



City of Cincinnati

Budget and Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

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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

Monday, June 10, 2024

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA

FY 2025 BUDGET UPDATE

1. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, PROVIDING for the appropriation of funds and authorization of expenditures from the General Fund 050 of \$525,680,090 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, reflecting a portion of the Recommended FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget Update totaling \$526,030,090, per the attached Schedule of Appropriation, to provide for the current expenses and other expenses of the City of Cincinnati; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$3,519,480 from

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the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Bond Retirement Fund 151 to pay the City's FY 2025 General Fund debt service obligations related to the Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund of \$2,337,710 and the Early Retirement Incentive Program ("ERIP") of \$1,181,770; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$21,344,750 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416 to provide for the FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget portion of the expenses of the Cincinnati Health Department; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$1,035,380 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Citizens Job Fund 308 to provide resources for the Career Pathways Initiative; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$18,430 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Enterprise Technology Solutions Fund 702 to provide resources for debt service for the ERIP; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Emergency Remediation of Defects in Rental Housing Fund 346 to provide resources for the Special Code Enforcement Program; AMENDING the Sections of Chapter 307, "Classified Compensation Schedules," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code regarding the compensation schedules of employees in Divisions 0, 5, 7 (LAW), 8, and 9 by applying a three percent wage adjustment for non-represented employees to constitute the new Classification and Salary Range Schedule for these classifications and to provide for wage adjustments effective June 23, 2024; and REVISING the Department of Buildings and Inspections fee schedule to reflect the annual consumer price index adjustment of 4.1 percent applied to fees charged for services related to property permitting and maintenance.

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2. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, PROVIDING for the appropriation of funds and authorization of expenditures of \$350,000 from General Fund 050 as leveraged support for the African American Chamber of Commerce for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025,

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reflecting a portion of the Recommended FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget Update totaling \$526,030,090, per the attached Schedule of Appropriation, Schedule 1, to provide for the current expenses and other expenses of the City of Cincinnati. (VICE MAYOR KEARNEY IS EXCUSED FROM VOTING ON THIS ITEM)

Recommend Passage Emergency

3. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, PROVIDING for the appropriation for the current expenses and other expenditures of the Restricted Revenue Funds of the City of Cincinnati in the total amount of \$502,945,670, specifically from the Water Works Fund; the Parking System Facilities Fund; the Convention Center Fund; the General Aviation Fund; the Municipal Golf Fund; the Stormwater Management Fund; the Bond Retirement Fund; the Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund; the Income Tax-Infrastructure Fund; the Parking Meter Fund; the Municipal Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund; the Sawyer Point Fund; the Recreation Special Activities Fund; the Cincinnati Riverfront Park Fund; the Hazard Abatement Fund; the 9-1-1 Cell Phone Fees Fund; the Safe and Clean Fund; the Community Health Center Activities Fund; the Cincinnati Health District Fund; the Cincinnati Area Geographic Information System (CAGIS) Fund; the Streetcar Operations Fund; and the County Law Enforcement Applied Regionally (CLEAR) Fund for operating requirements, capital outlay, and debt service for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, according to the attached Schedules of Appropriation; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$12,330 from the unappropriated surplus of the Convention Center Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the Bond Retirement Fund to pay the City's FY 2025 General Fund Debt Service obligations related to bonds issued to fund Public Building Improvement Bonds for energy improvements; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$840 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Aviation Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the Bond Retirement Fund to pay the City's FY 2025 General Fund Debt Service obligations related to bonds issued to fund Public Building Improvement Bonds for energy improvements; AUTHORIZING the

