



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 2:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:01 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

REVISED

ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, President Pro Tempore Scotty Johnson, Councilmember Ryan James, Councilmember Meeka Owens, Councilmember Evan Nolan, Councilmember Seth Walsh, Councilmember Anna Albi, Councilmember Jeff Cramerding, and Councilmember Mark Jeffreys

In attendance were City Manager Sheryl Long, City Solicitor Emily Smart Woerner and Clerk of Council Anthony Covington.

Council observed a moment of silent prayer and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

There being no objection, the Minutes of the previous session of council were Approved and Filed.

MS. KEARNEY

1. **MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that City Council support the \$87 million Burnet Square project that includes approximately 300 mixed -income residential units as well as retail units, by committing to working with the administration to find the needed resources left by the unexpected gap in the capital stack. (STATEMENT ATTACHED) [202600254](#)

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

2. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **DECLARING** that Chickering Avenue at Este Avenue in the Spring Grove Village neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Amir Anthony Jordan Way" in honor of Amir Anthony Jordan, a beloved son, brother, grandson, and community member whose kindness, imagination, and compassion left a lasting impact on all who knew him. [202600261](#)

Referred to Housing & Growth Committee

MR. WALSH

MR. JEFFREYS

3. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Walsh and Jeffreys, **WE MOVE** [202600405](#) that the Administration provide a report within sixty (60) days on restrictions and policies in the zoning and building codes that impact the ability to more easily build quality development including, but not limited to, minimum lot sizes, setbacks and yard requirements, single stair reform, and ADU restrictions. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE)

Referred to Housing & Growth Committee

4. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Walsh and Jeffreys, **WE MOVE** [202600419](#) that the Administration provide a report within forty-five (45) days establishing a metric for success of our currently established TIF districts. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE)

Referred to Housing & Growth Committee

MR. WALSH**MR. JEFFREYS****MS. OWENS****MR. JAMES****MS. ALBI****MS. KEARNEY**

5. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Walsh, Jeffreys, Owens, James, Albi, and Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** [202600412](#) that the City Administration provide a report to City Council evaluating the City of Cincinnati's current sidewalk snow and ice removal policy, including its effectiveness, consistency of compliance, and enforcement practices during recent winter seasons. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE)

Referred to Climate, City Service & Infrastructure Committee

MS. OWENS

6. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Councilmember Owens, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **ADOPTING** [202600243](#) a Council Code of Conduct pursuant to Section 101-45, "Code of Conduct," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to govern conduct by Councilmembers and their staff.

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

CITY MANAGER

7. **REPORT**, dated 2/4/2026 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, [202600195](#) on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Sublime Wine, LLC, DBA Sublime Wine, 3109 Harrison Ave. (#10010077-1, New, D-5J) [OBJECTIONS:

None]

Filed

8. **REPORT**, dated 2/4/2026 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Jarridos LLC, DBA Jarrido's, 3376-78 Erie Ave & 3366 Erie Ave. (#10010946-1, TRFO, D1 D2 D3 D3A D6) [Objections: None] [202600197](#)

Filed

9. **REPORT**, dated 2/4/2026 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for The Pickle Lodge Lunken Landing LLC, DBA Pickle Lodge Lunken Landing, 669 Wilmer Ave. (#10006292-1, New, D-5) [OBJECTIONS: None] [202600199](#)

Filed

10. **REPORT**, dated 2/4/2026, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Funding. (Reference Document # 202500771) [202600202](#)

Filed

11. **APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/4/2026, recommending the appointment of Sarah M. Kent to the Environmental Advisory Board for a one year appointment. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval. (Female/Black) [202600223](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

12. **REPORT**, dated 2/4/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for 2026 Findlay Market Opening Day Parade. [202600224](#)

Filed

13. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/4/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$15,000 from the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers to support City of Cincinnati Primary Care's participation in the Tobacco Cessation Project, implementing a multi-faceted strategy focused on preventing tobacco initiation, enhancing evidence-based screening protocols, and increasing patient engagement in cessation treatments; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8571. [202600237](#)

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

14. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/4/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$112,790 from the FY 2025 Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund through the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, to provide resources for personnel costs related to investigations conducted pursuant to Title III of the Federal [202600238](#)

Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968; and
AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into
Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 26ODLE.

