



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Thursday, February 23, 2023 2:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:02 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, Councilmember Liz Keating, Councilmember Jeff Cramerding, Councilmember Mark Jeffreys, Councilmember Scotty Johnson, Councilmember Meeka Owens, President Pro Tempore Victoria Parks, Councilmember Seth Walsh, and Councilmember Reggie Harris

In attendance were City Manager Sheryl Long, City Solicitor Emily Woerner and Clerk of Council Melissa Autry.

Councilmember Harris was excused today's meeting and Councilmember Parks arrived at 2:20 P.M.

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

There being no objection, the Minutes of the previous session of Council were ordered Approved and Filed.

MAYOR AFTAB

Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Board

1. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Pete Metz to the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Board to fill the unexpired term of Brendon Cull, expiring on December 16, 2023. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White)

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Held one week pursuant to rule of council

MR. JEFFREYS

MR. CRAMERDING

MR. HARRIS

MR. WALSH

2. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys, Cramerding, Harris and Walsh, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **EXPRESSING** the support of the Mayor and City Council of the efforts of Amazon workers at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport to form a union.

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Held

MR. JEFFREYS

MS. OWENS

MR. JOHNSON

MR. WALSH

3. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys, Owens, Johnson and Walsh, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **EXPRESSING** the support of the Mayor and Cincinnati City Council for the people of East Palestine, Ohio and the need for urgency to improve safety on railroads.

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Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: Councilmember Harris
Enactment No: 0010-2023

MS. KEARNEY

4. **MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** for the City Administration to prepare a report on the creation of an Office of Safety Management under the City Manager's Office in order to coordinate and support anti-gun violence efforts and programs in the City of Cincinnati. The Office of Safety Management would be responsible for assessing the existence and efficacy of ongoing anti-violence efforts in Cincinnati, determining gaps in services, needs for support, making recommendations for additional actions and funding, and coordinating efforts among agencies and groups.

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Referred to Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee

CITY MANAGER

5. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/23/2023, **MODIFYING** Chapter 306, "General

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Compensation Provisions," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by AMENDING Section 306-7, "Special Salary Provisions," Section 306-11, "Increases and Reclassifications," and Section 306-13, "Transfers and Promotions," to conform the Cincinnati Municipal Code to evolving trends in the labor market.

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

6. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/23/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for and accept funds in an amount up to \$2,000 from the Ohio Department of Development's TechCred Credential Reimbursement Program for eligible costs incurred by the Cincinnati Police Department in providing its employees with technology-focused credentials; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the reimbursed funds into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8533.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

7. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/23/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant funds from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) in the amount of up to \$10,000 for the purpose of reimbursing the costs incurred by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works to purchase valve exercising equipment needed to meet the new Ohio EPA public water system asset management program requirements; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit any such grant funds received into Water Works Fund No. 101x8527.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

8. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/23/2023, **AMENDING** the official zoning map of the City of Cincinnati to rezone certain real property located at 2380 Nova Avenue in the Westwood neighborhood from the CG-A, "Commercial General-Auto-oriented," zoning district to the SF-6, "Single-Family," zoning district to permit the restoration of an existing structure to single-family residential use. (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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Referred to Equitable Growth & Housing Committee

9. **RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/23/2023, **DECLARING** the need for emergency repairs that have been made to sidewalks, sidewalk areas, curbs, and/or gutters at a variety of locations in the City and the need for levying assessments for the cost of such repairs on the abutting properties in accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code Sections 721-149 to 721-169.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

10. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/23/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute two Lease Agreements with Signature Engines, Inc. pursuant to which the City will extend the company's use and occupancy of Lunken Airport Lease Area 23 and Lease Area 24 for up to an additional 20 years.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 11. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/23/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to vacate and convey to Experimental Holdings, Inc. certain portions of an unnamed alley designated as public right-of-way generally located between Walworth Avenue and Columbia Parkway in the Columbia Tusculum and East End neighborhoods of Cincinnati.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 12. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/23/2023, **AMENDING** the official zoning map of the City of Cincinnati to rezone the real property located at 644-664 Crown Street in the Walnut Hills neighborhood from the T5N.LS-O "Transect Zone 5 Neighborhood Large Setback, Open Sub-Zone," zoning district to the T5N.SS-O, "Transect Zone 5 Neighborhood Small Setback, Open Sub-Zone," zoning district to allow for the construction of attached single-family rowhouses. (Subject to the [Temporary Prohibition List](#) <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>)

