



City of Cincinnati

Budget and Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Jeff Cramerding
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Scotty Johnson
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Anna Albi
Councilmember Meeka Owens
Councilmember Seth Walsh
President Pro Tem Victoria Parks
Councilmember Evan Nolan

Monday, December 9, 2024 **1:00 PM** **Council Chambers, Room 300**

ROLL CALL

Present: Mark Jeffreys
Anna Albi
Jeff Cramerding
Meeka Owens
Scotty Johnson
Seth Walsh
Victoria Parks
Evan Nolan

Absent: Jan-Michele Kearney

PRESENTATIONS

2026 Tentative Tax Budget

Karen Alder, Finance Director

Dr. Andrew Dudas, Budget Director

AGENDA

Start of Public Hearing

- 1. RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE) (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/4/2024, **ADOPTING** the Calendar Year Budget for Current Operating Expenses of the City of Cincinnati for the calendar year 2026 and submitting the same to the County Auditor.

[202402463](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

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2. **PRESENTATION** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 12/9/2024, regarding the 2026 Tentative Tax Budget Overview. [202402493](#)

Filed

End of Public Hearing

MOTION

3. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Cramerding and Albi, **WE MOVE** that the administration prepare a report in the wake of the fire and destruction of the 1,000 hands playground at Sawyer Point, resulting the damage and closure of the I-471 Danial Beard Carter Bridge. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED) [202402487](#)

Adopt

REPORT

4. **REPORT**, dated 12/4/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Finance and Budget Monitoring Report for the Period Ending September 30, 2024. [202402467](#)

Approve & File

TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS

5. **ORDINANCE**, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416 to the Cincinnati Health Department's Cincinnati Health District Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 416x261x7200 to provide one-time funding in FY 2025 to support mental health and safety services for transgender and gender non-binary youth. [202402452](#)

Recommend Passage

6. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/4/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$482.72 from various American Rescue Plan project accounts to the unappropriated surplus of the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in accordance with the attached Appropriation Schedule; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$483.65 from the unappropriated surplus of the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to ARP project account no. 469x101xARP300, "Fiscal Stability," to provide resources for fiscal stability as revenue replacement in FY 2025. [202402461](#)

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7. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/4/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$79,268.41 from the unappropriated surplus of Miscellaneous Permanent Improvement Fund 757 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x981x232522, "Fleet Replacements - Obsolete," to acquire [202402460](#)

automotive and motorized equipment funded by the sale and subrogation proceeds of obsolete automotive and motorized equipment.

Recommend Passage Emergency

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

8. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/4/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$25,000 from the Ohio Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, funded by the Ohio Department of Health, to assist in reducing lead exposure of children in high-risk communities through education and outreach activities during the Healthy Homes Awareness Month in April 2025; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

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Recommend Passage

9. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/4/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a donation of \$100 from Andrew Crosier of CWC Films to be used for a program of need as determined by the City Manager; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donation into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8572; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$100 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200.

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PUBLIC USE DEDICATION

10. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/4/2024, **DEDICATING, ACCEPTING, AND CONFIRMING** the dedication to public use of an approximately 0.0034-acre tract of real property and a 0.0165-acre tract of real property as a portion of the Carthage Court public right-of-way for street purposes in the Roselawn neighborhood of Cincinnati.

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DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

11. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/4/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Property Sale, Funding, and Development Agreement with Pleasant Ridge Development Corporation and 6100 Montgomery, LLC, pursuant to which the City will vacate and sell an approximately 0.0118-acre tract of real property designated as public right-of-way, being a portion of Ridge Avenue generally located at the southeast corner of Montgomery Road and Ridge Avenue in the Pleasant Ridge neighborhood of Cincinnati.

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WATER AREA CONTRACT

- 12. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/4/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Seventh Amendment to the Warren County Water Area Contract between the City of Cincinnati and the Board of County Commissioners of Warren County, Ohio to modify the area in the original agreement to be served by the City.

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COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT

- 13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/4/2024, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge) with Seventh Street Living, LLC, thereby authorizing a fifteen-year tax exemption for 100 percent of the value of improvements made to real property located at 36 E. Seventh Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of an existing building into mixed-use space containing approximately 2,700 square feet of commercial retail space, approximately 4,000 square feet of commercial office space, and approximately 205,214 square feet of residential space consisting of approximately 162 residential rental units, which remodeling shall be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold, or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total remodeling cost of approximately \$50,653,948. (Subject to the [Temporary Prohibition List](https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business) <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>)

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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

- 14. RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE) (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/4/2024, **DESIGNATING** specific City personnel to request advances from the Auditor of Hamilton County as required by Sections 321.34 of the Ohio Revised Code; and **REQUESTING** that the Auditor of Hamilton County draw and the Treasurer of Hamilton County pay on such draft to the Treasurer of the City of Cincinnati weekly, beginning January 6, 2025, funds derived from such taxes which may be in the county treasury to the account of the City of Cincinnati.

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ADJOURNMENT