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

- 15. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/4/2026, **AMENDING** Ordinance Nos. 411-2002, 412-2002, 413-2002, 414-2002, 415-2002, 416-2002, 417-2002, 418-2002, 419-2002, 420,2002, 421-2002, 408,2005, 409-2005, 410-2005, 411-2005, 412-2005, 413-2005, 414-2005, 415-2005, and 416-2005, each as may have been amended previously, to extend the term of the City's tax increment financing districts (the "TIF Districts") for an additional fifteen years pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40 (L).

[202600239](#)

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

- 16. RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/4/2026, **DECLARING** the necessity of assessing for the control of blight and disease of shade trees within the public right-of-way, and for planning, care, maintenance, trimming, and removing shade trees in and along the streets of the City of Cincinnati Urban Forestry Maintenance District for Calendar year 2027.

[202600240](#)

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 17. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Alana Tucker, Government Strategies. Senior Director of Government Affairs, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (ACTIVITIES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM)

[202600266](#)

Filed

- 18. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent James Benedict, Government Strategies, Vice President, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (ACTIVITIES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM)

[202600270](#)

Filed

- 19. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Anne Sesler, Government Strategies, Director of Public Affairs, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (ACTIVITIES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM)

[202600282](#)

Filed

- 20. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Charles H. Gerhardt III, Government Strategies, President & CEO, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (ALTA FIBER)

[202600288](#)

Filed

- 21. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent James Benedict, Government Strategies, Vice President, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (ALTA FIBER)

[202600297](#)

Filed

- 22. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Doug Moormann, Government Strategies, VP Consultant, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (ANGEL AERIAL) [202600305](#)

Filed

- 23. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent James Benedict, Government Strategies, VP Consultant, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (ARENA MANAGEMENT HOLDINGS) [202600313](#)

Filed

- 24. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Charles H. Gerhardt III, Government Strategies, President & CEO, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (ARENA MANAGEMENT HOLDINGS) [202600321](#)

Filed

- 25. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Charles H. Gerhardt III, Government Strategies, President & CEO, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (BEST POINT EDUCATION & BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH) [202600334](#)

Filed

- 26. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent James Benedict, Government Strategies, VP Consultant, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (BEST POINT EDUCATION & BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH) [202600335](#)

Filed

- 27. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Alana Tucker, Government Strategies, Senior Director of Government Affairs, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (GREAT PARKS OF HAMILTON COUNTY) [202600336](#)

Filed

- 28. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Charles H. Gerhardt III, Government Strategies, President & CEO, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (CINCINNATI METRO) [202600345](#)

Filed

- 29. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent James Benedict, Government Strategies, Vice President, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (CINCINNATI METRO) [202600353](#)

Filed

- 30. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Doug Moormann, Government Strategies, Vice President, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (CINCINNATI METRO) [202600359](#)

Filed

- 31. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Anne Sesler, Government Strategies, Director of Public Affairs, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (CINCINNATI METRO) [202600367](#)

Filed

- 32. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Anne Sesler, Government Strategies, Director of Public Affairs, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (LADD) [202600375](#)

Filed

- 33. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Charles H. Gerhardt III, Government Strategies, President & CEO, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (LADD) [202600384](#)

Filed

- 34. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent James Benedict, Government Strategies, Vice President, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (HAM CO. MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY SERVICES) [202600392](#)

Filed

- 35. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Alana Tucker, Government Strategies, Senior Director of Government Affairs, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (HAM CO. MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY SERVICES) [202600400](#)

Filed

BUDGET, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

- 36. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys, Cramerding, Nolan, Owens, Albi and Walsh, **WE MOVE** for City Council to begin the annual review of the City Manager. The review will be based on the ten categories listed below and will follow the timeline listed below. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED) [202600188](#)

Adopted

Yes:
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys

- 37. MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the [202600220](#)

administration prepare a report within 30 days: Indicating findings of a market analysis to increase the salary range of the Deputy Clerk position for the City of Cincinnati. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE).

