



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Agenda - Final

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilmember David Mann, Chairperson
Councilmember Chris Seelbach, Vice Chair
Councilmember Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Greg Landsman
Councilmember Jeff Pastor
Councilmember P.G. Sittenfeld
Councilmember Betsy Sundermann
Councilmember Wendell Young

Monday, October 12, 2020

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

AGENDA

1. [202001771](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Andrew Garth, Interim City Solicitor, ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x211033, "Findlay Park Recreation Improvements," for the purpose of partnering with Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation ("3CDC") to provide resources for the design and construction of new state-of-the-art recreation improvements in and around Findlay Park in the Over-The-Rhine neighborhood; AUTHORIZING the transfer of the sum of \$50,000 from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$50,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to newly created capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x211033, "Findlay Park Recreation Improvements," for the purpose of providing resources for the design and construction of such recreation improvements; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept in-kind donations from 3CDC by providing design, community engagement, and development services to complete the Findlay Park Recreation Improvements valued at \$50,000; and DECLARING expenditures from capital improvements program project account no. 980x101x211033, "Findlay Park Recreation Improvements," to be for a public purpose.

Sponsors: Cranley

Attachments: [TRANSMITTAL](#)
[ORDINANCE](#)

2. [202001696](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), dated 09/25/2020, submitted by Mayor Cranley, from Andrew W. Garth, Interim City Solicitor, ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x211033, "Findlay Park Recreation Improvements," for the purpose of partnering with Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation ("3CDC") to provide resources for the design and construction of new state-of-the-art recreation improvements in and around Findlay Park in the Over-The-Rhine neighborhood; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$50,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Downtown/OTR West Equivalent Fund 482 ("Downtown/OTR West TIF District") to newly created capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x211033, "Findlay Park Recreation Improvements," for the purpose of providing resources for the design and construction of such recreation improvements; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept in-kind donations from 3CDC by providing design, community engagement, and development services to complete the "Findlay Park Recreation Improvements" valued at \$50,000; and DECLARING expenditures from capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x211033, "Findlay Park Recreation Improvements," to be for a public purpose.

Sponsors: Mayor

Attachments: [Transmittal - 202001696](#)
[Emergency Ordinance 202001696](#)

3. [202001602](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/23/2020, MODIFYING Article XV, "Retirement System," of the Administrative Code of the City of Cincinnati by amending Section 1, "Board of Trustees," Section 3, "Organization of Board," Section 7, "Actuary," and Section 9, "Actuarial Investigations," to harmonize the Administrative Code with the provisions of the Collaborative Settlement Agreement reached in Sunyak, et al. v. City of Cincinnati, et al., Case Number 1:11-cv-445 in the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Western Division.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)

4. [202001683](#) ORDINANCE submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/30/2020, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept in-kind donations from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation of signage, landscaping materials, equipment and furnishings, and contract services valued at up to \$96,391.35, to benefit and improve various City parks.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)

5. [202001684](#) ORDINANCE submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/30/2020, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for grants, loans, and loan assistance awarded by Hamilton County from the Municipal Road Fund Program and the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program, the Local Transportation Improvement Program, and the Revolving Loan Program (Funding Round 35) for the purpose of ensuring the timely completion of various road and bridge construction projects throughout the City.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)
[Attachment](#)

6. [202001685](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/30/2020, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act grant (CFDA No. 20.507) from the Federal Transit Administration, an operating administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation, in an amount up to \$566,610 for the purpose of providing funding for the Cincinnati Bell Connector operating budget; and further AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the funds in Fund 455, "Streetcar Operations."

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)

7. [202001686](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/30/2020, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$25,000 from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation to the Office of Environment and Sustainability's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7400 for the purpose of providing resources to support the City's Urban Agriculture Program; and AUTHORIZING the Finance Director to deposit the grant resources into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)

8. [202001845](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Councilmember Sundermann, Councilmember Mann, and Vice-Mayor Smitherman, AUTHORIZING the designation of \$235,000 of the \$1,000,000 included in the Approved FY 2021 Budget Update for the Community Safety Response Program for the Victims Assistance Liaison/Cincinnati Citizens Respect Our Witnesses Unit of the Cincinnati Police Department's Criminal Investigation Section; and AUTHORIZING the designation of \$20,000 of the \$1,000,000 included in the Approved FY 2021 Budget Update for the Community Safety Response Program for the UCanSpeakForMe program for assistance in community outreach and crime solving initiatives; and AUTHORIZING the designation of \$20,000 of the \$1,000,000 included in the Approved FY 2021 Budget Update for the Community Safety Response Program for a new anti-violence mentoring youth program from Cincinnati Works.
- Sponsors:** Sundermann, Mann and Smitherman
- Attachments:** [Transmittal](#)
[Emergency Ordinance](#)
9. [202000777](#) MOTION, dated 06/16/2020, submitted by Councilmember Mann, WE MOVE that the city set aside \$5 million in the budget for fiscal year 2021 to fund new alternatives to traditional policing roles. WE FURTHER MOVE that the administration report to Council monthly on its progress and that it propose initial action steps, including renewed focus on the Collaborative Refresh process, before six months has elapsed. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)
- Sponsors:** Mann
- Attachments:** [Motion](#)
10. [202001819](#) REPORT, dated 10/7/2020, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, regarding Alternatives to Traditional Policing Roles. (SEE REFERENCE DOC#202000777)
- Sponsors:** City Manager
- Attachments:** [Report](#)
[2020 MCT Proposal Sept 29 2020](#)

