



# City of Cincinnati

## Cincinnati City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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**Thursday, January 5, 2023**

**2:00 PM**

**Council Chambers, Room 300**

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

#### **ROLL CALL**

Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, Councilmember Liz Keating, Councilmember Jeff Cramerding, Councilmember Reggie Harris, Councilmember Mark Jeffreys, Councilmember Scotty Johnson, Councilmember Meeka Owens, President Pro Tempore Victoria Parks, and Councilmember Seth Walsh

In attendance were City Manager Sheryl Long, City Solicitor Emily Woerner and Clerk of Council Melissa Autry.

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

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

#### **MAYOR AFTAB**

#### **Civil Service Commission**

- 1. REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint [202202281](#) Jim Robinson to the Civil Service Commission for a term of six years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

#### **Cincinnati Elections Commission**

- 2. APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint [202202300](#) Sally Jo Krisel to the Democratic-party affiliated seat of the Cincinnati Elections Commission for a term of four years, beginning December 1, 2022. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

**MS. KEARNEY**

3. **ORDINANCE**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **MODIFYING** Title XIV, "Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, by **AMENDING** the provisions of Section 1403-05, "Land Use Regulations," and by **ORDAINING** new Section 1403-08, "Two-, Three-, and Four Family Restoration," to permit the restoration of existing homes in single-family zoning districts that were originally constructed as two-, three-, and four-family homes to be returned to that use. [202202305](#)

Referred to Equitable Growth & Housing Committee

### CITY MANAGER

4. **REPORT**, dated 1/5/2023 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 El Argento LLC, 700 Race Street. (#2485730, D5 D6, Transfer) [Objections: None] [202202286](#)

Filed

5. **REPORT**, dated 1/5/2023 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 Doordash Essentials LLC, 352 Gest Street. (#22625050030, C1 C2, Transfer) [Objections: None] [202202287](#)

Filed

6. **REPORT**, dated 1/5/2023, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Finance and Budget Monitoring Report for the Period Ending October 31. 2022. [202202302](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

7. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/5/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$273,639 from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services, FY 2022 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) - Warrants Program (ALN 16.034) for the purpose of reimbursing the Cincinnati Police Department for the costs associated with serving warrants, which will reduce the number of outstanding open warrants that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 22WARR. [202202306](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

8. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/5/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a donation in the amount of \$302.20 from Green Umbrella for the purpose of reimbursing travel expenses for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission Director to attend the Civic Commons Studio #6 Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into General Fund 050 revenue account no. 050x8571. [202202307](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

9. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. [202202308](#)

Long, City Manager, on 1/5/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of capital improvement program project account nos. 980x101x231038, "Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument," for the purpose of providing resources for a monument to honor the legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; 980x164x231636, "Development ROW Improvements," for the purpose of providing resources to rehabilitate property and infrastructure located within, and adjacent to, the right-of-way on city streets; 980x212x232108, "BuildingBlocks Code Enforcement Interface," for the purpose of providing resources for a map-based application, equipped to provide advanced data analytics and automated reporting within a single interface, that connects and updates property data held in different systems and formats across departments and agencies; and 980x203x232028, "System Wide Masonry Repairs," for the purpose of providing resources for removal of safety hazards and restoration of infrastructure including, but not limited to, stone walls, unit pavers, as well as concrete and asphalt hard surfaces throughout the Park System; **AUTHORIZING** the redirection of the sum of \$120,000 in donated resources from the Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners Private Endowment Funds from capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x182011, "System Wide Masonry Repairs," to the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of and return to source Funds 050, 757, 758, 762, 858, and 871 the sum of \$3,746,443.87 from various General Capital Budget capital improvement program project accounts to close out or decrease certain existing capital improvement program project accounts, according to Section A of the attached Schedule of Transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of and return to source Funds 102, 103, 302, 318, 430, 481, 482, 483, and 498 the sum of \$2,134,663.71 from various Restricted Funds capital improvement program project accounts to close out or decrease certain existing capital improvement program project accounts, according to Section B of the attached Schedule of Transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$4,026,591.23 from the unappropriated surplus of General Capital Funds 050, 757, 758, 762, 858, and 871 to new or existing capital improvement program project accounts to provide resources for certain capital improvement program project accounts, according to Section C of the attached Schedule of Transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$1,092,733.40 from the unappropriated surplus of Restricted Capital Funds 302, 430, and 761 to new or existing capital improvement program project accounts to

