



# City of Cincinnati

## Budget and Finance Committee

### Meeting Minutes

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

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**Tuesday, June 20, 2023**

**1:00 PM**

**Council Chambers, Room 300**

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#### ROLL CALL

Seth Walsh  
Liz Keating  
Councilmember Jeff Cramerding  
Mark Jeffreys  
Meeka Owens  
Councilmember Harris  
Jan-Michele Kearney  
Scotty Johnson  
Victoria Parks

Also in attendance were Erica Faaborg, Deputy Solicitor, Karen Alder, Finance Director and Dr. Andrew Dudas, Budget Director.

#### **AGENDA**

##### **COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENTS**

1. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/7/2023, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with West End Empire, LLC, thereby authorizing a fifteen-year tax exemption for 100 percent of the value of improvements made to real property located at 2151 Colerain Avenue in the West End neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of an existing building into approximately 4,500 square feet of residential space

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consisting of six rental units, at a total construction cost of \$752,844.

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2. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/7/2023, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with 700 Chalfonte Holdings LLC, thereby authorizing a fifteen-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 700 Chalfonte Place in the Avondale neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of an existing building into 23 rental units containing approximately 20,080 square feet of residential space, at a total construction cost of approximately \$1,346,861.

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3. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/12/2023, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with 8K Glenway, LLC and the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority, thereby authorizing a ten-year tax exemption for 100 percent of the value of improvements made to real property located at 4022-4028 Glenway Avenue and 1211-1213 Liff Avenue in the West Price Hill neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of an existing building into approximately 2,205 square feet of commercial space and approximately 1,692 square feet of residential space consisting of two residential rental units, at a total construction cost of approximately \$1,179,802.

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### **AMENDMENTS**

4. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, AMENDING Ordinance No. 352-1984, which established Fund No. 436, "Environmental Studies," to change the name of the fund to "Environment and Sustainability," and to expand the purpose of the fund to enable the City to receive and expend funds, including but not limited to grants, donations,

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settlements, fees, revenue from City-administered programs, and other sources of funding, in support of the projects and needs of the Office of Environment and Sustainability (or its successor) and the Green Cincinnati Plan.

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### **TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS**

5. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, Establishing new capital improvement program project account no. 980x195x231907, "Golf Course Improvements," to provide resources for golf course and facilities improvements, including but not limited to cart paths and pavement; and further AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$600,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Municipal Golf Activities Fund 105 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x195x231907, "Golf Course Improvements," to provide resources for golf course and facilities improvements, including but not limited to cart paths and pavement.
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6. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, ESTABLISHING a new capital improvement program project account no. 980x981x232522, "Fleet Replacements - Obsolete," for the purpose of acquiring automotive and motorized equipment funded by sale proceeds of obsolete automotive and motorized equipment; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$538,964.95 from the unappropriated surplus of Miscellaneous Permanent Improvement Fund 757 to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x981x232522, "Fleet Replacements - Obsolete."
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7. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of \$23,000 from Councilmember Cramerding's Office General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x018x7100 and \$3,900 from Councilmember Cramerding's Office General Fund

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non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x018x7200 to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; and AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$26,900 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232000, "Park Infrastructure Rehabilitation," to provide resources for deferred capital maintenance at Cincinnati Parks Department facilities.

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### **PAYMENTS**

8. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, Authorizing the payment of \$13,146.49 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x0000x7685x211607, "Neighborhood Business District Improvements," to Wausau Tile, Inc. as a moral obligation of the City of Cincinnati for installing Tectura Nest benches in the Clifton Heights neighborhood in partnership with the Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation. [202301641](#)

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9. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, AUTHORIZING a payment of \$12,000 to the Building & Fire Code Academy as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to training provided to inspectors for the Department of Buildings and Inspections, to be paid from Department of Buildings and Inspections General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x211x9000x7215. [202301644](#)

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### **GRANTS AND DONATIONS**

10. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate funds, effective FY 2024, of up to \$10,519.20 from the State of 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 [202301603](#)

General Fund revenue account no. 050x8533.

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- 11.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$400,000, effective FY 2024, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, FY 2023 Implementing Crisis Intervention Teams Grant Program (ALN 16.710), to expand the Cincinnati Police Department Veterans Response Team; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds, effective FY 2024, into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 23CIT.

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- 12.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,000,000, effective FY 2024, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2023 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, effective FY 2024, into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 23BWC.

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- 13.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,000,000, effective FY 2024, in Federal FY 2023 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 Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 23SSVP.

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- 14.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City

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Manager, on 6/14/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant, effective FY 2024, of \$89,695 from the Ohio Department of Health, Office of Health Preparedness (ALN 93.069) to support the planning and implementation of emergency preparedness Cities Readiness Initiative activities in Southwest Ohio from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund 350, effective FY 2024.