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transfer of \$107,980 from the unappropriated surplus of the Street Construction, Maintenance, and Repair Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the Bond Retirement Fund to pay the City's FY 2025 General Fund Debt Service obligations related to bonds issued to fund Public Building Improvement Bonds for energy improvements in the amount of \$60,430 and the Early Retirement Incentive Program in the amount of \$47,550; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$798,680 from the unappropriated surplus of the Income Tax-Infrastructure Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the Bond Retirement Fund to pay the City's FY 2025 General Fund Debt Service obligations related to bonds issued to fund Public Building Improvement Bonds for energy improvements in the amount of \$610,600 and the Early Retirement Incentive Program in the amount of \$188,080; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$38,480 from the unappropriated surplus of the Municipal Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the Bond Retirement Fund to pay the City's FY 2025 General Fund Debt Service obligations related to bonds issued to fund Public Building Improvement Bonds for energy improvements in the amount of \$3,620 and the Early Retirement Incentive Program in the amount of \$34,860; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$19,440 from the unappropriated surplus of the County Law Enforcement Applied Regionally (CLEAR) Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the Bond Retirement Fund to pay the City's FY 2025 General Fund Debt Service obligations related to bonds issued to fund the Early Retirement Incentive Program; AUTHORIZING transfers from the unappropriated surplus of the Parking System Facilities Fund of \$50,000 to reserve account no. 102x3441, "U-Square Garage - Reserve for Capital Projects," and \$20,000 to reserve account no. 102x3442, "VP3 Garage - Reserve for Capital Projects," all within the Parking System Facilities Fund, to make contractually obligated payments for repairs for each identified garage; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$275,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Downtown South/Riverfront Equivalent Fund 481 to the Department of Finance non-personnel operating budget account no. 481x133x7200 to provide resources to facilitate Whex Garage LLC's financing to acquire certain real property located at 212 W. Fourth Street in the Central

Business District, upon which is located a 780-space parking garage commonly known as the Whex Garage; DECLARING that expenditures from the Department of Finance non-personnel operating budget account no. 481x133x7200 are for a public purpose and constitute a "Public Infrastructure Improvement" (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40(A)(8)) that will benefit and/or serve the District 2-Downtown South/Riverfront District Incentive District, subject to compliance with R.C. Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$650,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the Convention Center Fund to reserve account no. 103x3481 "Convention Center," to make resources available to secure repayment of transient occupancy tax bonds related to the Convention Center Project; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of up to \$650,000 from reserve account 103x3481, "Convention Center," to the Convention Center Fund debt service operating budget account no. 103x243x7700 for repayment of transient occupancy tax bonds related to the Convention Center Project as necessary during FY 2025; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate formula grant resources of \$13,747 from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (ALN 20.507), to provide funding for streetcar operations in FY 2025 in accordance with the attached Schedules of Appropriation; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a formula grant of up to \$300,000 from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (ALN 20.507), to provide funding for streetcar operations in FY 2025; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the Federal Transit Administration formula grant funds into Streetcar Operations Fund 455x8554.

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4. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of \$6,150,982 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in accordance with attached Schedule of Transfer Part A; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$6,150,982 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to balance sheet reserve account no.

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050x3422, "Deferred Appropriations," to preserve resources for commitments made during FY 2024; AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of \$6,150,982 from balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, "Deferred Appropriations," to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund effective July 1, 2024; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$6,150,982 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to various operating budget accounts according to the attached Schedule of Transfer Part B, effective July 1, 2024, to provide resources for a public safety facilities master plan, the Neighborhood Historic Preservation Program, violence prevention initiatives, the City's fleet electrification plan, WarmUp Cincy, recycling consulting services and energy management software, the Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Improvement Program, the Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program, a tax abatement study, the Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses program, Shilito building operating expenses, King Records building restoration pre-development activities, and the Homesafe Tax Relief Program, all of which were previously approved by Council in FY 2024.

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5. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, APPROVING AND ADOPTING a Capital Improvement Program and Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, transferring and appropriating taxes and other revenue and existing funds to carry out certain parts of the Capital Improvement Program and to provide for the transfer and appropriation of proceeds from the Cincinnati Southern Railway to other parts of said Capital Improvement Program; AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to establish Fund No. 712, "Railway Trust Infrastructure," to receive revenue from the Cincinnati Southern Railway Board of Trustees and to make expenditures for the rehabilitation, modernization, or replacement of existing infrastructure improvements; and further DECLARING certain projects to be for a public purpose, all to carry out the Capital Improvement Program.

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6. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M.

