



# **City of Cincinnati**

## **Budget and Finance Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

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

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**Tuesday, May 27, 2025**

**1:00 PM**

**Council Chambers, Room 300**

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#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mark Jeffreys  
Anna Albi  
Jan-Michele Kearney  
Jeff Cramerding  
Meeka Owens  
Scotty Johnson  
Seth Walsh  
Victoria Parks

**Absent:** Evan Nolan

**The meeting began at 1:03pm and adjourned at 3:56pm. Also in attendance were Dr. Andrew Dudas, Budget and Colleen Swim, Law Department.**

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

##### **City Manager's Recommended FY 2026-2027 Biennial Budget**

**Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager and Andrew Dudas, Budget Director**

##### **State of the Fleet**

**Liam Norton, Fleet Services Manager and Andrew Dudas, Budget Director**

##### **Cincy on Track Update**

**Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager**

**Cindy France, Facilities Manager, Department of Public Services**

**Greg Long, Interim Director, Department of Transportation and Engineering**

**Daniel Betts, Director, Cincinnati Recreation Commission**

**Jason Barron, Director, Cincinnati Parks Department**

## **AGENDA**

### **GRANTS AND DONATIONS**

1. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/21/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$10,000,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Solar for All grant program (ALN 66.959), as a subrecipient through Growth Opportunity Partners, to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to provide resources for accelerated, transformational deployment of equipment to facilitate the availability of solar energy in low-income neighborhoods; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8543, Office of Environment and Sustainability project account no. 25EPASFA, "FY 2025 EPA Solar for All Grant."  
[202501046](#)  
Recommend Passage Emergency
2. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/21/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$65,000, effective FY 2026, from the Ohio Department of Public Safety Ohio Traffic Safety Office's FY 2026 Impaired Driving Enforcement Program (ALN 20.608) to aid in reducing death and injuries resulting from vehicular accidents; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 25IDEP.  
[202500986](#)  
Recommend Passage
3. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/21/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program ("STEP") grant of up to \$70,000, effective FY 2026, from the State of Ohio Department of  
[202501044](#)

Public Safety, Ohio Traffic Safety Office (ALN 20.600), to aid in reducing deaths and injuries resulting from vehicular accidents and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the STEP grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 25STEP.

Recommend Passage

4. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/21/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$200,000, effective FY 2026, from the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Traffic Safety Office, FY 2026 Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Program (ALN 20.600), to provide resources for a Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor to provide training, education, and technical support to traffic crimes prosecutors and law enforcement agencies throughout Ohio and to develop a coordinated statewide, multidisciplinary planned approach to the prosecution of impaired driving and other traffic crimes in Ohio; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 26TSRP.

[202501045](#)

Recommend Passage

5. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/21/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for various grants totaling up to \$6,000,000 including federal Surface Transportation Block Grant and Transportation Alternatives (ALN 20.205) grant programs awarded by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments; Metro Transit Infrastructure Fund grants awarded by Cincinnati Metro; grants awarded by the Ohio Public Works Commission; and Municipal Road Fund grants awarded by Hamilton County, with all grant resources awarded to be used to fund various City road, bridge, pedestrian, and bicycle construction projects.

[202501048](#)

Recommend Passage

6. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/21/2025, AMENDING Ordinance No. 70-2025 to correctly identify the donor of an in-kind donation valued at up to \$35,200 in support of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and the Radio One Spring Fling

[202501047](#)

2025 Festival Event on April 19, 2025.

Recommend Passage Emergency

### **MUNICIPAL CODE MODIFICATIONS**

7. ORDINANCE (B VERSION) (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/27/2025, MODIFYING Chapter 307, "Classified Compensation Schedules," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by AMENDING Sections 040, 155, 984, 993, 114 and 074 of Division D5 to ensure that the classification titles and salary ranges of Budget Director, Human Resources Director, Director of Community and Economic Development, Director of Procurement, Director of Economic Inclusion, and the Citizen Complaint Authority Director are consistent with internal equity and each position's level of responsibility. [202501086](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

### **COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX AGREEMENT**

8. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/27/2025, APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with Kam Investing, LLC and O'Rourke Wrecking Company, thereby authorizing a fifteen-year tax exemption for 100 percent of the value of improvements made to real property located at 660 Lunken Park Drive in the Linwood neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling and expansion of an existing building into approximately 22,178 square feet of commercial space, consisting of a new headquarters building for O'Rourke Wrecking Company, at a total construction cost of approximately \$4,274,000. [202501084](#)

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### **TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS**

9. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/14/2025, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$250,000 from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, "Discretionary Reserve," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050, and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$250,000 [202500987](#)

from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to provide one-time funds for a grocery delivery pilot program as a Financial Freedom Initiative.

indefinite postponement

- 10. ORDINANCE (B VERSION) (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/21/2025, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$250,000 from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, "Discretionary Reserve," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050, and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to provide one-time funds for a grocery delivery pilot program as a Financial Freedom Initiative.

[202501053](#)

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### **PRESENTATIONS**

- 11. PRESENTATION**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 5/27/2025, regarding the City Manager's Recommended FY 2026-2027 Biennial Budget.

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- 12. PRESENTATION**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 5/27/2025, regarding City Manager's Recommended FY 2026-2027 Biennial Budget - State of the Fleet.

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- 13. PRESENTATION**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 5/27/2025, regarding the City Manager's Recommended FY 2026-2027 Biennial Budget - Cincy On Track (COT) Update.

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