



City of Cincinnati

Budget and Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson David Mann
Vice Chair Chris Seelbach
Councilmember Steve Goodin
Councilmember Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Liz Keating
Councilmember Greg Landsman
Councilmember Betsy Sundermann
Councilmember Wendell Young

Monday, April 26, 2021

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

PUBLIC HEARING

Rollcall

Present: Chairperson Mann
Jan-Michele Kearney
Greg Landsman
Betsy Sundermann
Liz Keating

Absent: Steve Goodin

Remote: Vice Chair Chris Seelbach
Wendell Young

AGENDA

1. [202101534](#)
ORDINANCE, dated 04/22/2021, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, REPEALING, Ordinance No. 390-2020 in order to revoke the designation of Bellevue Avenue from William H. Taft Road to Oak Street located in the Corryville neighborhood as a Residential Parking Permit Area.

Held
2. [202101449](#)
ORDINANCE submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 4/21/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$95,035 from the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (CFDA No. 97.044) to Fire Grants Fund 472 for the purpose of funding the purchase of a gear washer and extractor and six gear drying cabinets for the Cincinnati Fire Department.

Recommend Passage

Enactment No: 0138-2021

3. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 4/21/2021, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge)* with Melrose IHNGC Limited Partnership, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 835-849 Oak Street in the Walnut Hills neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the construction of a new building comprised of approximately 595 square feet of office space and approximately 26,204 square feet of residential space, consisting of 26 affordable residential rental units, which construction 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 construction cost of approximately \$3,592,000.

[202101475](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

Enactment No: 0139-2021

4. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 4/21/2021, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement* with MKRB 1 LLC, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 1646 Vine Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of the existing building into approximately 1,200 square feet of commercial retail space and approximately 5,250 square feet of residential space, consisting of 8 apartments, at a total remodeling cost of approximately \$138,480.

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Recommend Passage Emergency

Enactment No: 0140-2021

5. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 4/21/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Lease Agreement* with UC Health, LLC, pursuant to which the City will lease for up to sixty-two years a portion of Goodman Street located west of Burnet Avenue, a portion of Highland Avenue located north of Piedmont Avenue, and certain other real property used for transportation purposed in the Corryville neighborhood.

[202101477](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

Enactment No: 0141-2021

6. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 4/21/2021, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement* with 1923 Elm, LLC, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 1923-1927 Elm Street and 205-207 Henry Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of an existing building into approximately 13,398 square feet of commercial space, consisting of a 20-room boutique hotel, which

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remodeling shall be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy Environmental Design Silver, Gold, or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, a total construction cost of approximately \$4,147,682.

Recommend Passage Emergency

Enactment No: 0142-2021

- 7. ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 4/21/2021, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 730, "Commercial Waste Franchises," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by AMENDING Section 730-1-A, "Applicant," Section 730-1-C2, "Clean Hard Fill," Section 730-1-C3, "Commercial Waste," Section 730-1-C6, "Construction and Demolition Debris," Section 730-1-R, "Recyclable Materials," Section 730-3, "Applicability; Requirement for Franchise; Term of Franchise," Section 730-5, "General Provisions," Section 730-7, "Award of Franchises," Section 730-9, "Basis for Award of Franchise," Section 730-19, "Bond Requirements," Section 730-21, "Insurance Requirements," and Section 730-25, "Methods of Solid Waste Collection"; ORDAINING new Sections 730-1-C2, "Clean Hard Fill," 730-1-L, "Legitimate Recycling Facility," 730-1-R2, "Recycling," and 730-27, "Program Rules and Regulations,"; and REPEALING Section 730-1-D, "Department," to clarify the definition of "commercial waste" and the application process for franchisees.

[202101481](#)

Recommend Passage

Yes: Chairperson Mann
Vice Chair Seelbach
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Young
Chairperson Keating

No: Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Goodin
Enactment No: 0143-2021

- 8. ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 4/21/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to extend the term of existing commercial waste collection service franchise agreements between the City and commercial waste collection service franchisees for two additional one-year periods, notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 730 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, in order to align the terms of existing franchise agreements with those of prospective franchise agreements to be executed in 2021.