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Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, APPROVING AND ADOPTING a Capital Improvement Program and Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, transferring and appropriating revenue and existing funds for the purpose of carrying out certain parts of the Capital Improvement Program; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$969,000 from various restricted and special revenue funds to various capital improvement project accounts in Capital Projects Fund 980 according to Schedule A attached hereto, and by this reference made a part hereof, to continue and complete certain capital improvement projects listed in Schedule A; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$25,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Water Works Fund 101 to Water Works Capital Improvement Fund 756 to continue funding for the current Capital Improvement Program, which includes new water mains, water main replacements, treatment plant improvements, system development, tanks, pumping stations, and private development; AUTHORIZING the use and expenditure of \$73,935,000 for Greater Cincinnati Water Works Capital Improvements; and further DECLARING capital improvement program project Strategic Housing Initiatives Program (SHPIF) to be for a public purpose

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7. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, ESTABLISHING capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251622, "Community Economic Advancement Initiatives - GF," to make resources available to Community Economic Advancement Initiatives ("CEAI") for economic development initiatives; ESTABLISHING capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x251606, "American Dream Down Payment Initiative - GF," to make resources available to the American Dream Down Payment Initiative ("ADDI") program; AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source Fund 050 of \$4,040,000 from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies non-departmental non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x990x7200; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to newly established capital improvement program project account

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no. 980x164x251622, "Community Economic Advancement Initiatives - GF," to make resources available to CEAI for economic development initiatives; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x251606, "American Dream Down Payment Initiative - GF," to make resources available to the ADDI program; Authorizing the transfer and appropriation of \$3,290,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund 050 to various operating budget accounts within the General Fund according to Schedule A of the attached Schedule of Transfer, to implement the Mayor's recommended changes to the FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget Update; and APPROVING the recommendation of the Mayor for a five percent merit increase in compensation for City Manager Sheryl M. M. Long retroactive to September 1, 2023.

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FY 2025 BUDGET UPDATE – BOND ORDINANCES

8. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS, BY THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, OHIO IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$13,820,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

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9. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS, BY THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, OHIO IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,400,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING PARKS AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS.

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10. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS, BY THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, OHIO IN

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THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$11,120,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS.

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11. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS, BY THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, OHIO IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$5,910,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING PUBLIC BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS.

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12. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 212-2023 TO ALLOW THE USE OF FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CINCINNATI SOUTHERN RAILWAY GENERATED FROM TAX CREDIT AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE LEASSEE OF THE CINCINNATI SOUTHERN RAILWAY FOR THE PAYMENT OF NOTES AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NO. 212-2023.

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13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000,000 BY THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, COUNTY OF HAMILTON, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING AND/OR THE CASH DEFEASANCE (WITH MONIES AVAILABLE FOR SUCH PURPOSE), OF ALL OR A PORTION OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS LISTED ON ATTACHMENT A, AND PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS THRESHOLD IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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14. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, PROVIDING FOR (I) THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF WATER SYSTEM

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REFUNDING REVENUD BONDS, SERIES 2024A (THE "2024 BONDS") OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, COUNTY OF HAMILTON, STATE OF OHIO, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$198,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING AND/OR (II) THE CASH DEFEASANCE (WITH MONIES AVAILABLE FOR SUCH PURPOSE), OF ALL OR A PORTION OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE CITY; (III) AUTHORIZING A PLEDGE OF AND LIEN ON WATER SYSTEM REVENUES TO SECURE ANY 2024A BONDS; (IV) AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST AGREEMENT; AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO SECURE ANY 2024A BONDS; AND (V) AUTHORIZING ANY DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO EFFECTUATE ANY DEFEASANCE.

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- 15.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000,000 BY THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, COUNTY OF HAMILTON, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING ALL OR A PORTION OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BONDS OF THE CITY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE OUTSTANDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BONDS LISTED ON EXHIBIT A HERETO, AND PROVIDING FOR A REFUNDING SAVINGS THRESHOLD IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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FEE ADJUSTMENTS

- 16.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, MODIFYING Chapters 1201, "Administration," 1213, "Fireworks," 1231, "General Fire Laws," and 1247, "Toxic and Hazardous Substances - Right to Know," by AMENDING Sections 1201-55, "Posting of Occupancy Signs; Fees," 1201-65, "Permit Fees," 1201-67, "Permit Fees for Flammable and Combustible Storage Tank Installation," 1213-11, "Application for Permit,"

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1231-29, "Fees for Certain Non-Emergency Services," and 1247-99, "Penalties," to adjust fees charged for services provided by the Cincinnati Fire Department ("Fire Department") to allow the Fire Department to recover the true cost of the services provided and to adjust certain penalties for violations of the Fire Prevention Code.