Adopted

- 38. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$1,325.58 to Broadcast Music, Inc. from Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) Recreation Special Activities Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x199x1910x7452 as a moral obligation for outstanding charges for music licensing services.

[202600171](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0021-2026

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0021-2026

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Enactment No: 0021-2026

39. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$8,740 from Greater Cincinnati Water Works Water Works Capital Fund capital improvement program project account no. 756x300x0000x7634x213354, "Grandin Ln/Grandin Rd/Torrence," to United Title Services, LLC as a moral obligation for title services for water main infrastructure improvements in Hyde Park provided after January 1, 2025.

[202600159](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Enactment No: 0022-2026

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Enactment No: 0022-2026

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Enactment No: 0022-2026

40. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2025 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (ALN 16.607), to provide the Cincinnati Police Department with reimbursement of up to \$263,250 for bulletproof vest body armor expenditures for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, which are estimated at \$526,500; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 26VEST.

[202600160](#)

Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Enactment No: 0023-2026

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys

Enactment No: 0023-2026

- 41. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, "Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756," to provide resources for the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project Phase 1 (PID 115756) (the "Gilbert Avenue Safety Project"), a two-mile long Complete Street along Gilbert Avenue beginning at Court Street and ending at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, including but not limited to pavement rehabilitation, intersection and traffic signal improvements, bus stop improvements, shortened crosswalks, and protected bike lanes; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources of up to \$3,800,000 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. 980x233x262346, "Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756," to provide resources for the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, "Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756"; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project.

[202600172](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Enactment No: 0024-2026

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Enactment No: 0024-2026

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Enactment No: 0024-2026

42. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/28/2026, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262347, "Little Miami Scenic Trail PID 115291 COTF," to provide resources to extend the existing shared-use path along Beechmont Avenue from the intersection of Elstun Road to the intersection of Ranchvale Drive in the Mount Washington neighborhood; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Clean Ohio Trails Fund grant of up to \$412,500 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources ("ODNR") to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262347, "Little Miami Scenic Trail PID 115291 COTF"; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262347, "Little Miami Scenic Trail PID 115291 COTF"; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary to complete the extension of the existing shared-use path along Beechmont Avenue from the intersection of Elstun Road to the intersection of Ranchvale Drive in the Mount Washington neighborhood, including but not limited to entering into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of the ODNR grant resources.

[202600215](#)

Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Enactment No: 0025-2026

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0025-2026

43. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/28/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source Fund 304, "Community Development Block Grant," of \$3,100,184.29 to close out or decrease existing project accounts according to Section A of the attached Schedule of Transfer; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$3,100,184.29 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund 304, "Community Development Block Grant," to various project accounts according to Section B of the attached Schedule of Transfer to ensure funding will be spent in a timely manner to support vital City programs.

