Passage Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Walsh
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Harris

11. REPORT, dated 10/16/2023, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the FY 2023 Carryover to FY 2024 Report (B Version).

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ADJOURNMENT