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TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS

17. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$2,971 within the General Fund from and to various City Council operating budget accounts according to the attached Schedule of Transfer to realign the office budgets of various City Councilmembers; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$5,000 from Councilmember Cramerding's General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x018x7100 to the Law Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x111x7200 to provide resources for continuing legal education; AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of \$32,600 from Councilmember Cramerding's General Fund personnel services operating budget account no. 050x018x7100 to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$32,600 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to Parks Department capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x242000, "Park Infrastructure Rehabilitation," to provide resources for accessible equipment and infrastructure improvements in west side parks; AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of \$10,000 from Councilmember Johnson's General Fund personnel services operating budget account no. 050x023x7100 to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$5,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the unappropriated surplus of Recreation Special Activities Fund 323; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$5,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Recreation Special Activities Fund 323 to Cincinnati Recreation Commission ("CRC") non-personnel operating budget

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account no. 323x199x7200 to provide resources for CRC summer memberships and for CRC senior programming; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$2,500 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$2,500 from the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416 to Cincinnati Health Department non-personnel operating budget account no. 416x266x7200 to provide resources for the children's dental program; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$2,500 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Affordable Housing Trust Fund 439 to provide resources for affordable housing initiatives; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$4,835 from Councilmember Owens' General Fund personnel services operating budget account no. 050x025x7100 to City Manager's Office non-personnel services operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 to provide resources for Access to Counsel; AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of \$8,400 from Vice Mayor Kearney's General Fund personnel services operating budget account no. 050x029x7100 to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; and AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$8,400 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Citizen Jobs Fund 308 to provide resources for the Police and Fire Cadet Programs.

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18. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$198,380 from the unappropriated surplus of Downtown/OTR East Equivalent Fund 483 to non-personnel operating budget account no. 483x164x7200 to provide resources for design, survey, and engineering services for pedestrian safety and streetscape beautification projects located in the Central Business District ("CBD"); AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$91,610 from the unappropriated surplus of Downtown/OTR West Equivalent Fund 482 to non-personnel operating budget account no. 482x164x7200 to provide resources for design, survey, and engineering services for pedestrian safety and streetscape beautification

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projects located in the CBD; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$10,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Downtown/OTR East Equivalent Fund 483 to personnel operating budget account no. 483x164x7100 to provide resources for design, survey, and engineering services for pedestrian safety and streetscape beautification projects located in the CBD; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$5,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Downtown/OTR West Equivalent Fund 482 to personnel operating budget account no. 482x164x7100 to provide resources for design, survey, and engineering services for pedestrian safety and streetscape beautification projects located in the CBD; DECLARING that expenditures from Department of Community and Economic Development (“DCED”) non-personnel operating budget account no. 483x164x7200 and from DCED personnel operating account no. 483x164x7100 to provide resources for design, survey, and engineering services for pedestrian safety and streetscape beautification projects located in the CBD are for a public purpose and constitute a “Public Infrastructure Improvement” (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40(A)(8)) that will benefit and/or serve the District 4-Downtown/OTR East District Incentive District, subject to compliance with R.C. Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43; and DECLARING that expenditures from DCED non-personnel operating budget account no. 482x164x7200 and from DCED personnel operating account no. 482x164x7100 to provide resources for design, survey, and engineering services for pedestrian safety and streetscape beautification projects located in the CBD are for a public purpose and constitute a “Public Infrastructure Improvement” (as defined in R.C. Section 5709.40(A)(8)) that will benefit and/or serve the District 3-Downtown/OTR West District Incentive District, subject to compliance with R.C. Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43.

