



City of Cincinnati

Budget and Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

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Councilmember Anna Albi
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Evan Nolan
Councilmember Meeka Owens
President Pro Tem Victoria Parks
Councilmember Seth Walsh

Monday, October 6, 2025

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

Present: Mark Jeffreys
Anna Albi
Jan-Michele Kearney
Jeff Cramerding
Meeka Owens
Scotty Johnson
Seth Walsh
Victoria Parks
Evan Nolan

Also in attendance were Colleen Swim, Law Department, Monica Morton, Finance Department and Dr. Andrew Dudas, Budget Director. The meeting began at 1:04pm and ended at 2:23pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SOPEC ELECTRIC PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR THE CITY OF CINCINNATI

PRESENTATION

Energy Aggregation & SOPEC

Ollie Kroner, Director, Office of Environment and Sustainability

END OF PUBLIC HEARING

AGENDA**SOUTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL**

1. ORDINANCE, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary to enable the City to join the Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("SOPEC") and act jointly with other municipalities, townships, counties, and other political subdivisions to maximize the potential benefits of electricity procurement through group purchasing efforts; and APPROVING the SOPEC Plan of Operation and Governance and the Amended and Restated Bylaws Governing SOPEC.

[202501777](#)

Held

MOTION

2. MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Owens, WE MOVE that the City Administration prepare a report within the next 30 days to provide updates on all projects that were recommended funding as part of the FY26/27 biennium budget. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

[202501820](#)

Adopt

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

3. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/1/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$4,200,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program (ALN 14.900) to provide resources for remediating lead-based paint hazards in eligible homes throughout Cincinnati and addressing other health risks through the City's Healthy Homes program; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit up to \$3,960,000 into Lead Hazard Research Control Fund revenue account no. 387x8556 for lead hazard control and up to \$240,000 into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556 for Healthy Homes initiatives.

[202501794](#)

Recommend Passage

4. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/1/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept grant resources of \$57,000 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to fund construction of a comfort station at Lytle Park; AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund 326; ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x262048, "Lytle Park Comfort Station," to provide resources to construct a comfort station at Lytle Park; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$57,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund 326 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x262048, "Lytle Park Comfort Station," to provide resources for a comfort station at Lytle Park.

[202501797](#)

Recommend Passage

5. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/1/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of the use of office space, valued at up to \$50,000 per year, located in the Central Business District and/or Over-the-Rhine neighborhoods, from the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation and Urban Sites to provide resources to support connecting community members with City services and violence reduction efforts.

[202501604](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS

6. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/1/2025, AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$49,750 from the unappropriated surplus of Parking Meter Fund 303 to Enterprise Services Parking Meter Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 303x248x7200 to provide resources to maintain and repair the outdoor dining areas located within the public right-of-way.

[202501795](#)

Recommend Passage

CANNABIS TAX REVENUE

7. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/1/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept Cannabis Tax revenue from the State of Ohio; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the revenue into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8506. [202501796](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

RIGHT-OF-WAY

8. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/1/2025, DEDICATING, ACCEPTING, AND CONFIRMING the dedication to public use of an approximately 0.081-acre tract of real property as Langston Street, a public right-of-way for street purposes in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati. [202501802](#)

Recommend Passage

PAYMENTS

9. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/6/2025, AUTHORIZING a payment of \$86,155 from Cincinnati Health Department Public Health Research Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 350x263x3110x7289 to Companies By Design, LLC, as a moral obligation for lead remediation services provided between July and October 2023. [202501849](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

PRESENTATION

10. PRESENTATION submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 10/6/2025, regarding the Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES) presentation on Energy Aggregation & SOPEC for the Public Hearing on the SOPEC Electric Plan of Operation and Governance for the City of Cincinnati to be held at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting on October 6, 2025 at 1:00 PM. [202501856](#)

Filed

ADJOURNMENT

