



# City of Cincinnati

## Cincinnati City Council

### Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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**Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

**2:00 PM**

**Council Chambers, Room 300**

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Council convened at 2:23 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

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

Councilmember Cramerding was absent from today's meeting.

Council had a late start due to the large attendance for public comment.

**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**

#### **MR. JEFFREYS**

- 1. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval and Councilmember Jeffreys, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$197,197.76 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x222390, "Red Bike Program Expansion," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$197,197.76 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Department of Transportation and Engineering FY 2024 non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x232x7200 to provide one-time recourses for operating support to allow Red Bike d/b/a Cincy Bike Share, Inc. to continue to operate in the City. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>).

**[202400993](#)**

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

**MS. PARKS**

2. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Parks, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** Rosemary Eison-Tanks as a 2024 National Women's History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and this Council for her contributions to and passion for the youth of Cincinnati.

[202401030](#)

Held

**MR. WALSH****MS. KEARNEY**

3. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Walsh and Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** Karen Jahnke as a 2024 Women's History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for her dedication to improving the lives of Cincinnatians.

[202401046](#)

Passed

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Harris  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** Councilmember Cramerding  
Enactment No: 0028-2024

**MS. KEARNEY****MS. ALBI****MR. HARRIS**

4. **MOTION (AMENDED)**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, Councilmembers Albi, Harris, and Johnson **WE MOVE** that the **City Administration** apply for FEMA funding for a geotechnical study for the ravine behind Hewitt Crescent **Circle** through their Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities grant. If awarded, this grant would require a 25% match in funding from the City. (Amended on the floor of committee 4-8-24).

[202401024](#)

Referred to Budget &amp; Finance Committee

**CITY MANAGER**

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5. **REPORT**, dated 4/3/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Festival 513. [202400980](#)

Filed

6. **REPORT**, dated 4/3/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Cincinnati Walks for Kids 2024. [202400989](#)

Filed

7. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/3/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Compost & Food Waste Reduction Grant (ALN 10.935) of up to \$400,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture (the "USDA Grant") to support diverting food loss and waste from landfills, increasing food recovery and transformation, and creating compost; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the USDA Grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 revenue account no. 436x8543; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund of \$100,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x231029, "Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives - GF"; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$100,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to provide matching resources for the USDA Grant. [202400994](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

8. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/3/2024, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account nos. 980x233x242372, "WHV OKI STBG 2020 HC Match," 980x233x242373, "WHV OKI STBG 2021 HC Match," 980x233x242374, "WHV TRAC 2021 HC Match," and 980x233x242375, "WHV Earmark 2022 HC Match"; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate contributions from Hamilton County up to \$3,500,000 to be used as fifty percent of the required local match for federal grants, in accordance with the attached Schedule of Appropriation; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit up to \$3,500,000 from Hamilton County to the various newly established capital improvement program project accounts set forth in the attached Schedule of Appropriation; **AMENDING** Ordinance 8-2022 to reconcile a difference between Ordinance 8-2022 and the project grant agreement for the scheduled payment of funds awarded to the Western Hills Viaduct project; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to transfer and appropriate up to \$8,200,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund No. 401, "Transit Infrastructure Fund Grants," to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x222392, "Western Hills Viaduct Transit Grant"; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary and enter into any agreements necessary to accept these grant and matching resources. [202400995](#)

## Referred to Budget &amp; Finance Committee

9. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/3/2024, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242378, "Hopple St Viaduct Preventative Maint - LMB," to provide resources for the design, construction, and right-of-way acquisition associated with the major preventative maintenance work on the Hopple Street Viaduct; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant up to \$9,040,000 from the Ohio Department of Transportation Local Major Bridge program (ALN 20.205) to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242378, "Hopple St Viaduct Preventative Maint - LMB"; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242378, "Hopple St Viaduct Preventative Maint - LMB"; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

[202400996](#)

## Referred to Budget &amp; Finance Committee

10. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/3/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$35,395 from the Ohio Urban Transit Program awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to the Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 to provide funds for preventative maintenance on the streetcar system; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Streetcar Operations Fund 455 revenue account no. 455x8534.

[202400997](#)

## Referred to Budget &amp; Finance Committee

11. **REPORT**, dated 4/3/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Hillside Overlay District issue spotting. (Ref. Doc. #202301262)

[202401016](#)

## Referred to Climate, Environment &amp; Infrastructure Committee

12. **REPORT**, dated 4/3/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding fee waivers for community organizations applying for zoning map amendments. (Ref. Doc. #202301902)

[202401017](#)

## Referred to Equitable Growth &amp; Housing Committee

**CLERK OF COUNCIL**

13. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Markiea Linnea Carter/Community and Economic Development/Director.

[202401011](#)

Filed

14. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Lydgia S. Sartor/Interim Deputy Director.

