



City of Cincinnati

Education, Innovation & Growth Committee

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Betsy Sundermann
Vice Chair Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney
Councilmember David Mann
Councilmember Wendell Young

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 2:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

Present: Jan-Michele Kearney
 David Mann
 Wendell Young
 Chairperson Sundermann

AGENDA

1. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Vice Mayor [202002233](#)
Smitherman, from Andrew W. Garth, Interim City Solicitor,
TO SUBMIT to the electors of the City of Cincinnati an
amendment to the Charter of the City to prohibit council
members from revising their successor designation
certificates subsequent to being indicted for a felony or the
filing of criminal charges relating to official conduct against
them by amending Article II, Section 4b and repealing
existing Section 4b of Article II; and to require the
appointment of a special prosecutor by the City Solicitor in
the event of an action under Ohio law to remove a member
of Council where a member of council has been indicted for
a felony or a criminal complaint has been filed against a
member for charges relating to official conduct by amending
Article IV by enacting new Section 5b.

Recommend Passage

Yes: Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Young
 Chairperson Sundermann

Abstain: Councilmember Mann

2. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by [202002238](#)
Councilmember Sundermann, from Andrew W. Garth,
Interim City Solicitor, TO SUBMIT to the electors of the City

of Cincinnati an amendment to the Charter of the City to provide for the suspension of members of City Council upon the filing of an indictment or the filing of certain criminal charges, but before a conviction; to provide for the removal of members of City Council upon the conviction of or guilty plea to certain criminal charges; to require ethics training for council members within 60 days of taking the oath of office; to prohibit council members from revising their successor designation certificates subsequent to being indicted for a state or federal felony or the filing of certain criminal charges against them; and to provide that if a member of City Council is in violation of civil statutes pertaining to official City Council duties, the member shall reimburse the City for the member's share of judgements, fines, and penalties, as well as costs associated with the City's legal representation of the member, by amending Section 4b and enacting new Sections 4c, 4d, 4e, and 4f of Article II, and repealing existing Section 4b.

indefinite postponement

Yes: Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Young
Chairperson Sundermann

3. MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, WE MOVE for the city administration to encourage city department leadership and city administration officials to participate in the Groundwater Training provided by the Greater Cincinnati Foundation's All in Cincinnati coalition. The Greater Cincinnati Foundation is providing the training to the City at no cost and can accommodate up to 50 participants. WE FURTHER MOVE for the city administration to urge all department heads to participate and to select a designee(s) to attend along with them. (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

[202100217](#)

Adopt

Yes: Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Young
Chairperson Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Mann

SUPPLEMENTAL

4. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) (VERSION B) submitted by Councilmember Sundermann, from Andrew W. Garth, Interim City Solicitor, TO SUBMIT to the electors of the City of Cincinnati an amendment to the Charter of the City to provide for the suspension of members of City Council upon the filing of an indictment or the filing of certain criminal charges, but before a conviction; to provide for the removal of members of City Council upon the conviction of or guilty plea to certain criminal charges; to require ethics training for council members within 60 days of taking the oath of office; to prohibit council members from revising their successor designation certificates subsequent to being indicted for a state or federal felony or the filing of certain criminal charges against them; and to clarify details regarding successor designation certificates, by amending Section 4b and enacting new Sections 4c, 4d, and 4e of Article II, and repealing existing Section 4b.

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Recommend Passage

Yes: Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Young
Chairperson Sundermann

ADJOURNMENT