[202101482](#)

Recommend Passage

Yes: Chairperson Mann
Vice Chair Seelbach
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Young
Chairperson Keating

No: Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Goodin
Enactment No: 0144-2021

9. FYI MEMO, dated 03/24/2021, submitted by Councilmember Mann, from Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding Funding Priorities for Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. [202101272](#)
- Held
10. FYI MEMO, dated 04/08/2021, submitted by Councilmember Mann, from Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding Funding Priorities for Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund - Additional Details. [202101408](#)
- Held
11. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Sundermann, Kearney and Keating, **WE MOVE** that the Administration draft an ordinance to provide \$60,000 to The Salvation Army of Southwest Ohio and Northeast Kentucky's Anti-Human Trafficking Program and End Slavery Cincinnati to support their work conducting outreach to identify and serve human trafficking victims within the City of Cincinnati. The source of these funds should be anticipated relief funds from the American Rescue Plan. (STATEMENT ATTACHED) [202101499](#)
- Held
12. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Goodin, Vice Mayor Smitherman and Councilmember Sundermann, Each year, Council offices receive several requests from constituents for "speed humps" to slow down traffic on the streets where they live. Unfortunately, due to budget constraints, the Department of Transportation Engineering's (DOTE) Neighborhood Street Calming Program that provides the speed humps has not been funded since FY2018. **WE MOVE** that \$100,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act be allocated to fund the DOTE's Neighborhood Street Calming Program for 2022. [202101309](#)
- Held
13. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, **WE MOVE** that City Council allocate \$350,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act to the non-profit organization, The Mark, created by to assist with the stabilization and purchase of St. Mark Church, 3500 Montgomery Rd. in Evanston. (STATEMENT ATTACHED). [202101310](#)

Held

14. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, **WE MOVE** that City Council fund the City's HARBOR (Homeowner Assistance Repairs and Building Order Remission) program with \$2 million from the American Rescue Plan Act to give financial assistance to low-income and moderate-income, owner-occupied homeowners who receive housing code violations on their property. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that the HARBOR program continue to work with People Working Cooperatively and maintain the HARBOR program's existing guidelines with one addition: The Department of Building & Inspections will consider including a provision where homeowners at or greater than 80% of the Area Median Income as determined by HUD are required to pay back the funds provided to them from the HARBOR Fund, so that such funds are distributed to them as a low-interest loan. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202101311](#)

Held

15. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, **WE MOVE** for the City Council to deposit \$50 million from the American Rescue Plan Act funds into the City of Cincinnati's Affordable Housing Trust Fund that was established in 2018 from the sale of the Norfolk Railroad. **WE FURTHER MOVE** for each neighborhood community council annually to consider and recommend the transfer to the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund, a portion of the 25 percent of the neighborhood's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) dollars reserved for affordable housing. **WE FURTHER MOVE** for each neighborhood community council annually to consider and recommend the transfer to the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund a portion of the neighborhood's Voluntary Tax Incentive Contribution Agreement (VTICA) funds reserved for affordable housing. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202101312](#)

Held

16. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Goodin, **WE MOVE** that monies from the American Rescue Plan Act be allocated to fund the below neighborhood projects in an amount to be determined: Camp Washington Road Infrastructure Improvements for bike lane development, street repaving, restriping and sidewalk repair. Taft/McMillan Two-Way project for potential cost overrun. OTR Bell Tower for preservation and restoration of the historic First Lutheran Church Bell Tower.

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Held

17. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Goodin and Kearney, Since 2003, the Wesley Chapel Mission Center (WCMC) has been a stable influence in Over-the-Rhine, serving at-risk youth by providing educational programs, guiding social and moral development, and collaborating with community partners. Unlike most recreational centers, the WCMC remained open throughout the pandemic as a haven offering food and tutoring programs to over a hundred students, and as a daycare center for area youth. The Center also continued to employ staff and attract volunteer aides to assist families impacted by COVID-19. Accordingly, **WE MOVE** that a portion of Cincinnati's American Rescue Plan appropriation by committed to the Wesley Chapel Mission Center to fund

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its numerous programs and building site improvements.

Held

18. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Sundermann and Keating, **WE MOVE** that the Administration draft an ordinance to provide \$3,000,000 to the Cincinnati USA Convention & Visitor Bureau (CVB) for the purposes of partially assisting them in returning to pre-pandemic staffing levels and recovering both retroactively and proactively from losses occurred already and those projected until 2024. The source should be anticipated federal relief funds through the American Rescue Plan. (STATEMENT ATTACHED) [202101392](#)

Held

19. **MOTION**, dated 04/19/2021, submitted by Vice Mayor Smitherman, Councilmembers Kearney, Goodin, Keating, and Mann, **WE MOVE** that \$1 million dollars in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds be allocated to return the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. statue to Reading Rd. and Martin Luther King Dr. [202101513](#)

Held

20. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Mann and Kearney, **I MOVE** that City Council consider the attached motion and supporting documents presented to the Human Services Chamber. [202101520](#)

Held

21. **MOTION**, dated 04/23/2021, submitted by Councilmember Mann, **I MOVE** that City Council consider the request from Co-Op Cincy to provide \$50,000 from ARP for a revolving loan for technical assistance for the businesses that are going through the process of exploring a transition to worker ownership through Co-op Cincy's Business Legacy program. (STATEMENT ATTACHED) [202101542](#)

Held

22. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Mann, Kearney, Sundermann, Goodin and Keating, **WE MOVE** that the City Administration identify resources sufficient to ensure that Bethany House can complete its new shelter for clients. (STATEMENT ATTACHED) [202101166](#)

Held

23. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP004, "Performing Arts Support Grants," for the purpose of providing for a grant program to support various performing arts groups, including theaters and musical organizations, and which grants will also provide for public performances around the City; and **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$7,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP004, "Performing Arts Support Grants," for the purpose of providing for a grant program to support various
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performing arts groups, including theaters and musical organizations, and which grants will also provide for public performances around the City.