[202401012](#)

Filed

- 15. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Angela Strunc/DOTE/Division Manager. [202401013](#)  
Filed
- 16. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Douglas Moormann, Development Strategies Group, Vice President, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (Saul Urban/310 Race St. Partners) [202401014](#)  
Filed
- 17. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Douglas Moormann, Development Strategies Group, Vice President, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (CORE SPACES) [202401015](#)  
Filed

### BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 18. ORDINANCE**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/27/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,814,329 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (ALN 97.044) to provide resources for the purchase of a heavy rescue apparatus and for professional development training for career firefighters; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Fire Grants and Donations Fund 472, revenue account no. 472x8542. [202400934](#)
- Passed
- Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Harris  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens
- Absent:** Councilmember Cramerding  
Enactment No: 0111-2024

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** Councilmember Cramerding  
 Enactment No: 0111-2024

- 19. ORDINANCE**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/27/2024 **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of \$150,000 from the Talent for Tomorrow Digital Equity Challenge through the United States Conference of Mayors in collaboration with Comcast’s Project UP to establish a paid cooperative program for information technology (IT) positions within the City’s Enterprise Technology Solutions (ETS) and Office of Performance and Data Analytics (OPDA); and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Citizens Jobs Fund revenue account no. 308x8571.

[202400935](#)

Passed

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** Councilmember Cramerding  
 Enactment No: 0112-2024

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** Councilmember Cramerding  
Enactment No: 0112-2024

- 20. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/27/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x241916, "Ohio River Trail - ODNR RTP Grant," to provide grant resources for the construction of a foot trail connecting a segment of the Ohio River Trail into a complete loop; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$150,000 from the State of Ohio, Ohio Department of Natural Resources Recreation Trails Program (ALN 20.219) to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x241916, "Ohio River Trail - ODNR RTP Grant"; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant resources of up to \$150,000 into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x241916, "Ohio River Trail - ODNR RTP Grant."

[202400938](#)

Passed Emergency

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Harris  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** Councilmember Cramerding  
Enactment No: 0113-2024

Emergency clause to remain

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Harris  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** Councilmember Cramerding  
Enactment No: 0113-2024

Suspension of the three readings



**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** Councilmember Cramerding  
 Enactment No: 0113-2024

- 21. ORDINANCE**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/27/2024, **ESTABLISHING** capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242347, "River Rd Crossings Safety Imprvmnts - CRISI," for the purpose of rebuilding existing traffic signals with railroad pre-emption, making equipment improvements at grade crossings, and increasing storage capacity for vehicles exiting the Anderson Ferry onto River Road; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources of up to \$6,067,200 awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration under the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program (ALN 20.325) to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242347, "River Rd Crossings Safety Imprvmnts - CRISI"; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242347, "River Rd Crossings Safety Imprvmnts - CRISI."

[202400940](#)

Passed

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** Councilmember Cramerding  
 Enactment No: 0114-2024

Suspension of the three readings



**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Harris  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** Councilmember Cramerding  
Enactment No: 0114-2024

**22. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Councilmember Owens, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager and the employees of the Office of Councilmember Owens to solicit and accept donations of money, in-kind contributions, and other things of value from the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors, and other available sources to host Human Services Day; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit funds donated to the City for Human Services Day into Fund No. 314, "Special Events."

[202400967](#)

Passed Emergency

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Harris  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** Councilmember Cramerding  
Enactment No: 0115-2024

Emergency clause to remain

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Harris  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** Councilmember Cramerding

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Enactment No: 0115-2024

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** Councilmember Cramerding  
 Enactment No: 0115-2024

- 23. MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, Mayor Aftab Pureval and Councilmember Jeffreys, **WE MOVE** that Cincinnati City Council reallocate and approve the transfer of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from the Housing Stability Capital Account to the General Fund to provide payment assistance to eligible Cincinnati homeowners for the past due property taxes for owner-occupied 1-4 family residences. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202400924](#)

Adopted

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** Councilmember Cramerding

### SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

#### PUBLIC SAFETY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

- 24. RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE) (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/27/2024, **OBJECTING** to the renewal of the D5J and D6 liquor permit number 5931167 applied for by Midwest Textiles Warehouse, LLC d/b/a Drip Coffee Lounge to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control.

[202400936](#)

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Harris  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** Councilmember Cramerding

**25. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Johnson **WE MOVE** that the City Administration remain committed to the terms of the Plush settlement and additional improvements at the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) that enhance the center’s operation and staff morale, including ongoing support of the recently established Peer Support Team, a Quality Assurance program, and efforts to achieve the status of an accredited center. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that the City Administration remain dedicated to continuous improvement of ECC, leveraging data to identify areas of improvement and implementing strategies to enhance performance, with regular and transparent public reporting.

[202401010](#)

Adopted

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Harris  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** Councilmember Cramerding

**No announcements at this time.**

Council adjourned at 3:01 P.M.