provide resources for certain capital improvement program project accounts, according to Section D of the attached Schedule of Transfer; AUTHORIZING the transfer of and return to source Funds 107 and 846 the sum of \$5,677,384.58 from various Restricted Funds capital improvement program project accounts to close out or decrease certain existing capital improvement program project accounts, according to Section E of the attached Schedule of Transfer; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$5,677,384.58 from the unappropriated surplus of Restricted Capital Funds 107 and 846 to existing capital improvement program project accounts to provide resources for certain capital improvement program project accounts, according to Section F of the attached Schedule of Transfer; AUTHORIZING the transfer of and return to source of General Fund 050 the sum of \$24,000,000 from various General Capital Budget capital improvement program project accounts to close out or decrease certain existing capital improvement program project accounts, according to Section G of the attached Schedule of Transfer; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$24,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to new capital improvement program project accounts to provide resources for certain capital improvement program project accounts, according to Section H of the attached Schedule of Transfer; AUTHORIZING the transfer of the sum of \$2,032 from the unappropriated surplus of the Parking System Facilities Fund 102 to reserve account no. 102x3441, "U-Square Garage - Reserve for Capital Projects," for the purpose of dedicating resources for future repairs to the identified garage; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Downtown OTR East Equivalent Fund 483 to the Department of Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account no. 483x164x7200 for the purpose of providing resources to assist with the acquisition and renovation of the Emery Theater located at 1112 Walnut Street and 100 East Central Parkway; AUTHORIZING the acceptance and appropriation of a donation totaling \$67,936.97 from the Cincinnati Recreation Foundation into various existing capital improvement program project accounts as follows: \$3,346 into 980x199x201902, "Aquatics Facilities Renovation"; \$3,025 into 980x199x201903, "Athletics Facilities Renovation"; \$38,540.89 into 980x199x201900, "Outdoor Facilities Renovation"; and \$23,025.08 into 980x199x201913, "Hirsch Walking Trail," for the purpose of providing resources to the Cincinnati Recreation

Commission's Capital Improvement Plan; AUTHORIZING the Finance Director to deposit donated sums from the Cincinnati Recreation Foundation into various existing capital improvement program project accounts as follows: \$3,346 into 980x199x201902, "Aquatics Facilities Renovation"; \$3,025 into 980x199x201903, "Athletics Facilities Renovation"; \$38,540.89 into 980x199x201900, "Outdoor Facilities Renovation"; and \$23,025.08 into 980x199x201913, "Hirsch Walking Trail"; and further DECLARING certain projects to be for a public purpose, all for the purpose of carrying out the Capital Improvement Program.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 10. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/5/2023, **MODIFYING** Chapter 311 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, "City of Cincinnati Income Tax," by AMENDING Sections 311-3, "Purposes; Imposition of the Tax; Tax Rates," 311-7, "Allocation of Funds," and 311-23, "Collection at Source; Withholding from Qualifying Wages," to include changes to the City's earning tax rate to comply with Article VIII, Section 6c of the Charter of the City.

[202202309](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

### CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 11. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Sheryl Long/City Manager.

[202202303](#)

Filed

- 12. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Seth T. Walsh/Councilmember. (ETHICS)

[202202304](#)

Filed

- 13. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Melissa Autry/Clerk of Council.

[202300010](#)

Filed

- 14. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Karen Alder/Finance Director.

[202300015](#)

Filed

- 15. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Deborah Wyler Allison/Finance Department/Finance Manager.

[202300021](#)

Filed

- 16. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Fred H. Anderton/D.O.T.E./Aviation Division - Airport Manager.

