



# City of Cincinnati

## Budget and Finance Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Reggie Harris  
Vice Chair Jeff Cramerding  
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys  
Councilmember Scotty Johnson  
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney  
Councilmember Anna Albi  
Councilmember Meeka Owens  
Councilmember Seth Walsh  
President Pro Tem Victoria Parks

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**Tuesday, May 28, 2024**

**1:00 PM**

**Council Chambers, Room 300**

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#### Roll Call

**Present:** Mark Jeffreys  
Anna Albi  
Meeka Owens  
Reggie Harris  
Scotty Johnson  
Seth Walsh  
Victoria Parks

**Remote:** Jan-Michele Kearney  
Jeff Cramerding

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

**City Manager's Recommended FY 2025 Budget Update**  
**Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager**

**Cincy on Track Update**  
**Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager**

**John Brazina, Director, Department of Transportation and Engineering**  
**Jerry Wilkerson, Director, Department of Public Services**  
**Dr. Grant Mussman, Health Commissioner, Cincinnati Health Department**  
**Daniel Betts, Director, Cincinnati Recreation Commission**  
**Jason Barron, Director, Cincinnati Parks Department**

#### **AGENDA**

#### **GRANTS**

1. ORDINANCE, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/22/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant, effective FY 2025, of up to \$120,000 from the State of Ohio Department of Health Creating Healthy Communities program to reimburse existing staff for their work on the Healthy Communities program; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536, effective FY 2025.

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Recommend Passage

2. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/22/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant, effective FY 2025, of up to \$225,406 from the Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Health Preparedness (ALN 93.069) for the planning and implementation of emergency preparedness activities in response to public health threats such as bioterrorism, infectious disease outbreaks, and health-related emergencies at the county and regional public health level; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556, effective FY 2025.

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3. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/22/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Drivers and Environmental Impacts of Energy Transition in Underserved Communities Grant of up to \$47,288 from Green Umbrella awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Science to Achieve Results program (ALN 66.509) to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to complete the "Evaluating the Environmental, Behavioral, and Financial Benefits of Electrification and Energy Efficiency for Underserved Communities" grant project; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8543.

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**PAYMENTS**

4. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/22/2024, AUTHORIZING the payment of \$113,509.61 from the Department of Transportation and Engineering capital improvement program project account no. 980x239x0000x7671x242345, "Traffic Signals Infrastructure," to Capital Electric pursuant to the attached certificate from the Director of Finance for outstanding charges related to traffic signals infrastructure labor, materials, and equipment services provided to the City. [202401429](#)

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5. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/22/2024, AUTHORIZING a payment of \$27,663.65 to ATC Group Services LLC dba Atlas Technical Consultants LLC from the Office of Environment and Sustainability ("OES") General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x5000x7289 as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to consultation services provided to OES for additional food and yard waste services and request for proposal (RFP) preparation for curbside cart containers in March and April 2024. [202401430](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

6. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/22/2024, DETERMINING to proceed with special street lighting assessments in Lighting Group 1 for three years beginning August 1, 2023, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") Section 727.23, on the streets or portions of the streets described in Attachment A hereto. [202401436](#)

Recommend Passage

7. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/22/2024, TO LEVY special assessments to pay for a portion of the cost of special street lighting in Lighting Group 1, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") Section 727.25, for the three-year period beginning on [202401437](#)

August 1, 2023.

Recommend Passage

### **HUD ENTITLEMENT GRANTS**

8. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/22/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$11,172,581 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to various Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 project accounts in accordance with Section A of the attached Appropriation Schedule and in accordance with the 2024 Annual Action Plan to fund projects and operating allocations for the Community Development Block Grant Program; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of \$355,979.50 in program income in accordance with Section B of the attached Appropriation Schedule to fund the continuation of vital City programs; AUTHORIZING the return to source of \$436,419.35 from various Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 project accounts to the unappropriated surplus of Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 to realign available grant resources in accordance with Section C of the attached Appropriation Schedule; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of \$436,419.35 from the unappropriated surplus of Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 to realign resources with program needs in accordance with Section D of the attached Appropriation Schedule; ANNOUNCING the City's intention to use this sum for projects and operating allocations for the Community Development Block Grant Program according to Section A of the 2024 Annual Action Plan and the attached Appropriation Schedule and to file the 2024 Annual Action Plan; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to file the 2024 Annual Action Plan.

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9. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/22/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$1,916,748 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS ("HOPWA") Fund 465, in accordance with the 2024 Annual Action Plan and the attached Appropriation Schedule, to provide funding

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to projects and operating allocations for the HOPWA Grant Program; announcing the City's intent to use said sum for projects and operating allocations for the HOPWA Grant Program, in accordance with the 2024 Annual Action Plan and the attached Appropriation Schedule, and to file the 2024 Annual Action Plan; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to file the 2024 Annual Action Plan.

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- 10.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/22/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$2,436,819.50 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, through the HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Program (ALN 14.239), to various Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project accounts in accordance with the attached Appropriation Schedule and in accordance with the 2024 Annual Action Plan to fund projects and operating allocations for the HOME Program; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of \$60,577.86 in program income to Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project accounts in accordance with the attached Appropriation Schedule to fund the continuation of vital City programs; ANNOUNCING the City's intention to use said sums for projects and operating allocations for the HOME Program according to the 2024 Annual Action Plan and the attached Appropriation Schedule and to file the 2024 Annual Action Plan; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to file the 2024 Annual Action Plan.

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- 11.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/22/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$989,627 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG") Program to Emergency Shelter Grant Fund 445 project accounts in accordance with the 2024 Annual Action Plan and the attached Appropriation Schedule to fund projects and operating allocations for the ESG Program; ANNOUNCING the City's intention to use this sum for projects and operating allocations for the ESG Program in accordance with the 2024 Annual Action Plan and the attached Appropriation Schedule and to file the

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2024 Annual Action Plan; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to file the 2024 Annual Action Plan.

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### **PROJECT TIF AMENDMENTS**

- 12.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/22/2024, DETERMINING that satisfactory provision has been made for the public improvement needs of parcels within certain project tax increment financing exemptions previously established by the City pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40(B); APPROVING the use of excess service payments collected pursuant to such exemptions on additional public infrastructure improvements made, to be made, or in the process of being made, all in support of urban redevelopment within the City; and AMENDING Ordinance Nos. 18-2016, 232-2003, 540-2019, 13-2008, 32-2014, 9-2016, 222-2016, 336-2001, 361-2014, 363-2020, and 229-2012 to reflect such determination and use of such excess service payments.

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### **MOTION**

- 13.** MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Albi, Vice Mayor Kearney and Councilmembers Jeffreys, Walsh, Johnson, and Owens, WE MOVE that the City Administration provide a report within ninety (90) days on the feasibility of setting up a fund to support residential sidewalk repair. This report should include the current financial burden that homeowners face with repairing their sidewalks and potential sources of funding, including from the sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway, that could support residents. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

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Adopt

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- 14.** PRESENTATION, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 5/28/2024, regarding the City Manager's Recommended FY 2025 Budget Update presentation for the Budget and Finance Committee meeting on May 28,

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2024.

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15. PRESENTATION, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 5/28/2024, regarding the City Manager's Recommended FY 2025 Budget Update - Cincy On Track (COT) Update presentation for the Budget and Finance Committee meeting on May 28, 2024.

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ADJOURNMENT