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- 19.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of the sum of \$50,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x231617, “OTR Outdoor Improvements - GF CO,” to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; and

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AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$50,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Department of Community and Economic Development General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no.050x164x7200 for the purpose of providing resources for a Main Street Small Business Support program in Over-the-Rhine led by 3CDC. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>).

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20. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$239,874.85 from the unappropriated surplus of Unclassified Receipts Fund 604 to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to reconcile the False Alarm Settlement resources to the appropriate account; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$239,874.85 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to non-departmental Judgments Against the City non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x951x7400 to comply with the terms of the judgment in White v. City of Cincinnati. (COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON IS EXCUSED FROM VOTING ON THIS ITEM)

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21. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$216,915 from the unappropriated surplus of Recreation Permanent Improvement Fund 751 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x241903, "Athletics Facilities Renovation," to provide resources for restoration of a baseball field in the California neighborhood.

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GRANTS AND DONATIONS

22. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant, effective FY 2025, of up to \$67,041 from the Hamilton County Digital Divide Public Wi-Fi grant program (ALN

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21.027) to install public Wi-Fi infrastructure at various service locations operated by the Cincinnati Health Department; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556.

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- 23.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services, FY 2024 Ohio Law Enforcement Pilot Program: In Canal Hearing Protection Product, to support hearing protection of Cincinnati Police Department officers; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept up to 94 hearing protection units, valued at up to \$37,506, pursuant to the grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services.

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- 24.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$13,000, effective FY 2025, from the State of Ohio Department of Development's TechCred Credential Reimbursement Program to Cincinnati Police Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x227x7200 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 grant funds into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8533.

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- 25.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$275,000, effective in FY 2025, through a Fiscal Year 2024 State Homeland Security Program Grant (ALN 97.067) from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, administered by the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, to enhance and sustain the Greater Cincinnati Fusion Center; and AUTHORIZING the Director

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of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 24SHSP.

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- 26.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,500,000, effective FY 2025, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) through the Technology and Equipment Program for Congressionally Directed Spending (ALN 16.710), to support the Cincinnati Police Department's camera technology and the Emergency Communications Center's Alternative Response to Crisis program; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 25CDS.

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- 27.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$6,250,000, effective FY 2025, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, FY 2024 COPS Hiring Program (ALN 16.710) to hire up to fifty entry-level police officers; and AUTHORIZING the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 24COPS.

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- 28.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$1,000,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2024 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies (ALN 16.835), to assist with expansion of the Cincinnati Police Department's existing Body-Worn Camera Program; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 24BWC.

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- 29.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,000,000, effective FY 2025, in Federal FY 2024 Preventing School Violence: STOP School Violence Program (SSVP) funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (ALN 16.839) to develop and operate school safety strategies to improve school safety; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 24SSVP. [202401530](#)
- Recommend Passage
- 30.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$2,000,000, effective FY 2025, in FY 2024 Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative Site-Based Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (ALN 16.045), to support the Cincinnati Police Department's comprehensive, evidence-based, community-based violence intervention and prevention programs; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 24CVIPI. [202401531](#)
- Recommend Passage
- 31.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program, Urban Area Security Initiative (ALN 97.067) that will assist the City in preventing, preparing for, protecting against, and responding to acts of terrorism; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept the transfer of equipment and supplies valued at up to \$447,500 from the Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, which acts as the regional fiscal agent for the UASI Grant. [202401533](#)
- Recommend Passage
- 32.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to [202401536](#)
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apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$400,000, effective FY 2025, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, FY 2024 Promoting Access to Crisis Teams - Community Policing Development Solicitation Grant Program (ALN 16.710) to support the Cincinnati Police Department's Veterans Response Team expansion; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 24PACT.

Recommend Passage

- 33.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2024 Port Security Grant Program (ALN 97.056) of up to \$185,000, effective FY 2025, to support the Cincinnati Police Department's Marine Unit Dive Trailer Project and the Port of Cincinnati Ohio River Surveillance Camera Network; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, Project Account No. 24PORT.

[202401537](#)

Recommend Passage

- 34.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,767,701, effective FY 2025, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Technology and Equipment Program Community Project Funding (ALN 16.710), to support the Cincinnati Police Department's camera technology and the Emergency Communications Center's Alternative Response to Crisis program; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 25CPF.