[202600214](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0026-2026

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0026-2026

 Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Enactment No: 0026-2026

- 44. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/28/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Funding Agreement with Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation to facilitate acquisition of real property located at 125 Calhoun Street in the CUF neighborhood of Cincinnati; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$995,000 from the unappropriated surplus of CUF/Heights Equivalent Fund 487 (CUF/Heights TIF District) to the Department of Community and Economic Development CUF/Heights Equivalent Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 487x164x7400 to provide resources for the acquisition of real property located at 125 Calhoun Street in the CUF neighborhood of Cincinnati; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$30,000 from the unappropriated surplus of CUF/Heights Equivalent Fund 487 (CUF/Heights TIF District) to the Department of Community and Economic Development CUF/Heights Equivalent Fund personnel operating budget account no. 487x164x7100 to provide staffing resources in support of the acquisition of real property located at 125 Calhoun Street in the CUF neighborhood of Cincinnati; and further **DECLARING** expenditures from such project account related to the acquisition of real property located at 125 Calhoun Street in the CUF neighborhood of Cincinnati to be a public purpose and constitute a “Public Infrastructure Improvement” (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40(A)(8)) that will benefit and/or serve the District 8-Clifton Heights-University Heights-Fairview (CUF) 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>>). <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business%3E>>.

[202600216](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Enactment No: 0027-2026

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Enactment No: 0027-2026

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Enactment No: 0027-2026

- 45. COMMUNICATON**, submitted by Councilmember Cramerding regarding FYI Memo: \$5.42M Public Safety Funding Update.

[202600221](#)

Approved & Filed

- 46. REPORT**, dated 1/28/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Department of Finance Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025 (unaudited).

[202600201](#)

Approved & Filed

- 47. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/28/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the policy of managing the Stabilization Funds for the City of Cincinnati.

[202600211](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys

No: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Walsh
Enactment No: 0028-2026

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0028-2026

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0028-2026

- 48. MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the administration prepare an analysis of the effects of amending the 2026 waterfall update (Ordinance #202600211) so that the General Fund Contingency Account remains at 2.0% in the carryover Waterfall and the

[202600376](#)

overall percentage of reserves remains at 16.7%. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that the City Administration also analyze using expenditures as the basis for the reserve fund balances rather than revenues. The analysis should provide the pros and cons of a change of this nature and be made available within sixty days.

Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys

- 49. REPORT**, dated 1/28/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding FY 2025 Carryover to FY 2026 Report.

[202600200](#)

Approved & Filed

- 50. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/28/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$2,761,207 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Working Capital Reserve Fund 754 to increase the City's working capital reserve; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$2,478,755 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2585, "Economic Downturn Reserve," to increase the City's emergency reserve; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$17,763,995 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to provide resources for unanticipated emergencies, including those caused by unusual weather events, to increase the City's reserve and for one-time needs; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$5,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Department of Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x7200 to provide resources for the Cincinnati Development Fund to use for affordable housing initiatives; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office fringe benefits operating budget account no. 050x101x7500 to provide a one-time contribution to address the City's pension obligation to the Cincinnati Retirement System; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2535, "Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies," to provide resources for subsequent appropriation for one-time unforeseen operating needs that arise during the remainder of the current fiscal year; **ESTABLISHING** new balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2581 within the General Fund 050, "Reserve for Special Events Support," to provide resources for

[202600212](#)

subsequent appropriation by Council for identified one-time support for special events or as part of the next annual budget cycle; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to newly established balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2581, "Reserve for Special Events Support," to provide resources for subsequent appropriation by Council for identified one-time support for special events or as part of the next annual budget cycle; **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 323-2022 which established balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3440 within the General Fund 050, "Infrastructure and Capital Project Reserve," to expand the purpose of the balance sheet reserve account to provide resources for identified one-time infrastructure and capital projects for City-owned assets, including but not limited to fleet and other equipment, facilities, and technology; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$1,006,417 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3440, "Infrastructure and Capital Project Reserve," to provide resources for subsequent appropriation by Council for identified one-time infrastructure and capital projects for identified urgent needs or as part of the next annual budget cycle; **ESTABLISHING** new balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2582 within the General Fund 050, "Housing and Economic Development Capital Project Reserve," to provide resources for subsequent appropriation by Council for identified one-time capital or permanent improvement projects supporting housing and economic development for identified urgent needs or as part of the next annual budget cycle; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$1,006,417 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to newly established balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2582, "Housing and Economic Development Capital Project Reserve," to provide resources for subsequent appropriation by Council for identified one-time infrastructure and capital projects supporting housing and economic development for identified urgent needs or as part of the next annual budget cycle; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$1,063,294 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,063,294 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to provide resources for Human Services funding, which was funded in FY 2025 but not encumbered before June 30, 2025.