11. [202001816](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 10/7/2020, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Quitclaim Deed in favor of the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation, to convey land adjacent to Interstate 75 in the Hartwell neighborhood of Cincinnati in connection with transportation improvement project HAM 75 - 11.09.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
- Attachments:** [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)
[Attachment](#)
[Attachment](#)
12. [202001722](#) COMMUNICATION, submitted by the Clerk of Council from various citizens regarding opposition to the OTR Special Improvement District.
- Sponsors:** Clerk of Council
- Attachments:** [OTR SID COMMUNICATION](#)
13. [202001435](#) MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Young and Kearney, WE MOVE that the Administration amend the existing CRA agreement with 2347 Reading Road, LLC, an affiliate of Kingsley & Co., for its 2347 Reading Road hotel project to: (1) extend the project completion deadline through December 31, 2024, and (2) extend the outside tax year by which the abatement would commence through 2024. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)
- Sponsors:** Young and Kearney
- Attachments:** [MOTION 202001435](#)
14. [202001675](#) COMMUNICATION, dated 09/24/2020, submitted by Councilmember Mann, from James J. McGraw Jr., Keating Muething & Klekamp, PLL, regarding Pending Motion by Council Members Young and Kearney to Approve an Extension of the Project Completion Date of a CRA for 2347 Reading Road LLC.
- Sponsors:** Mann
- Attachments:** [202001675](#)
15. [202001676](#) COMMUNICATION, dated 09/22/2020, submitted by James J. McGraw, Jr., Keating Muething & Klekamp, PLL, regarding Pending Motion by Council Members Young and Kearney to Approve an Extension of the Project Completion Date of a CRA for 2347 Reading Road LLC.
- Sponsors:** Mann
- Attachments:** [Communication](#)

16. [202001677](#) COMMUNICATION, dated 09/22/2020, submitted by Councilmember Mann, from Carol Gibbs, Mt. Auburn Community Development Corporation (MACDC) regarding the Monday September 14 Mt. Auburn Community Council voted to rescind our support for Mr. Chin Ndukwe's request of an extension of his tax abatement on the hotel that he is building on Reading Rd. in Mt. Auburn.
- Sponsors:** Mann
- Attachments:** [Communication](#)
17. [202001844](#) COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, from John K. Seibert, University of Cincinnati, Associate Vice President, regarding a letter of support for temporary, protected bike lane on Clifton Avenue.
- Sponsors:** Kearney
- Attachments:** [UC Letter of support LTR - Clifton Dual Bike Lane Support](#)
18. [202001706](#) MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Sundermann, WE MOVE that the City of Cincinnati allow for a variety of celebration activities for Halloween to proceed this year, informed by guidance from the Cincinnati Health Department. WE FURTHER MOVE that City Council shall not add any additional barriers to celebration activities other than those established by the Cincinnati Health Department and the Ohio Department of Health. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)
- Sponsors:** Sundermann
- Attachments:** [MOTION 202001706](#)
19. [202001829](#) MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, concerning the FY2021 CARRYOVER BUDGET PRIORITIES. As City Council begins to work through the 2021 Carryover Budget, please accept these as my priorities for public discussion and consideration: Cincinnati Arts Access Fund (CAAF): a one-time investment of \$200,000 should be made to address the loss of income and financial support that artists, creatives, and neighborhood arts organizations have faced amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The fund should be managed and administered by ArtsWave to ensure public trust and to leverage the deep expertise of a leading local institution that funds and supports 100+ art projects and organizations through impact-based grants that result in a wave of arts that connect our region and make it vibrant. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE).
- Sponsors:** Kearney
- Attachments:** [Motion 202001829](#)

20. [202001837](#) MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, WE MOVE for the City Administration to deliver a report to City Council regarding the feasibility of creating a Cincinnati Arts Access Fund (CAAF) to address the loss of income and financial support that artists, creatives, and neighborhood arts organizations have faced amid the COVID-19 pandemic. WE FURTHER MOVE for this fund to be managed and administered by ArtsWave to ensure public trust and to leverage the deep expertise of a leading local institution that funds and supports 100+ arts projects and organizations through impact-based grants that result in a wave of arts that connect our region and make it vibrant. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE)

Sponsors: Kearney

Attachments: [Motion](#)

21. [202001813](#) REPORT, dated 10/7/2020, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, regarding Department of Finance Reports for the Month Ended August 31, 2020.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Report](#)
[Comparative Statement of Revenue](#)
[Statement of Revenue](#)
[Audit Report](#)
[Statement of Balances](#)

22. [202001883](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 10/12/2020, AMENDING Ordinance No. 495-2019 to modify the reference from Fund 762 to Fund 763 to accommodate Ackermann Enterprises, Inc.'s and its affiliates' proposed financing.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)

23. [202001885](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), dated 10/09/2020, submitted by Councilmembers Sundermann, Mann and Vice Mayor Smitherman, from Andrew W. Garth, Interim City Solicitor, AUTHORIZING the designation of \$235,000 of the \$1,000,000 included in the Approved FY 2021 Budget Update for the Community Safety Response Program for the Victims Assistance Liaison/Cincinnati Citizens Respect Our Witnesses Unit of the Cincinnati Police Department's Criminal Investigation Section; and AUTHORIZING the designation of \$20,000 of the \$1,000,000 included in the Approved FY 2021 Budget Update for the Community Safety Response Program for the UCanSpeakForMe program for assistance in community outreach and crime solving initiatives; and AUTHORIZING the designation of \$20,000 of the \$1,000,000 included in the Approved FY 2021 Budget Update for the Community Safety Response Program to Ennis Tait Ministries for Violence reduction administered by Project Lifeline.

Sponsors: Mann, Sundermann and Smitherman

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Emergency Ordinance](#)

ADJOURNMENT