[202401538](#)

Recommend Passage

- 35.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$685,000,

[202401539](#)

effective FY 2025, from Arnold Ventures, FY 2024 Causal Research on Community Safety and the Criminal Justice System, to support development of a differential response drone pilot program; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8571, project account no. 24AV.

Recommend Passage

- 36.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,250,000, effective FY 2025, from the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law FY 2024 Airport Infrastructure Grant (“BIL AIG”) program (ALN 20.106) to aid in the development of the Lunken Airport drainage infrastructure plan; AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit grant funds into General Government Grants Fund revenue account no. 404x8554, Department of Transportation and Engineering project account no. 25DRN1; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$125,000, effective FY 2025, from the reserve for capital projects account no. 104x3444, “FAA/ODOT Local Match - Reserve for Capital Projects,” to the unappropriated surplus of General Aviation Fund 104; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$125,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Aviation Fund 104 to Department of Transportation and Engineering General Aviation non-personnel operating budget account no. 104x234x7200, effective FY 2025, to provide the local match required for the BIL AIG grant.

[202401532](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

- 37.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of \$1,200,000 from the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners’ Fund to provide resources for horticultural supplies, maintenance contracts, salary reimbursements, Krohn Conservatory’s gift shop inventory, and other vital costs associated with running the City’s parks; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the funds into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430.

[202401519](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

- 38. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of goods and services valued at up to \$13,140 from the Clifton Heights Urban Redevelopment Corporation for the painting of a mural at the Corryville Recreation Center; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to design, install, and maintain the mural at the Corryville Recreation Center, notwithstanding any conflicting Cincinnati Recreation Commission rules and regulations or any provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code that would prohibit the installation and maintenance of the mural.

[202401553](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

PAYMENTS

- 39. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING a payment of \$3,668.47 to PowerDMS from the Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x272x4000x7452 as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to a digital records management software subscription.

[202401523](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

- 40. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the payment of \$25,345 from the Department of Transportation and Engineering capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x5000x7655x222399, "Western Hills Viaduct," as a moral obligation to Transystems Real Estate Consulting for relocation services provided related to the Western Hills Viaduct project.

[202401526](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

- 41. RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE) (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, APPROVING the petition for the 2025-2028 Services Plan that was submitted by property owners within the Over-the-Rhine South Special Improvement District;

[202401529](#)

APPROVING the 2025-2028 Services Plan adopted by Over-the-Rhine South Special Improvement District, Inc.; and DECLARING the necessity of assessing the real property within the Over-the-Rhine South Special Improvement District in order to raise funds for the implementation of the 2025-2028 Services Plan in accordance with Chapters 727 and 1710 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Recommend Passage

42. COMMUNICATION, submitted by the Clerk of Council, regarding the Over-the-Rhine South Special Improvement District Service Plan and Budget for 2025-2028.

[202401362](#)

Filed

43. PETITION, submitted by the Clerk of Council, regarding the adoption of the 2025-2028 Over-the-Rhine South Special Improvement District of Cincinnati Services Plan and Budget.

[202401363](#)

File

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

44. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, APPROPRIATING to public use certain real property interests necessary to construct, install, reconstruct, operate, maintain, repair, replace, modify, and remove water mains and related fixtures, equipment, and appurtenances to provide for and protect the supply of water as part of the Budd Street Transmission Main Project.

[202401525](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

45. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Property Sale Agreement with Consolidated Metal Products, Inc., pursuant to which the City will vacate and convey approximately (i) 0.2290 acres of public right-of-way, being a portion of South Steet, to Consolidated Metal Products, Inc., and (ii) 0.0919 acres of public right-of-way, being a portion of South Street, to CSX Transportation, Inc., all in the Lower Price Hill neighborhood of Cincinnati.

[202401527](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

REPORTS

- 46.** REPORT, dated 6/5/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, [202401563](#)
City Manager, regarding the Department of Finance Reports
for the Month Ended March 31, 2024.

Approve & File

- 47.** REPORT, dated 6/5/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, [202401564](#)
City Manager, regarding the Department of Finance Reports
for the Month Ended April 30, 2024.

