



City of Cincinnati Cincinnati City Council Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers, Room
300
801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Tuesday, September 1, 2020 2:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:29 P.M., Mayor John Cranley, Presiding.

ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman, Councilmember Jan-Michele Kearney, Councilmember Greg Landsman, Councilmember David Mann, Councilmember Jeff Pastor, President Pro Tem Chris Seelbach, Councilmember P.G. Sittenfeld, Councilmember Betsy Sundermann, Councilmember Wendell Young, and Mayor Mayor John Cranley

The following council members participated remotely: Vice-Mayor Smitherman (in at 2:32 P.M), Councilmember Pastor, Councilmember Kearney and Councilmember Sittenfeld (in at 3:03 P.M.)

Also in attendance were Interim City Manager Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Solicitor Andrew Garth, and Clerk of Council Melissa Autry.

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

LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 the sum of up to \$260,000 from the Department of Transportation and Engineering's Fund 455 "Streetcar Operations" non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200, the exact amount which will be determined by the revenue generated by fares for the Cincinnati Bell Connector collected during Fiscal Year 2021; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of up to \$260,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Cincinnati Police Department's General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x222x7100 for the purpose of providing additional police visibility overtime for crime hotspots, the exact amount which will be determined by the revenue generated by fares for the Cincinnati Bell Connector collected during Fiscal Year 2021; and AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of up to \$260,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund 455 "Streetcar Operations" to the Department of Transportation and Engineering's non-personnel operating budget account

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no. 455x236x7200 for the purpose of providing resources to operate and maintain the Cincinnati Bell Connector during Fiscal Year 2021, the exact amount which will be determined by the revenue generated by fares for the Cincinnati Bell Connector during Fiscal Year 2021.

On Pursuant to Rule 10.8

Suspension of three readings failed

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
Councilmember Sundermann

No: Councilmember Landsman
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Young

Absent: Councilmember Sittenfeld

MAJOR PROJECTS AND SMART GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

2. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Councilmember Seelbach, dated August 31, 2020, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to take such actions as are necessary to establish fare-free transit service for the Cincinnati Bell Connector beginning on September 2, 2020, which program shall be consistent with the adopted Fiscal Year 2021 streetcar budget; AUTHORIZING the suspension for sixty days of those sections of the Cincinnati Municipal Code that would otherwise require payment of fares by streetcar rides; and DECLARING Council's intent to introduce additional legislation within sixty days to modify the Cincinnati Municipal Code to allow for an ongoing fare-free service option for the Cincinnati Bell Connector. ****(VETOED BY MAYOR JOHN CRANLEY ON 9/1/2020)**

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Passed Emergency

Enactment No: 0281-2020

Vetoed

Enactment No: 0281-2020

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann
Councilmember Young

No: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Enactment No: 0281-2020

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Young

No: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Sundermann
Enactment No: 0281-2020

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sundermann
Councilmember Young

No: Vice Mayor Smitherman

Absent: Councilmember Sittenfeld
Enactment No: 0281-2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW BUSINESS

Adjournment