



City of Cincinnati

Budget and Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Jeff Cramerding
Vice Chair Scotty Johnson
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Anna Albi
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Evan Nolan
Councilmember Meeka Owens
President Pro Tem Victoria Parks
Councilmember Seth Walsh

Monday, December 16, 2024 **1:00 PM** **Council Chambers, Room 300**

ROLL CALL

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

REVISED

AGENDA

MOTIONS

1. MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Walsh and Vice Mayor Kearney, WE MOVE that the Administration provide a report within 60 days on potential grants, loan funding programs, and possible funding sources for businesses impacted by City construction projects. (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

A motion was made that this Motion be Adopt to the Cincinnati City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS

2. ORDINANCE, submitted by Councilmember Cramerding, from Emily

Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of \$150,000 from existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232023, "MLK Jr. Park," to source Fund No. 050, "General Fund," to realign sources with uses; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$150,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund No. 050, "General Fund," to Department of City Planning and Engagement General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x171x7200 to provide one-time resources for the Price Hill Landing engagement process.

A motion was made that this Ordinance be Recommend Passage to the Cincinnati City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

3. ORDINANCE, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$2,310 within the General Fund from Vice Mayor Kearney's General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x029x7100 to Vice Mayor Kearney's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x029x7200 to realign the office budget for Vice Mayor Kearney.

A motion was made that this Ordinance be Recommend Passage to the Cincinnati City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

4. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/11/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$200,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Recycling Community and Litter program to provide interior recycling bins to residents of two- to four-unit multi-family dwellings located primarily in the Rising 15 Neighborhoods.

A motion was made that this Ordinance be Recommend Passage to the Cincinnati City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/11/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$5,000,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling grant program (ALN 66.920) to replace the City's aging original recycling cart fleet.

A motion was made that this Ordinance be Recommend Passage to the Cincinnati City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/11/2024, ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252346, "Landslide Mitigation PROTECT Grant," to

provide landslide and retaining wall failure mitigation throughout the City; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Promoting Resilient Operations for Cost-Saving Transportation (“PROTECT”) grant (ALN 20.205) of up to \$10,079,824 from the U.S. Department of Transportation and administered by the Federal Highway Administration to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252346, “Landslide Mitigation PROTECT Grant”; AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252346, “Landslide Mitigation PROTECT Grant”; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

A motion was made that this Ordinance be Recommend Passage to the Cincinnati City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/11/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a donation of \$1,000 from the Rotary Foundation of Cincinnati to provide resources for Cincinnati Fire Department team building and promotional events; AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into General Fund 050 revenue account no. 050x8571; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$1,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Cincinnati Fire Department non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x272x7300 for Cincinnati Fire Department team building and promotional events.

A motion was made that this Ordinance be Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/11/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and deposit a donation of \$446,511.22 from the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners’ Fund into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 for use by the Parks Department; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$260,163.22 from the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to various operating budget accounts according to the attached Schedule A to provide resources for various operating needs of the Parks Department; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$185,692.82 from the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to existing capital improvement program project accounts according to the attached Schedule B to provide resources for Parks Department capital improvement program projects.

This Ordinance was indefinite postponement

9. ORDINANCE (B VERSION) (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/16/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and deposit a donation of \$446,511.22 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation through the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners' Fund, as detailed in Attachment A, into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 for use by the Parks Department; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$260,163.22 from the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to various operating budget accounts according to the attached Schedule A to provide resources for various operating needs of the Parks Department; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$185,692.82 from the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to existing capital improvement program project accounts according to the attached Schedule B to provide resources for Parks Department capital improvement program projects.

A motion was made that this Ordinance be Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PAYMENTS

10. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/11/2024, AUTHORIZING the payment of \$280 from Cincinnati Recreation Commission Recreation Special Activities Fund operating budget account no. 323x197x2720x7289 as a moral obligation to Rick Adams for outstanding charges related to officiating games; and AUTHORIZING the payment of \$1,610 from Cincinnati Recreation Commission Recreation Special Activities Fund operating budget account no. 323x197x2720x7289 as a moral obligation to George Burnett for outstanding charges related to officiating games.

A motion was made that this Ordinance be Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT

11. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/11/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Water Service Agreement with the Village of Cleves, Ohio, for the purpose of providing standby emergency surplus water service through December 31, 2050.

A motion was made that this Ordinance be Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

FEE ADJUSTMENTS

12. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/16/2024, AUTHORIZING the Department of City Planning and Engagement (“DCPE”) to adjust fees charged for certain services for planning-related functions and in administering the Cincinnati Zoning Code to allow the DCPE to recover a higher portion of its true cost of the services provided

A motion was made that this Ordinance be Recommend Passage to the Cincinnati City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Albi
Vice Mayor Kearney
Vice Chair Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Parks
Councilmember Nolan

No: Councilmember Walsh

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT

13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/16/2024, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with Grammers Place, LLC or another affiliate of Urban Sites acceptable to the City Manager, thereby authorizing a fifteen-year tax exemption for 100 percent of the value of improvements made to real property located at 1422-1450 Walnut Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of the existing buildings and construction of a new structure connecting the existing buildings to create, in aggregate, approximately 4,522 square feet of commercial space and approximately 103,931 square feet of residential space, consisting of 116 residential units, at a total construction cost of approximately \$26,000,000. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>).

A motion was made that this Ordinance be Recommend Passage

Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Albi
Vice Mayor Kearney
Vice Chair Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Parks

Recused: Councilmember Nolan

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

14. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/16/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Funding and Development Agreement with Grammers Place, LLC or another affiliate of Urban Sites acceptable to the City Manager, to facilitate renovation and construction of a mixed-use development on the real property located at 1422-1450 Walnut Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$2,900,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Downtown/OTR East Equivalent Fund 483 (Downtown/OTR East TIF District) to the Department of Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account no. 483x164x7200 to provide resources for the renovation and construction activities of the residential component of the mixed-use development project at 1422-1450 Walnut Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati; and further DECLARING expenditures from such project account related to the renovation and construction activities associated with the residential component of the mixed-use development project at 1422-1450 Walnut Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood to be a public purpose and constitute a "Housing Renovation" (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40(A)(3)) that is located within the District 4 - Downtown-OTR East District Incentive District, subject to compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>).

A motion was made that this Ordinance be Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Yes: Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Albi
Vice Mayor Kearney
Vice Chair Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Parks

Recused: Councilmember Nolan

ADJOURNMENT