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys

No: Councilmember Walsh
Enactment No: 0029-2026

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys

No: Councilmember Walsh
Enactment No: 0029-2026

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys

No: Councilmember Walsh
Enactment No: 0029-2026

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SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

CLIMATE, CITY SERVICE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

- 51. **ORDINANCE (B VERSION)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/4/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into and execute a Funding Agreement, in substantially the form of Attachment A hereto, to enable the Millcreek Valley Conservancy District to develop the revenue and capacity to operate, maintain, repair, and replace the Mill Creek Local Flood Protection Project when it is completed and turned over to the district by the United States Army Corps of Engineers; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Stormwater Management Fund 107 to Stormwater Management Utility Stormwater Management Fund non-personnel operating budget account no.107x311x7200 to provide [202600234](#)

resources to the Millcreek Valley Conservancy District to operate, maintain, repair, and replace the Mill Creek Local Flood Protection Project; and **DECLARING** the project to be for a public purpose.

Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Enactment No: 0030-2026

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Enactment No: 0030-2026

HOUSING & GROWTH COMMITTEE

- 52. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Nolan, Walsh, Jeffreys, Cramerding, Owens, Albi, James, and Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the City Administration design a Neighborhood Planning Cycle to be implemented and managed by Department of City Planning and Engagement ("Planning") that spans approximately a ten-year period and provides each neighborhood (or group of neighborhoods, if appropriate) with a new comprehensive neighborhood plan, or comprehensive plan update, approximately every ten years; **WE FURTHER MOVE** that the City Administration and Planning consider the following phases to be conducted over such ten-year period for the design and planned execution of the Neighborhood Planning Cycle: (BALANCE ON FILE IN CLERKS OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202600231](#)

Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys

- 53. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Nolan, Walsh, Albi, Cramerding, Vice Mayor Kearney, Owens, Jeffreys, James. **WE MOVE** that the City Manager immediately commence the creation of an Office of Strategic Growth (OSG) inside the City Manager's office with shared jurisdiction over: **WE FURTHER MOVE** that the City Manager take the necessary steps within 90 days to launch the OSG within the current Operating Budget for fiscal year 2026; **WE FURTHER MOVE** that the City Administration prepare and provide a report within 90 days detailing the necessary additional staffing and budget requirements to fully empower the OSG to sustainably execute on its duties and responsibilities in pursuit of the City's strategic objectives and growth goals, so that such requirements can be taken into consideration by Council for updating the 2027 Operating Budget; **WE FURTHER MOVE** that the City Administration prepare and provide a report within 120 days with a plan and budget to complete a comprehensive strategic review of the City's development (BALANCE ON FILE IN CLERKS OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202600232](#)

Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys

- 54. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Owens and Jeffreys, **WE MOVE** that the City Administration prepare a report by March 1st, 2026 updating the Council on all active LEED Tax Abatements. **FURTHER WE MOVE** that the Administration provide statistics on the amount of LEED tax abatements that have been amended or canceled since passage of the original ordinance in 2007 (Ord. 446-2007) and since the 2023 revision (Ord. 106-2023).

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Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys

55. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/28/2026, **APPROVING** the continued operations of the existing designated outdoor refreshment area in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, known as the “DORA at the Banks,” for an additional five years pursuant to Chapter 838 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, “Outdoor Refreshment Areas.”

[202600213](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0031-2026

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0031-2026

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0031-2026

56. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/7/2026, **DESIGNATING** the Brinker Building located at 4030 Glenway Avenue in the West Price Hill neighborhood as a local historic landmark.

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Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0032-2026

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0032-2026

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0032-2026

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 2:41 P.M.