



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

Monday, July 31, 2023

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

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

Also in attendance were Dr. Andrew Dudas, Budget Director, Karen Alder, Finance Director and Erica Faaborg, Deputy Solicitor. The meeting began at 1:02 p.m. and ended at 1:42 p.m.

AGENDA

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

1. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 7/31/2023, ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242344, "Edwards Road Rehab (PID 115742) Grant," to provide grant resources for the Edwards Road Rehabilitation (HAM-561-1.83 PID 115742) project (the "Edwards Road Project"), which will rehabilitate Edwards Road from Madison Avenue to Observatory Avenue (SR 561) and Observatory Avenue from Edwards Road to Linwood Avenue; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources of up to \$605,000

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from the Federal Highway Administration (ALN 20.205), administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”), to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242344, “Edwards Road Rehab (PID 115742) Grant,” to provide resources for the Edwards Road Project; AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242344, “Edwards Road Rehab (PID 115742) Grant”; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to enter into a Local Public Agency Agreement with the Director of ODOT to complete the Edwards Road Project; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete the Edwards Road Project.

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2. ORDINANCE, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 7/31/2023, ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x242348, “Harrison Avenue Improvements HSIP Grant,” to provide resources to right-size Harrison Avenue from Queen City Avenue to Kling Avenue by reducing vehicle lanes to three and implementing other various safety improvements along the corridor; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Highway Safety Improvement Program grant of up to \$6,143,865 from the Ohio Department of Transportation to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x242348, “Harrison Avenue Improvements HSIP Grant.”

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Recommend Passage

3. ORDINANCE, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 7/31/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,000,000 from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (ALN 93.526) (the “HRSA Grant”) to provide resources for expanding the call center at the Cincinnati Health Department administrative building located at 3101 Burnet Avenue, renovating the lobby of the Price Hill Health Center located at 2136 W 8th Street, and relocating the Crest Smile Shoppe currently located at 612 Rockdale

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Avenue; and AUTHORIZING the Finance Director to deposit the HRSA Grant funds into Health Network Fund revenue account no. 446x8556.

Recommend Passage

4. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 7/31/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for and accept technical assistance from the Ohio Department of Development Energy Efficiency Program to conduct energy audits of City facilities.

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5. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 7/31/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$297,062 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program - Local Solicitation (ALN 16.738) to provide funding for additional Police Visibility Overtime and for the Sexual Assault Advocate program contract with Women Helping Women; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Justice Assistance Grant Fund 478, project account no. 23JAG.

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6. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 7/31/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$8,257 in DNA Testing Grant funds from Season of Justice to provide the Cincinnati Police Department with funding to assist in solving cold cases using DNA; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 23DNA.

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7. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 7/31/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, FY 2023 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (ALN 16.607), that would provide the Cincinnati Police Department with reimbursement of up to

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\$271,897 for bulletproof vest body armor expenditures for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025, which are estimated at \$543,794; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 24VEST.

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8. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 7/31/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a FY 2023 Virtual Reality De-Escalation Site-Based Initiative Grant of up to \$800,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (ALN 16.054), to develop and operate technology solutions to improve officer training; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 23VRDI.

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9. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 7/31/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program, Urban Area Security Initiative (ALN 97.067) (the "UASI Grant"); and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept the transfer of equipment, supplies, and training valued at up to \$250,000 from the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency, which acts as the regional fiscal agent for the UASI Grant.

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10. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 7/31/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation in the amount of \$30,000 from the Cincinnati Recreation Foundation to provide funding support for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission's E-Sports and I CAN SWIM! programs; 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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PAYMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS

- 11.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 7/31/2023, AUTHORIZING a payment of \$9,500 to A Fantastic Return, LLC from Cincinnati Recreation Commission Recreation Special Activities Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 323x197x6750x7299 as a moral obligation for professional tennis and pickleball services. [202301858](#)
- Recommend Passage Emergency
- 12.** ORDINANCE, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 7/31/2023, AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$275,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Downtown South/Riverfront Equivalent Fund 481 to 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 of Cincinnati, upon which is located a 780-space parking garage commonly known as the Whex Garage; and DECLARING that expenditures from Department of Finance non-personnel operating budget account no. 481x133x7200 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 2-Downtown South/Riverfront District Incentive District, subject to compliance with R.C. Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43. [202301852](#)
- Recommend Passage
- 13.** ORDINANCE, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 7/31/2023, AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of \$695,238 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x092x220924, "CAGIS Technology Migration," to the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Area Geographic Information System ("CAGIS") Fund 449; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$175,000 from the unappropriated surplus of CAGIS Fund 449 to Office of Performance and Data Analytics non-personnel operating budget account no. 449x108x1000x7289 to provide resources for a subscription-based solution for CAGIS server and [202301859](#)

technology data.

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CINCINNATI SOUTHERN RAILWAY

- 14.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by the Clerk of Council, from Kaitlyn Geiger, Clerk to the Board of Cincinnati Southern Railway, CERTIFYING a resolution setting the date of the election for the proposed sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway along with the applicable ballot language to the Board of Elections of Hamilton County; and DIRECTING the Board of Elections of Hamilton County to submit the ballot question to the electors.

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Yes: Councilmember Walsh
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Harris

No: Councilmember Johnson

PROPERTY SALE AGREEMENTS

- 15.** ORDINANCE, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 7/31/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Property Sale Agreement with Cincinnati Ballet Holdings, Inc. for the sale of certain real property located along Gilbert Avenue in the Walnut Hills neighborhood.

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ADJOURNMENT