



# City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

## Committee Meeting Minutes - Final

### Public Safety & Governance

*Councilmember Scotty Johnson, Chair*  
*Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, Vice Chair*  
*Councilmember Mark Jeffreys*  
*Councilmember Liz Keating*

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Tuesday, August 1, 2023

9:00 AM

Council Chambers, Room 300

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Councilmember Scotty Johnson called the Public Safety & Governance Committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 3 - Councilmember Johnson  
Liz Keating  
Mark Jeffreys  
**Absent:** 1 - Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney

Vice Mayor Kearney was excused from the meeting.

Also in attendance from the administration was Lieutenant Elena Comeaux from the Police Department and Assistant City Solicitor Jon Vogt from the Law Department and Clerk to the Committee Robert Neely.

The following filled out a Speakers Card to speak during the meeting: Justin Phillips

Also the following registered to speak remotely during the meeting: Derrick Blassingame registered to speak but did not login during the meeting.

#### AGENDA

1. [202301806](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Keating, **WE MOVE** for the Law Department to begin drafting an ordinance updating the City Charter with provisions on ballot initiatives to allow for more public transparency and longer timeframes for the Law Department to prepare ballot initiatives for a Council vote. **WE FURTHER MOVE** the Law Department makes the appropriate changes to the Charter to require a petitioner to file final ballot measure language with the Clerk of Council prior to collecting any signatures. This should follow the mold set by the City of Columbus: a clear title to the ordinance along with a singular subject matter. This should be paired with fixing the ambiguous language within the City Charter regarding candidate petitions and their affidavits. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

**Sponsors:** Keating

**Adopt**

**Yes:** 3 - Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Jeffreys

**Absent:** 1 - Vice Mayor Kearney

2. [202301754](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/20/2023, **AUTHORIZING** interactive archery demonstration ranges, hunting bow and crossbow displays, and the display of a firearm as the grand prizes of a raffle during the 2024 Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl Expo at the Duke Energy Convention Center from January 19 through 21, 2024, notwithstanding the prohibitions in Cincinnati Municipal Code Sections 708-41 and 708-27 against possession and use of a deadly or dangerous weapon within any City building and against discharge of any dangerous weapon in the City.

**Sponsors:** City Manager

**Recommend Passage**

3. [202301635](#) **ORDINANCE**, submitted by Councilmember Parks, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 100, "Mayor," Chapter 101, "Council," Chapter 323, "Small Business Enterprise and Local Business Enterprise Programs," Chapter 408 "Drivers' Licenses for Public Vehicles," Chapter 506, "Operation and Right of Way," Chapter 508, "Stopping and Parking," Chapter 514, "Parking Permits," Chapter 515, "Parking Infractions; Collection Procedures," Chapter 729, "Waste Disposal," Chapter 850, "Advertising of Tobacco Products," Chapter 881, "Facilities for Public Assembly," Chapter 1107, "Elevator and Conveyer Equipment," Chapter 1207, "Drills," Chapter 1213, "Fireworks," Chapter 1401, "Definitions," Chapter 1421, "General Site Standards," and Chapter 1425, "Parking and Loading Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by AMENDING Section 100-1, "Qualifications of the Mayor"; Section 101-1, "Qualifications of Members of Council"; Section 101-17, "Approval of Code Changes by City Solicitor"; Section 101-27, "References to Cincinnati Municipal Code"; Section 323-27, "City Maintained Records and Reports"; Section 408-13, "Driver's Identification Card"; Section 506.69, "Stopping for School Buses"; Section 506-93, "Quiet Zones"; Section 508-12, "Parking Unreasonable Time"; Section 508-36, "Handicapped Parking, Reserved Locations on Public and Private Property"; Section 514-13, "Fee Schedule"; Section 515-11, "Parking Infraction Fines"; Section 729-7, "Setting Out Containers"; Section 850-1-P3, "Public Vehicle"; Section 881-3, "Facility for Public Assembly License"; Section 1107-01, "General"; Section 1207-21, "Fire Safety Plan and Evacuation Procedure/Living Facilities for Handicapped and Aged Persons"; Section 1213-15, "Display", Section 1401-01-T, "Transitional Housing"; Section 1421-07, "Building Projections Into Yards"; and Section 1425-31, "Parking Lot Markings," to update provisions of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to comport with current practices of the City of Cincinnati and to ensure the intended application of the law using the most current and accepted language.

**Sponsors:** Parks

**Recommend Passage**

4. [202301645](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Title VII, "General Regulations," and Title XV, "Code Compliance and Hearings," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by MODIFYING Sections 723-42, "Mobile Food Vending; Definitions," 723-6, "Revocable Street Privileges Required," 723-16, "Sidewalk Vending," and 723-50, "Mobile Food Vending; Penalties," of Chapter 723, "Streets and Sidewalks, Use Regulations," and 1501-7, "Class C Civil Offenses," and by REPEALING Sections 723-44, "Mobile Food Vending; Operating Restrictions," 723-46, "Mobile Food Vending; Applications," and 723-48, "Mobile Food Vending; Fees, Term, Transferability," of Chapter 723, "Streets and Sidewalks, Use Regulations," to clarify and better align the Cincinnati Municipal Code with best practices for regulating mobile food vending in the public right-of-way.

**Sponsors:** City Manager

**Recommend Passage**

5. [202301646](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Title VII, "General Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by AMENDING Section 765-11, "Required Terms and Conditions," of Chapter 765, "Special Events," to align the insurance and indemnification requirements for special events with best practices for risk management.

**Sponsors:** City Manager

**Recommend Passage**

6. [202301551](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **MODIFYING** Section 320-1-P2, "Primary Apprenticeable Occupation" of Chapter 320, "Compliance Guidelines for Construction Contracts Issued by Water Works and the Department of Sewers" of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to amend the definition of "Primary Apprenticeable Occupation."

**Sponsors:** Jeffreys

**Recommend Passage Emergency**

**The Public Safety & Governance Committee Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. by Councilmember Scotty Johnson. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Governance Committee is Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Robert Neely, Deputy Clerk  
Clerk to the Committee.**