



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Meeting Minutes 2 - Final

Budget and Finance Committee

Chairperson David Mann
Vice Chair Chris Seelbach
Councilmember Steve Goodin
Councilmember Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Liz Keating
Councilmember Greg Landsman
Councilmember Betsy Sundermann
Councilmember Wendell Young

Monday, February 1, 2021

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

The Budget and Finance Committee called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Rollcall

Present: 5 - Chairperson Mann
Jan-Michele Kearney
Steve Goodin
Greg Landsman
Betsy Sundermann

Remote: 3 - Vice Chair Chris Seelbach
Wendell Young
Liz Keating

Also in attendance was Assistant City Manager Chris Bigham, Director of Finance Karen Alder, Assistant City Solicitor Emily Woemer, Director of Community and Economic Development Markiea Carter, Lathel Bryant, Jeanette Shoecraft and Clerk to the Committee Robert Neely.

The following registered to speak remotely during the meeting: Maurice Brown

AGENDA

1. [202100465](#)
MOTION, dated 01/27/2021, submitted by Councilmember Mann, **WE MOVE** that the City of Cincinnati, in recognition of the importance of Black History Month, acknowledges the essential impact of our African American city employees who have contributed to making our City a better place to call home. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Sponsors: Mann
Adopt

Yes: 8 - Chairperson Mann
Vice Chair Seelbach
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Goodin
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Sundermann
Councilmember Young
Chairperson Keating

2. [202100317](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, from Andrew W. Garth, **AMENDING** Ordinance 384-2020 to approve the Mayor's proposed appointments to the Economic Development Reform Panel, extending the panel's reporting date to August 1, 2021, and making minor clarifications to the ordinance.

Sponsors: Mayor

Recommend Passage Emergency

Yes: 7 - Chairperson Mann
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Goodin
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Sundermann
Councilmember Young
Chairperson Keating

No: 1 - Vice Chair Seelbach

3. [202100290](#) **MOTION, (AMENDED)** submitted by Councilmember Landsman, Many of our frontline workers receive some of the lowest wages. They have shown up to work every day during this pandemic, and **WE MOVE** that the Administration pursue a lump-sum payment of no less than \$1,000 in "Hazard Pay" for these lower-wage, critical frontline workers who deliver core services that citizens depend on from their city government. Specifically, frontline workers represented by AFSCME, or the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees - such as our nurses and sanitation workers - should receive this lump-sum payment. AFSCME has some 1,800 City employees who are unable to work from home, deliver core services that our residents depend on, and are paid, on average, less than most other City Staff.

Sponsors: Landsman

Referred to CM for a Report

Yes: 4 - Chairperson Mann
Councilmember Goodin
Councilmember Sundermann
Chairperson Keating

No: 4 - Vice Chair Seelbach
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Young

Adopt

Yes: 6 - Vice Chair Seelbach
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Goodin
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Young
Chairperson Keating

No: 2 - Chairperson Mann
Councilmember Sundermann

4. [202100293](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Landsman, **WE MOVE** that the Administration draft legislation, if necessary, to allow the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to create a formal internal policy to best leverage the City's debt forgiveness capacity, in order to 1. Better preserve existing affordable housing, and 2. Help finance new affordable housing options in the City.

Sponsors: Landsman

Referred to CM for a Report

Yes: 4 - Chairperson Mann
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Sundermann
Chairperson Keating

No: 4 - Vice Chair Seelbach
Councilmember Goodin
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Young

Adopt

Yes: 7 - Chairperson Mann
Vice Chair Seelbach
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Goodin
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Young
Chairperson Keating

No: 1 - Councilmember Sundermann

5. [202100295](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Landsman, Last year, the City of Cincinnati created a financial forgiveness program for Greater Cincinnati Waterworks' low-income customers. This project - enabled by our City's "Home Rule" - gave direct relief to struggling families amidst the Coronavirus pandemic. The Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD), however, has split possession; Hamilton County owns MSD, the City of Cincinnati runs it. Due to this arrangement, the City is barred from exploring any meaningful relief programs for low-income rate-payers, and the County has to spend millions on outside consultants and lawyers to perform its role in the MSD relationship. **WE MOVE** that the Administration conduct a report on the potential savings for low-income ratepayers if MSD were able to leverage the City's Home Rule advantage, as well as the savings associated with the aforementioned millions in outside consultants and lawyers with an updated relationship between the City and County. By conducting such a report, we could better determine the positive impacts of an updated partnership between the City and County.

Sponsors: Landsman

Adopt

Yes: 8 - Chairperson Mann
Vice Chair Seelbach
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Goodin
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Sundermann
Councilmember Young
Chairperson Keating

6. [202100278](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Sundermann and Keating, **WE MOVE** that the Administration prioritize in the FY22 budget funding for 40 recruits for Fire Recruit Class #118 to ensure that start date is no later than July 1, 2021, and for 40 recruits for Fire Recruit Class #119 to target a start date of April 1, 2022. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that the Administration continue to pursue SAFER grant funding opportunities when available to assist in offsetting the cost of these recruit classes. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Sponsors: Sundermann and Keating

Held

7. [202100270](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/27/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grants in an amount up to \$10,000 from the Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation Sports Matter Community Grants Program for the purpose of funding youth programs at the Price Hill Community Center and the Millvale Community Center.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

8. [202100272](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/27/2021, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x212347, "Kirby & Bruce Safety Improvement Grants," for the purpose of providing grant resources for the realignment of the existing intersection at Kirby Avenue and Bruce Avenue to reduce crashes and improve safety; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate safety improvement grant resources (CFDA #20.205) in an amount up to \$126,000 from the Ohio Department of Transportation to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x212347, "Kirby & Bruce Safety Improvement Grants," for the purpose of providing resources for roadway safety improvements (PID 111252) at the existing intersection of Kirby Avenue and Bruce Avenue to reduce crashes and improve safety; and further **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

9. [202100274](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/27/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of the sum of \$2,297,961 within the General Fund from and to various operating budget accounts for the purpose of providing funds to reconcile Early Retirement Incentive Program (ERIP) savings and to provide for the ongoing needs of City departments in accordance with the attached Schedule of Transfer.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

ADJOURNMENT

The Budget and Finance Committee adjourned at 1:42 p.m.