



# City of Cincinnati

## Cincinnati City Council

### Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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**Wednesday, January 28, 2026      2:00 PM      Council Chambers, Room 300**

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Council convened at 2:02 P.M., Vice Mayor Jan Michele Kearney, Presiding.

#### REVISED

#### ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, President Pro Tempore  
Scotty Johnson, Councilmember Ryan James,  
Councilmember Meeka Owens, Councilmember Evan  
Nolan, Councilmember Seth Walsh, Councilmember Anna  
Albi, Councilmember Jeff Cramerding, and  
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys

In attendance were City Manager Sheryl Long, City Solicitor Emily Smart Woerner  
and Clerk of Council Anthony Covington.

**Council observed a moment of silent prayer and recited the Pledge of  
Allegiance to the Flag.**

**There being no objection, the Minutes of the previous session of council  
were Approved and Filed.**

#### MAYOR AFTAB

- 1. ORDINANCE**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$200,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2581, "Reserve for Special Events Support," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$200,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to provide one-time special events support of \$100,000 each for the Black Family Reunion and the Abercrombie Group; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$1,006,417 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3440, "Infrastructure and Capital Project Reserve," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,006,417 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to capital improvement program project account no. 981x256x262505, "Fleet Replacements" to provide resources for additional replacement fleet vehicles.

**[202600210](#)**

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

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**Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) Board of Commissioners**


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2. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint [202600173](#)  
Shawna Daniel to the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA)  
Board of Commissioners for a term of five years. This appointment is  
submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules.  
(Female/AA).

Confirmed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
President Pro Tempore Johnson  
Councilmember James  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys

**Income Tax Board of Review**

3. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint [202600189](#)  
Timothy C. Miller to the Income Tax Board of Review, pursuant to Section  
311-97(a)(vii) of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, to temporarily replace  
Board Member Matthew Lake due to a conflict of interest. This  
appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant  
to its Rules. (Male/White)

Confirmed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
President Pro Tempore Johnson  
Councilmember James  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys

**MS. KEARNEY**

4. **MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the [202600220](#)  
administration prepare a report within 30 days: Indicating findings of a  
market analysis to increase the salary range of the Deputy Clerk position  
for the City of Cincinnati. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S  
OFFICE).

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

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**CITY MANAGER**

- 5. REPORT**, dated 1/28/2026 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for TIMELESS CARES, DBA FOR APPLICANT, 3437 MONTGOMERY RD CINCINNATI OH 45207. (#08934343-1, NEW, D5) [OBJECTIONS:NONE] [202600053](#)

Filed
- 6. REPORT**, dated 1/28/2026 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Levy Premium Food Service LP, DBA Levy Premium Food Service LP - Duke Energy Convention, 525 Elm St Cincinnati OH 454202. (#05169748-14, New, D5J D6) [OBJECTIONS:None] [202600149](#)

Filed
- 7. APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, recommending the reappointment of Van Lee Sullivan to the Environmental Advisory Board for a three year appointment. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval. (Trans,Non-Binary/White) [202600163](#)

Confirmed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
President Pro Tempore Johnson  
Councilmember James  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys
- 8. APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, recommending the reappointment of Rico Blackman to the Environmental Advisory Board for a three year appointment. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval. (Male/Black) [202600164](#)

Confirmed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
President Pro Tempore Johnson  
Councilmember James  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys

- 9. APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, recommending the reappointment of Kylie Johnson to the Environmental Advisory Board for a three year appointment. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval.  
(Female/White)

[202600166](#)

Confirmed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
President Pro Tempore Johnson  
Councilmember James  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys

- 10. APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, recommending the appointment of Michael Roman to the Environmental Advisory Board for a three year appointment. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval.  
(Male/Indigenous)

[202600178](#)

Confirmed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
President Pro Tempore Johnson  
Councilmember James  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys

- 11. APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, recommending the appointment of Yasmine Allen to the Environmental Advisory Board for a one year appointment. This

[202600179](#)

appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval.  
(Female/Black)

Confirmed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
President Pro Tempore Johnson  
Councilmember James  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys

- 12. APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, recommending the appointment of Carla D. Walker to the Environmental Advisory Board for a two year appointment. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval.  
(Female/Black)

[202600180](#)

Confirmed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
President Pro Tempore Johnson  
Councilmember James  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys

- 13. APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, recommending the appointment of Megan O'Keefe to the Environmental Advisory Board for a three year appointment. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval.  
(Female/White)

[202600181](#)

Confirmed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
President Pro Tempore Johnson  
Councilmember James  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys

- 14. APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, recommending the appointment of Briana Mazzolini-Blanchard to the Environmental Advisory Board for a two year appointment. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval.  
(Female/Indigenous)

[202600182](#)

Confirmed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
President Pro Tempore Johnson  
Councilmember James  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys

- 15. REPORT**, dated 1/28/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Cincinnati Reds 2026 Season.

[202600183](#)

Filed

- 16. REPORT**, dated 1/28/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for 2026 Freedom Center Juneteenth Block Party.

[202600185](#)

Filed

- 17. REPORT**, dated 1/28/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Give Back Cincinnati Reds Opening Day 2026 at Fountain Square.

[202600186](#)

Filed

- 18. REPORT**, dated 1/28/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Redlegs Run.

[202600191](#)

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- 19. REPORT**, dated 1/28/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding FY 2025 Carryover to FY 2026 Report.

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Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

- 20. REPORT**, dated 1/28/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Department of Finance Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025 (unaudited).

[202600201](#)

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

- 21. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/28/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the policy of managing the Stabilization Funds for the City of Cincinnati.

