

**May 15, 2024**

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202401349

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance - Vacating Convention Way & Elm Street (DECC)**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to take any and all steps as may be necessary in order to vacate as public right-of-way and retain approximately 0.7968 acres, being portions of public rights-of-way known as Elm Street, Convention Way, Opera Alley, Hatters Alley, Thorp Alley, and Sixth Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, and to release and quitclaim certain public walkway easements over and across the site of the former Millennium Hotel, all to facilitate the Duke Energy Convention Center renovation project.

This ordinance authorizes the vacation of portions of existing right-of-way proximate to the Duke Energy Convention Center and release of certain easements related to the former Millennium Hotel, all as part of the ongoing convention center redevelopment project. The City will maintain ownership of all vacated public right-of-way. The purpose of this authorization is to facilitate the creation of the public plaza planned for the area immediately east of the existing Duke Energy Convention Center.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: William "Billy" Weber, Assistant City Manager

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