Held

Enactment No: 0147-2021

- 24. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP003, "Outdoor Dining Grant Program (Neighborhoods)," for the purpose of improvements that facilitate outdoor dining and increase pedestrian safety in various City Neighborhoods; and **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP003, "Outdoor Dining Grant Program (Neighborhoods)," for the purpose of providing for a grant program to cover the cost of the design and construction of public infrastructure improvements that facilitate outdoor dining and increase pedestrian safety in various City neighborhoods.

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Held

- 25. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP002, "Restaurant Grants Phase II," for the purpose of providing resources for a local economic stimulus plan to support dining and drinking establishments; and **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$4,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP002, "Restaurant Grants Phase II," to provide resources for a local economic stimulus plan to support dining and drinking establishments.

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Held

Enactment No: 0148-2021

- 26. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x232xARP001, "Outdoor Dining & Pedestrian Safety Improvements," for the purpose of providing resources for the design and construction of right-of-way improvements including, but not limited to, sidewalks, streets, and parklets, that facilitate outdoor dining and enhance pedestrian safety in the urban core; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x232xARP001, "Outdoor Dining & Pedestrian Safety Improvements," to provide resources for the design and construction of right-of-way improvements including, but not limited to, sidewalks, streets and parklets, that facilitate outdoor dining and enhance pedestrian safety in the urban core; and further **DECLARING** that the "Outdoor Dining & Pedestrian Safety Improvements" capital improvement program project serves a public purpose as it will foster local improvements and

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investment, increase neighborhood vitality, and have an estimated life or period of usefulness of five years or more.

Held

Enactment No: 0149-2021

- 27.** [202101543](#)
- ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), date 04/23/2021, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, AUTHORIZING the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x164xZRP009, "Build Cincinnati Development Fund," for the purpose of providing funds for the Build Cincinnati Development Fund program to help revitalize neighborhoods in the City of Cincinnati as determined by the City Manager; and AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x164x ARP009, "Build Cincinnati Development Fund program to help revitalize neighborhoods in the City of Cincinnati, as determined by the City Manager ; and further Declaring expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x164xARP009, "Build Cincinnati Development Fund," to be for a public purpose.

Held

- 28.** [202101544](#)
- ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), dated 04/23/2021, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, AUTHORIZING the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x162xARP0088, "Affordable Housing Trust Fund," for the purpose of providing funds to support the acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of affordable housing in the City of Cincinnati, as determined by the City Manager; and AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$2,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x162xARP008, "Affordable Housing Trust Fund," for the purpose of providing funds to support the acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of affordable housing in the City of Cincinnati as determined by the City Manager; and further DECLARING expenditure from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x162xARP008, "Affordable Housing Trust Fund," to be for a public purpose.

Held

- 29.** [202101545](#)
- ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), dated 04/22/2021, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, AUTHORIZING the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x203xARP006, "Mt. Airy Trails Expansion," for the purpose of providing funds to the Cincinnati Parks Department to expand the trails in Mt. Airy Park with a four-mile walking/biking paved loop paralleling the roadway in the park and a trails master plan for Mt. Airy; and Authorizing the appropriation of the sum of \$1,800,000 from the American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x203xARP006, "Mt. Airy Trails Expansion," for the purpose of providing funds to the Cincinnati Parks Department to expand the trails in Mt. Airy Park with a four-mile

walking/biking paved loop paralleling the roadway in the park and a trails master plan for Mt. Airy.

Held

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ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), dated 04/22/2021, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, AUTHORIZING the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x203xARP005, "Trail Expansion Project," for the purpose of providing funds to the Cincinnati Parks Department to expand various trails and provide appropriate signage; and AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x203xARP005, "Trail Expansion Projects," for the purpose of providing funds to the Cincinnati Parks Department to expand various trails and provide appropriate signage.

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Held

31.

ORDINANCE, (EMERGENCY), dated 04/22/2021, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, AUTHORIZING the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x232xARP007, "Oasis Trail," for the purpose of providing funds to the Department of Transportation and Engineering for the Oasis Trail, which will be a five-mile rails-to trails recreational path that links downtown Cincinnati to a network of other regional bike trails; and AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$3,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x232xARP007, "Oasis Trail," for the purpose of providing funds to the Department of Transportation and Engineering for development of the Oasis Trail, which will be a five-mile rails-to-trails recreational path that links downtown Cincinnati to a network of other regional bike trails.

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Held

ADJOURNMENT