[202300027](#)

- Filed
17. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Michael A. Barnhill/Retirement Executive Director. [202300033](#)
- Filed
18. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Kelsey Lynn Braidon/Division Manager. [202300038](#)
- Filed
19. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for John Seth Brazina/Director of Transportation and Engineering. [202300044](#)
- Filed
20. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Dena Nichole Brown/Citizen Complaint Authority/Division Manager. [202300050](#)
- Filed
21. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Lathel Bryant/Recreation/Division Manager. [202300056](#)
- Filed
22. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Kelly Lavender Carr/Human Resources/Deputy Director. [202300062](#)
- Filed
23. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Pamela S. Chandler/GCWW Deputy Director/CFO. [202300068](#)
- Filed
24. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Diana Ruth Christy/Metropolitan Sewer District/Director. [202300074](#)
- Filed
25. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Paul B. Conway/D.O.T.E./Deputy Director. [202300079](#)
- Filed
26. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Office of the City Manager - Office of Budget & Evaluation / Budget Director. [202300084](#)
- Filed
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- 27. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Daniel Clare Fortinberry/Parking Division Manager. [202300089](#)
- Filed
- 28. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Arian Yatira Hall / Finance Division Manager. [202300094](#)
- Filed
- 29. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Latisha A. Hazell/ Human Resources Deputy Director. [202300100](#)
- Filed
- 30. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Matthew Stuart Hulme/DOTE/Division Manager. [202300105](#)
- Filed

### **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- 31. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/21/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$55,000 from the National Association of County and City Health Officials for the purpose of providing one-on-one technical assistance to help the Cincinnati Health Department translate “Strengthening Capacity in Suicide, Overdose, and Adverse Childhood Experiences Prevention for Local Health Departments” results into actionable guidance to improve internal capacity to address the intersection of suicide, overdose, and adverse childhood experiences; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund 350x8571. [202202267](#)
- Passed
- Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Enactment No: 0001-2023

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Keating  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Owens  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Enactment No: 0001-2023

**32. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/21/2022 **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a subgrant in an amount of up to \$126,638 from the Ohio Department of Health (ALN 93.323) for the purpose of preventing, detecting, and mitigating COVID-19 in high-risk confinement living facilities; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund account no. 350x8556.

[202202268](#)

Passed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Keating  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Owens  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Enactment No: 0002-2023

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Keating  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Owens  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Enactment No: 0002-2023

**33. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/21/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for,

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accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$15,000 from the Ohio Commission on Minority Health for the purpose of providing resources for the Local Conversation - Health Equity: From Input to Action - Round 3 project; and AUTHORIZING the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8571.

Passed Emergency

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Enactment No: 0003-2023

Emergency clause to remain

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Enactment No: 0003-2023

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Enactment No: 0003-2023

**34. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/21/2022, **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$24,744.71 to

[202202270](#)

Arrowhead Scientific, Inc., as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to supplies received by the Cincinnati Police Department (“CPD”) Firearm Intervention Response Support Team at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2023, with \$11,769.71 to be paid from CPD General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x222x1760x7362, and \$12,975 to be paid from Law Enforcement Grant Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 368x222x1760x7362x21CGIC.

### Passed Emergency

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Enactment No: 0004-2023

### Emergency clause to remain

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Enactment No: 0004-2023

### Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Enactment No: 0004-2023

- 35. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/21/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232033, "Ault Park Trails & Playground - Grant"; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate State of Ohio Capital Budget Grant resources in the amount of up to \$350,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, as authorized by the 134th Ohio General Assembly through House Bill 687, to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232033, "Ault Park Trails & Playground - Grant," for the purpose of providing resources to renovate the trail system and refurbish the playground at Ault Park.

[202202272](#)

Passed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Keating  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Owens  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Enactment No: 0005-2023

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Keating  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Owens  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Enactment No: 0005-2023

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 36. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/5/2023, **AUTHORIZING** an archery display and demonstrations by a professional archer during the hunting and fishing portion of the Travel, Sports, and Boat Show at the Duke Energy Convention Center from January 17 through 29, 2023, notwithstanding the prohibitions in Cincinnati Municipal Code Sections 708-41 and 708-27 against possession and use of a deadly or dangerous weapon within any City building and against discharge of any dangerous weapon in the City.

[202300257](#)

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

**No announcements at this time.**

Council adjourned at 2:23 P.M.