Recommend Passage

- 15.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate, effective FY 2024, a grant of up to \$125,000 from the Ohio Department of Health's Lead Exposure Prevention and Healthy Homes Program, to assist with control of lead paint, dust, and soil hazards in residential properties as well as providing lead poisoning prevention education and training throughout the community; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund 350. [202301640](#)

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- 16.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate, effective FY 2024, a grant of up to \$600,000 from the Ohio Department of Health Lead-Safe Housing Fund for the Primary Prevention Grant program, which supports local communities in lead primary prevention activities; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536. [202301649](#)

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- 17.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate, effective FY 2024, a grant of up to \$11,770 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the purpose of providing funds to be used to investigate the prevalence of mosquito vectors and the incidence of infection in the mosquito populations, to identify density locations for mosquito vector species, and to [202301652](#)



educate communities in the immediate area on how to reduce the mosquito populations; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund 350.

Recommend Passage

- 18.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a Compost & Food Waste Reduction Grant (ALN 10.935) of up to \$400,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture for the purpose of diverting food waste from landfills and creating compost.

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- 19.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant, effective FY 2024, of up to \$334,440 from the United States Department of Energy through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (ALN 81.128) to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to develop and implement energy efficiency and conservation programs at City facilities; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8543.

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- 20.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$1,500,000 from the United States Department of Transportation (“USDOT”) through the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (ALN 20.205) to provide resources to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure at City-owned properties located in USDOT Transportation Disadvantaged Census Tracts.

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- 21.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, ESTABLISHING capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x231640, “Medpace ODOT Jobs and Commerce - Grant,” to provide resources for infrastructure improvements at the intersection of Red Bank Expressway and Medpace

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Way; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources of up to \$125,000 from the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation (ODOT) Office of Jobs and Commerce to capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x231640, "Medpace ODOT Jobs and Commerce - Grant," to provide resources for infrastructure improvements at the intersection of Red Bank Expressway and Medpace Way; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x231640, "Medpace ODOT Jobs and Commerce - Grant."

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- 22.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources of up to \$4,000, effective FY 2024, from the State of Ohio, Department of Development's TechCred Credential Reimbursement Program to Enterprise Technology Solutions non-personnel operating budget account 050x091x7200 for eligible costs to certify two Enterprise Technology Solutions (ETS) staff members as OnBase System Administrators; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8539.

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- 23.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation in the amount of \$35,367.38 from the Cincinnati Recreation Foundation to fund scholarships for participants enrolled in the Cincinnati Recreation Commission's summer day camp between June 1, 2022 and August 12, 2022; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the donated resources into Recreation Special Activities Fund 323 revenue account no. 323x8571.

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- 24.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept in-kind donations and contributions of

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supplies and professional services from the Cincinnati Recreation Foundation valued at approximately \$56,500 for use at various recreation facilities and events; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept in-kind donations of a park bench and plaque from the South Cumminsville Community Council valued at \$500 for installation at Wayne Field and Playground; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept in-kind donations of garden fencing, shed equipment, and other landscaping materials and labor from the Bond Hill Community Council valued at approximately \$12,000 to provide an enclosed community garden at the Bond Hill Recreation Area; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a monetary donation of \$35,000 from the Avondale Development Corporation and Fifth Third Bank to provide resources for Hirsch Recreation Center Summer Day Camp programming; AUTHORIZING the City Manager and employees of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission to solicit and accept donations of money and in-kind contributions from the local business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources to provide resources for summer programming, including day camps, aquatics programming, and Youth to Work celebrations; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into Contributions for Recreation Purposes Fund 319 revenue account no. 319x8571.

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- 25. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of goods and professional services provided by the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund, valued at approximately \$40,000, for the purpose of a Community Makeover revitalization of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission's Bramble sports field and recreation area.

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- 26. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation totaling \$600,000 from the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners' Fund for the purpose of providing resources for horticultural

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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 Finance Director to deposit the resources into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430.

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27. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/20/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation, effective FY 2024, of up to \$5,000 from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 8 Local 1543 to City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7300 to provide resources for swimwear, sandals, and aquatics equipment for children in need at Cincinnati Recreation Commission aquatic facilities; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571.

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28. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/20/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager and employees of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission to solicit and accept donations of money, sponsorships, in-kind contributions, team registration fees, vendor fees, and other things of value from the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources to provide resources to support the annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the resources donated to or generated by the event into Fund No. 319, "Contributions for Recreation Purposes."

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### **POLICE RECRUIT REFERRAL BONUS PROGRAM**

29. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/14/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to establish a Cincinnati Police Department Referral Bonus program, providing individuals with a bonus of up to \$1,000 per referral under criteria established by the City Manager to ensure consistency and prevent abuse, to

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recruit and retain qualified employees to the position of Police Recruit within the Cincinnati Police Department.

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### **REPORTS**

30. REPORT, dated 6/14/2023, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Department of Finance Reports for the Month Ended April 30, 2023.

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Approve & File

### **MOTIONS**

31. MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Walsh, WE MOVE that the administration prepare a report updating council on the Neighborhood VTICA program providing us with projected funding per neighborhood as it currently stands and the projected amount of funding over the span of the existing agreements. We would ask that the report also include recommendations on potential options that would allow for the Neighborhood VTICA to expand opportunities to all our neighborhood such as the legality and feasibility of changing the current 7.5% Neighborhood VTICA currently returning to the neighborhood it is generated in to a larger pot of money for all neighborhoods. We ask that the report be done during summer recess with completion aimed at September 4, 2023.

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Adopt

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