Approve & File

MOTIONS

- 48.** MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Walsh, WE MOVE [202401579](#)
that the Administration adjust the QUICK STRIKE
ACQUISITION FUND (“QSAF”) to better prepare our
neighborhoods and community development corporations
for long term success. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Adopt

- 49.** MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys, Walsh, [202401577](#)
Albi, Owens, Parks, Johnson and Cramerding, To address
concerns of Mill Creek Corridor neighborhoods about the
impact of the Bomb Squad at the Fire Training Center, WE
MOVE that the Administration report back to Council within
sixty (60) days on: Plans to relocate the Bomb Squad’s
storage and detonation operation to a facility outside of a
residential area and school zones. (BALANCE ON FILE IN
THE CLERK’S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Adopt

- 50.** MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys, Walsh, [202401578](#)
Albi, Owens, and Harris, WE MOVE that the Administration
report back to Council within sixty (60) days with
recommendations for requiring organizations that receive
funds from the City to allow the City the option of appointing
a representative to those organizations’ board of directors.
The report should consider a funding threshold for the
requirement, term length, voting abilities, and the process
for appointment. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Adopt

- 51.** MOTION, dated 06/05/2024, submitted by Councilmember Walsh, To study the Feasibility of Implementing Electronic Voting Following the Passage of Issue 23. WE MOVE that the Administration prepare report within 90 days on the possible use of electronic voting for City Council meetings and committee meetings this report should include possible methods, cost to implement, and new council rules that would be required for implementation.

[202401604](#)

Adopt

FY 2025 BUDGET UPDATE MOTIONS

- 52.** MOTION, dated 06/06/2024, submitted by Councilmember Owens, Funding for Limited Representation Pilot Program. WE MOVE that the Administration prepare an ordinance that makes the following allocation to the FY2025 Budget. All allocation should come from the reserve for contingencies: \$40,000 - Limited Representation Pilot Program; \$100,000 - Activities Beyond the Classroom.

[202401607](#)

Adopt

- 53.** MOTION, dated 06/07/2024, submitted by Councilmember Owens, Human Service Funding Realignment for FY2025. WE MOVE that the administration realigned Human Service Funding in the following ways: increase the funding to housing programs by \$34,426 on top of the current projected overage. Withhold allocation of \$2,244,884.02 and have those funds remain in the City Manager's office Non-Personnel operating budget, to ensure that these funds are not encumbered, until further guidance from the council is provided.

[202401609](#)

Adopt

Item # 54 - 202401652 was amended on the floor of committee.

- 54.** MOTION (AMENDED), dated 06/10/2024, submitted by Councilmembers Walsh, Harris, Owens and Jeffrey, Council Budget Adjustment Motion for the FY2025 Recommended Budget. WE MOVE that the Administration prepare an ordinance that removes the following items from FY2025 Budget (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERKS OFFICE).

[202401652](#)

Adopt

MOTION, dated 06/10/2024, submitted by Councilmember Walsh, Council Budget Adjustment Motion for the FY 2025 Recommended Budget. WE MOVE that the administration prepare an ordinance that removes the following items from FY2025 Budget: (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERKS OFFICE) (VICE MAYOR KEARNEY IS EXCUSED FROM VOTING ON THIS ITEM)

[202401657](#)

Adopt

55. COMMUNICATION, dated 05/31/2024, submitted by Councilmember Walsh, from Invest In Neighborhoods, 315 West Court Street, Cincinnati, OH, regarding FY25 NSP/Invest in Neighborhoods Operating Support. (BALANCE ON FILE IN CLERK'S OFFICE)

[202401651](#)

Filed

56. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/5/2024, DECLARING improvements to certain real property located at 614-616 Race Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, to be constructed pursuant to a Development Agreement between the City of Cincinnati and 616 Race LLC, to be a public purpose and exempt from real property taxation for a period of thirty years pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.41; and AMENDING Ordinance No. 413-2002, passed on December 18, 2002, as amended, to remove such real property from the operation of that ordinance. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>).

[202401507](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

ADJOURNMENT