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Referred to Equitable Growth & Housing Committee

- 13. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/23/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager and the Director of Greater Cincinnati Water Works to enter into a contract for the 2022-2023 Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Lining project, notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 320, "Compliance Guidelines for Construction Contracts Issued by Water Works and the Department of Sewers," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 14. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Colleen Reynolds, Government Affairs, Partner, 225 E 5th Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (LEVY ENTERTAINMENT)

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Filed

- 15. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Colleen Reynolds, Government Affairs, Partner, 225 E 5th Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (JEWISH FEDERATION OF CINCINNATI)

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Filed

- 16. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Matt Davis, Government Affairs, President, 225 E 5th Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (LEVY ENTERTAINMENT)

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Filed

- 17. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Matt Davis, Government Affairs, President, 225 E 5th Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (JEWISH FEDERATION OF CINCINNATI)

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Filed

- 18. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Annalese Cahill, Government Affairs, Government Relations Associate, 225 E 5th Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (LEVY ENTERTAINMENT) [202300678](#)

Filed

- 19. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Annalese Cahill, Government Affairs, Government Relations Associate, 225 E 5th Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (JEWISH FEDERATION OF CINCINNATI) [202300679](#)

Filed

- 20. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Charles H. Gerhardt, III, Government Strategies Group, President & CEO, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (PURE ROMANCE) [202300681](#)

Filed

- 21. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Charles H. Gerhardt, III, Government Strategies Group, President & CEO, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (THE NANCY & DAVID WOLF HOLOCAUST & HUMANITY CENTER) [202300682](#)

Filed

- 22. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent James T. Benedict, Government Strategies Group, Vice President, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (THE NANCY & DAVID WOLF HOLOCAUST & HUMANITY CENTER) [202300683](#)

Filed

- 23. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Anne C. Sesler, Government Strategies Group, Director of Public Affairs, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (THE NANCY & DAVID WOLF HOLOCAUST & HUMANITY CENTER) [202300684](#)

Filed

- 24. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Ali Trianfo, Government Strategies Group, Director of Operations and Community Affairs, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (THE NANCY & DAVID WOLF HOLOCAUST & HUMANITY CENTER) [202300685](#)

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BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 25. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/8/2023, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with Condominium Holdings, LLC, an affiliate of Cincinnati City Center Development Corporation, commonly known as 3CDC, [202300559](#)

thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements to real property located at 1428 Vine Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of the first floors of two existing buildings into approximately 2,486 square feet of ground floor commercial space, at a total construction cost of approximately \$466,444.

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: Councilmember Harris
Enactment No: 0057-2023

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: Councilmember Harris
Enactment No: 0057-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: Councilmember Harris
Enactment No: 0057-2023

26. ORDINANCE, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/15/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a plat entitled Water Main Easement Vacation Plat E-679-Q to release and quitclaim a portion of a public utility easement held by the City of Cincinnati for the use and benefit of Greater Cincinnati Water Works for a water main and associated appurtenances located in and upon certain real property located in the J. Eggleston Military Survey No. 609, Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio.

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Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh

Absent: Councilmember Harris
 Enactment No: 0058-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh

Absent: Councilmember Harris
 Enactment No: 0058-2023

27. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/15/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant awarded by the Bloomberg Initiative for Cycling Infrastructure, in partnership with the Global Design Cities Initiative, in an amount of up to \$1,000,000 for the purpose of constructing facilities on Martin Luther King Drive between Clifton Avenue and Vine Street in the CUF and Corryville neighborhoods.

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Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: Councilmember Harris
Enactment No: 0059-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: Councilmember Harris
Enactment No: 0059-2023

28. REPORT, dated 2/21/2023, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the City of Cincinnati Fiscal Year 2022 Audit Overview/Results.