[202600211](#)

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

- 22. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/28/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$2,761,207 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 \$2,478,755 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 \$17,763,995 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 and for one-time needs; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$5,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Department of Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x7200 to provide resources for the Cincinnati Development Fund to use for affordable housing initiatives; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office fringe benefits 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 current fiscal year; **ESTABLISHING** new balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2581 within the General Fund 050, "Reserve for Special Events Support," to provide resources for subsequent appropriation by Council for identified one-time support for special events or as part of the next annual budget cycle; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to newly established balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2581, "Reserve for Special Events Support," to provide resources for subsequent appropriation by Council for identified one-time support for special events or as part of the next annual budget cycle; **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 323-2022 which established balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3440 within the General Fund 050, "Infrastructure and Capital Project Reserve," to expand the purpose of the balance sheet reserve account to provide resources for identified one-time infrastructure

[202600212](#)

and capital projects for City-owned assets, including but not limited to fleet and other equipment, facilities, and technology; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$1,006,417 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; **ESTABLISHING** new balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2582 within the General Fund 050, "Housing and Economic Development Capital Project Reserve," to provide resources for subsequent appropriation by Council for identified one-time capital or permanent improvement projects supporting housing and economic development for identified urgent needs or as part of the next annual budget cycle; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$1,006,417 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to newly established balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2582, "Housing and Economic Development Capital Project Reserve," to provide resources for subsequent appropriation by Council for identified one-time infrastructure and capital projects supporting housing and economic development for identified urgent needs or as part of the next annual budget cycle; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$1,063,294 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,063,294 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to provide resources for Human Services funding, which was funded in FY 2025 but not encumbered before June 30, 2025.

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

- 23. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/28/2026, **APPROVING** the continued operations of the existing designated outdoor refreshment area in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, known as the "DORA at the Banks," for an additional five years pursuant to Chapter 838 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, "Outdoor Refreshment Areas."

[202600213](#)

Referred to Housing & Growth Committee

- 24. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/28/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source Fund 304, "Community Development Block Grant," of \$3,100,184.29 to close out or decrease existing project accounts according to Section A of the attached Schedule of Transfer; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$3,100,184.29 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund 304, "Community Development Block Grant," to various project accounts according to Section B of the attached Schedule of Transfer to ensure funding will be spent in a timely manner to support vital City programs.

[202600214](#)

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

- 25. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/28/2026, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262347, "Little Miami Scenic Trail PID 115291

[202600215](#)

COTF,” to provide resources to extend the existing shared-use path along Beechmont Avenue from the intersection of Elstun Road to the intersection of Ranchvale Drive in the Mount Washington neighborhood; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Clean Ohio Trails Fund grant of up to \$412,500 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (“ODNR”) to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262347, “Little Miami Scenic Trail PID 115291 COTF”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262347, “Little Miami Scenic Trail PID 115291 COTF”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary to complete the extension of the existing shared-use path along Beechmont Avenue from the intersection of Elstun Road to the intersection of Ranchvale Drive in the Mount Washington neighborhood, including but not limited to entering into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of the ODNR grant resources.

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

- 26. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/28/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Funding Agreement with Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation to facilitate acquisition of real property located at 125 Calhoun Street in the CUF neighborhood of Cincinnati; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$995,000 from the unappropriated surplus of CUF/Heights Equivalent Fund 487 (CUF/Heights TIF District) to the Department of Community and Economic Development CUF/Heights Equivalent Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 487x164x7400 to provide resources for the acquisition of real property located at 125 Calhoun Street in the CUF neighborhood of Cincinnati; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$30,000 from the unappropriated surplus of CUF/Heights Equivalent Fund 487 (CUF/Heights TIF District) to the Department of Community and Economic Development CUF/Heights Equivalent Fund personnel operating budget account no. 487x164x7100 to provide staffing resources in support of the acquisition of real property located at 125 Calhoun Street in the CUF neighborhood of Cincinnati; and further **DECLARING** expenditures from such project account related to the acquisition of real property located at 125 Calhoun Street in the CUF neighborhood of Cincinnati to be a public purpose and constitute a “Public Infrastructure Improvement” (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40(A)(8)) that will benefit and/or serve the District 8-Clifton Heights-University Heights-Fairview (CUF) District Incentive District, subject to compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>) <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business%3E>.)

[202600216](#)

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

### CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 27. REGISTRATION-UPDATED**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Katherine Ott Zehnder, Politicom Law LLP, 28 Liberty

[202600222](#)

Ship Way, Suite 2815, Sausalito, CA. 94965.

Filed

## SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

### PUBLIC SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

- 28. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, **WE MOVE** that, the Administration issue a report within sixty (60) days that: Outlines traffic citations overall and by neighborhood for 2025, and update the same for the previous four years. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202600192](#)

Adopted

**Yes:**

- Vice Mayor Kearney
- President Pro Tempore Johnson
- Councilmember James
- Councilmember Owens
- Councilmember Nolan
- Councilmember Walsh
- Councilmember Albi
- Councilmember Cramerding
- Councilmember Jeffreys

- 29. MOTION, (AMENDED)** submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys and Johnson, **WE MOVE** that, within 60 days, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) identify 2-3 sites in the City of Cincinnati that can be dedicated for Youth Football Leagues practices and games, as well as any funding that may be needed. The report should include consideration regarding the feasibility of hosting games and/or practice at the Cincinnati Police Department's Training Academy when the field is not in use. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202600193](#)

Adopted

**Yes:**

- Vice Mayor Kearney
- President Pro Tempore Johnson
- Councilmember James
- Councilmember Owens
- Councilmember Nolan
- Councilmember Walsh
- Councilmember Albi
- Councilmember Cramerding
- Councilmember Jeffreys

**No announcements at this time.**

Council adjourned at 2:38 P.M.

