



City of Cincinnati

Climate, Environment & Infrastructure

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson, Meeka Owens
Vice Chairperson, Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember, Jeff Cramerding
Vice Mayor, Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember, Seth Walsh

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

10:00 AM

Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

Seth Walsh
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Jan-Michele Kearney
Jeff Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys

Meeting began at 10:01 a.m. and ended at 11:20. CM Owens, Jeffreys, Walsh and VM Kearney present. CM Cramerding arrived at 10:08 a.m. Also in attendance were Dir Oliver Kroner from the Office of Environment & Sustainability and Jeremy Seebom from Law.

PRESENTATIONS

NRDC Food Matters Initiative: Food Waste Reduction Recommendations in Cincinnati

Madeline Keating, City Strategist, NRDC

Yvette Cabrera, Director, Food Waste, NRDC

Our Regional Food System, with a Focus on Urban Agriculture in Cincinnati

Maddie Chera, Ph.D., Director of the Greater Cincinnati Regional Food Policy Council, at Green Umbrella

AGENDA

1. RESOLUTION, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, Councilmember Owens, Vice Mayor Kearney and Councilmembers Cramerding, Harris and Walsh, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, EXPRESSING the desire of the Mayor and Council that the City of Cincinnati continue advocating for improvements throughout the progressive design-build process that encourage the shared priorities of minimizing the urban footprint of the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project through further design enhancements.

[202301316](#)

Recommend Passage

Section 3 of the Resolution amended on the Floor by CM Jeffreys, VM Kearney 2nd the motion to amend.

2. RESOLUTION (B VERSION), submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, Councilmember Owens, Vice Mayor Kearney and Councilmembers Cramerding, Harris and Walsh, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, EXPRESSING the desire of the Mayor and Council that the City of Cincinnati continue advocating for improvements throughout the progressive design-build process that encourage the shared priorities of minimizing the urban footprint of the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project through further design enhancements.

[202301389](#)

Recommend Passage

Yes: Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Walsh
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Jeffreys

3. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/3/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to facilitate the performance of construction activities for Interstate 75 from Findlay Street to south of Marshall Avenue including interchanges to the new Western Hills Viaduct in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation's Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project in the City of Cincinnati.

[202301313](#)

Recommend Passage

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4. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/3/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to facilitate the performance of construction activities for Interstate 75 from Linn Street to Findlay Street in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation's Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project in the City of Cincinnati. [202301314](#)
- Recommend Passage
5. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/3/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to facilitate the performance of construction activities for Interstate 75 and the Brent Spence Bridge and companion bridge over the Ohio River to Linn Street in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation's Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project in the City of Cincinnati. [202301315](#)
- Recommend Passage
6. MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Owens, WE MOVE for the City Administration to submit an application to the Federal Highway Administration and / or Ohio Department of Transportation to have the City of Cincinnati formalized as a participating agency. (STATEMENT ATTACHED). [202301277](#)
- Adopt
7. MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, WE MOVE that the Administration report within thirty (30) days on the status of the updates the City is making to its hillside regulations. This update should include, but is not limited to, an update on: Funding sources to cover construction mishaps associated with construction within the hillside district. Regulations associated with stormwater runoff. Work that is being done to update CAGIS' Hillside Overlay District Map. [202301262](#)
- Adopt
8. MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys and Cramerding, WE MOVE, that the Administration report back to Council within ninety (90) days on the cost and feasibility of design alternatives that prevent drivers from using a shared, bi-directional, center turn lane as a passing lane. [202301269](#)
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Specifically, the Administration should take into consideration improvements that include, but are not limited to, implementing rumble strips in the center turn lane, using reflective pylons or concrete to create “islands” in portions of the turn lane, or paving the center turn lane with alternative materials like cobble stone. (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

Adopt

- 9.** PRESENTATION, submitted by Councilmember Owens from Madeline Keating, City Strategist, The National Resource Defense Council, titled, NRDC’s Food Matters Initiative: Food Waste Reduction Recommendations in Cincinnati. [202301369](#)

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- 10.** PRESENTATION, submitted by Councilmember Owens from Maddie Chera, Director, Greater Cinti Regional Food Policy Council, titled Our Regional Food System, with a Focus on Urban Agriculture In Cincinnati. [202301370](#)

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- 11.** REPORT, submitted by Councilmember Owens from Maddie Chera Director, Greater Cinti Regional Food Policy Council, regarding Urban Agriculture. [202301371](#)

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