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Approved & Filed

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

PUBLIC SAFETY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

29. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/15/2023, **MODIFYING** the salary range schedule for the classification of Municipal Worker by amending existing Section 932 of Division 4, Chapter 307 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, in order to establish a new salary range schedule for said classification.

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Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: Councilmember Harris
Enactment No: 0060-2023

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: Councilmember Harris
Enactment No: 0060-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: Councilmember Harris
Enactment No: 0060-2023

30. MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Owens and Johnson, **WE MOVE** for the City Administration to provide a report within the next thirty (30) days on the feasibility, cost, logistics, and any other necessary analysis on expanding the Cincinnati Police Department’s gun lock distribution program to include the City’s Recreation Centers, Health Facilities, Fire Facilities, and City Hall as locations for distribution. The Administration should also consider community partnerships that will help

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expand accessibility beyond City Facilities. The report should also address if any additional resources are needed to replenish the supply of gun locks. Based on the availability of City resources, the report should also include recommendations for how to prioritize which facilities received gun locks for distribution, with a particular focus on access to resources in the Top 10 neighborhoods for gun violence. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh

Absent: Councilmember Harris

- 31. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Walsh and Owens, **WE MOVE** for the Administration to engage with business owners who operate in the area around Green and Pleasant Streets in Over-the-Rhine, who may be impacted by the expansion of the residential parking permit program approved by Ordinance No. 362-2022 (Attachment A). This community engagement should be carried out alongside the recommendations that will be submitted in response to Motion No. 2022-02004 (Attachment B). The value and history that Findlay Market plays in the fabric of the small business community in Cincinnati cannot be measured. The businesses that set up shop there are crucial to the vibrant energy that Findlay has created. We must ensure that these small businesses have access from citizens who use all modes of transportation to come and shop.

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Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh

Absent: Councilmember Harris

HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

- 32. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/15/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to design, install, and

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maintain artwork in Rapid Run Park and the Dunham Recreation Complex in the West Price Hill neighborhood as an art installation, notwithstanding any conflicting rules or regulations of the Board of Park Commissioners or the Cincinnati Recreation Commission or any provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code that would prohibit the installation and maintenance of the artwork.

Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh

Absent: Councilmember Harris
 Enactment No: 0061-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh

Absent: Councilmember Harris
 Enactment No: 0061-2023

- 33. MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney and Councilmembers Parks and Walsh, **WE MOVE** that the City Administration create a bonding program for MBE and WBE contractors who have proven themselves with the City through previous project completions in order to overcome one of the major barriers to equitable opportunities. The City Administration should consider self-bonding, working with bonding agencies and/or co-signing for first-time bonds when the MBE and WBE company meets the City's pre-determined qualifications such as *successfully* completing projects for the City totaling at least \$1 million and limiting the upper end of our bonding threshold. Successful completion of projections should be clearly defined as approval by the City Manager's Office. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that City Council receive a report at quarterly on MBEs and WBEs that have participated in the City's bonding program, and the status of the projects, in order to assess the efficacy of the City's bonding program. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

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Held

- 34. MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney and Councilmember Parks, **WE MOVE** that City administration work with 3CDC, the Master Developer for the City of Cincinnati's Convention Center District Development Project, to increase opportunities for minority and women contractors, including establishing a minority/women contractor mentorship program to augment agreed upon diversity and inclusion goals for the Convention Center District Development Project and create pathways to growth for minority and women contractors. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

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Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh

Absent: Councilmember Harris

- 35. RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Harris, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** Jeremy K. Smith as a 2023 City of Cincinnati Black History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cincinnati for his service to the Black community and decades of work broadening career opportunities for others in the City of Cincinnati.

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Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh

Absent: Councilmember Harris
 Enactment No: 0011-2023

- 36. RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Harris, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** Bonita Campbell as a 2023 City of Cincinnati Black History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for her decades of continuous leadership and work on housing and family

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services in the City of Cincinnati, and especially in the City's Black community.

Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: Councilmember Harris
Enactment No: 0012-2023

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 2:39 P.M.