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Cincinnati's Increased Investment in Public Safety

After the events of the summer, it is critical that City Council further invest in public safety. The goal is a city that is safe, clean, and welcoming for all people.

This investment can be broken down into three categories: police, outreach, and technology. The primary investment must be into police visibility overtime. An active, visible police force patrolling the neighborhoods will reduce crime and increase public safety in the city. The increased patrols through downtown and OTR over the last few weeks have proven to be a success and this will reinforce that work through other neighborhoods such as Price Hill.

3CDC's Ambassador Program will be expanded to increase their outreach in OTR. These Ambassadors act as true public servants, walking around the neighborhood cleaning up trash, looking out for disorderly conduct, and assisting residents seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Lighthouse Youth and Family Services and Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses have agreed to become curfew centers, providing staffing, transportation, and beds for minors in the city who were in violation of curfew and could not have a guardian pick them up.

An increased investment in streetlighting and cameras throughout the city will help deter crime, with a greater investment in the West Side allowing for improved safety. CPD's drone program will also be expanded. These drones are deployed in response to 911 calls and are meant to give officers an overhead view of the situation before they arrive. Currently these drones are only active downtown, but an increase in funding will allow the drones to cover up to 90% of the city, reaching areas that may have longer police response times and giving police a better overview of the situation before they get to the crime scene.

The city's aging license plate reader cameras were highlighted in the Downtown Safety Report, with many over 10 years old. Updating the city's cameras will allow easier identification of vehicles linked to crimes and feed into the city's FUSUS database.

The Bond and Sentencing Project will help increase transparency and trust in our court system by examining current and historical data from Cincinnati and other peer cities to find best practices. Through a collaborative relationship with our county partners, we can support a justice system that keeps the public safe while respecting defendants' rights.

WE MOVE that the \$2 million allocated to public safety in Motion #202501522 and an additional **\$3.42 million from the General Fund Contingency Account be used for the following items:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Police	Public Visibility Overtime for CPD*	\$1,200,000.00
Police	PIVOT Specialized Training	\$30,000.00
Police	CPD Recruitment Efforts	\$100,000.00
Police	Bond and Sentencing Project	\$250,000.00
Police	Towing	\$50,000.00
Outreach	3CDC Expanded Ambassador Program	\$880,000.00
Outreach	3CDC Outreach Workers and FUSUS	\$100,000.00
Outreach	Youth Outreach Workers	\$200,000.00
Outreach	Curfew Center - Lighthouse	\$195,000.00
Outreach	Curfew Center - Seven Hills	\$185,000.00
Technology	DOTE/CPD Streetlighting and Cameras	\$1,200,000.00
Technology	License Plate Readers	\$360,000.00
Technology	CPD West End Camera Expansion	\$150,000.00
Technology	Findlay Market Safety Improvements	\$180,000.00
Technology	CGIC/PIVOT Drones	\$40,000.00
Technology	Drone Expansion	\$100,000.00
Technology	FUSUS Expansion	\$100,000.00
Technology	Mobile Safety Camera Trailers	\$100,000.00
Total		\$5,420,000.00**

**Funds may be used by the city for other public safety needs if not spent by December 31st, 2025.*

***Council is to be notified if any of these funds are still outstanding by June 1st, 2026, with the administration either providing a plan to allocate these funds or recommendations to reallocate them for other public safety investments.*

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