



City of Cincinnati

Law & Public Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Christopher Smitherman
Vice Chair David Mann
Council Member Betsy Sundermann
Council Member Jan Michele Kearney
Council Member Greg Landsman
Council Member Steven Goodin
Council Member Liz Keating

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

9:00 AM

Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Smitherman
Vice Chair David Mann
Jan-Michele Kearney
Greg Landsman
Betsy Sundermann
Liz Keating

Excused: Steve Goodin

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PRESENTATIONS

UC HEALTH PRESENTATION

Dr. Stewart Wright, Associate Chief Medical Officer

GREATER CINCINNATI WATER WORKS ENHANCED LEAD PROGRAM UPDATE

Cathy Bailey, Director, Greater Cincinnati Water Works

Verna Arnette, Greater Cincinnati Water Works

Leslie Moening, Greater Cincinnati Water Works

AGENDA

1. REPORT, dated 10/14/2020, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, regarding Jurisdiction Agreements. [202001680](#)
Held
2. REPORT, dated 2/3/2021, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding Motion to Implement Cincinnati Black United Front and Ohio Justice and Policy Center Recommendations. (SEE REFERENCE DOC #202000774) [202002155](#)
Filed
3. REPORT, dated 2/3/2021, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding CPD Response to Report on Police Reform and Racial Justice. (SEE REFERENCE DOC #202001895) [202002158](#)
Filed
4. RESOLUTION, submitted by Councilmember Goodin, URGING Hamilton County Municipal Court to reconsider its interpretation of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and extend the eviction moratorium. [202101427](#)
Held
5. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Councilmember Landsman from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, PROHIBITING the initiation or ongoing prosecution of actions for forcible detainer and entry (“eviction”) brought under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1923, “Forcible Entry and Detainer,” for so long as the State of Emergency declared by the Governor of the State of Ohio on March 9, 2020 exists, where the sole basis for filing such eviction action is the nonpayment of rent. [202101428](#)
indefinite postponement
Yes: Chairperson Smitherman
Vice Chair Mann
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Sundermann
Councilmember Keating

Absent: Councilmember Goodin

Yes: Chairperson Smitherman
 Vice Chair Mann
 Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Sundermann
 Councilmember Keating

Absent: Councilmember Goodin

6. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) (B VERSION), submitted by Councilmember Greg Landsman from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, PROHIBITING the initiation or ongoing prosecution of actions for forcible detainer and entry (“eviction”) brought under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1923, “Forcible Entry and Detainer,” for so long as the State of Emergency declared by the Governor of the State of Ohio on March 9, 2020 exists, where the sole basis for filing such eviction action is the nonpayment of rent.

[202101540](#)

Recommend Passage

Yes: Chairperson Smitherman
 Vice Chair Mann
 Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Keating

No: Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Goodin

Yes: Chairperson Smitherman
 Vice Chair Mann
 Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Keating

No: Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Goodin

7. ORDINANCE, submitted by Councilmember Landsman from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, MODIFYING the provisions of Chapter 871, “Land-Tenant Relationships,” of Title VIII, “Business Regulations,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, by AMENDING Section 871-9, “Obligations

[202101429](#)

of Landlords and Tenants,” to ensure that tenants in residential rental properties are afforded the right to assert payment of rent as a defense in any forcible entry and detainer (“eviction”) action filed on the basis of nonpayment of rent.

indefinite postponement

Yes: Chairperson Smitherman
Vice Chair Mann
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Sundermann
Councilmember Keating

Absent: Councilmember Goodin

Yes: Chairperson Smitherman
Vice Chair Mann
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Sundermann
Councilmember Keating

Absent: Councilmember Goodin

8. ORDINANCE, (B VERSION), submitted by Councilmember Greg Landsman from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, MODIFYING the provisions of Chapter 871, “Landlord-Tenant Relationships,” of Title VIII, “Business Regulations,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, by AMENDING Section 871-9, “Obligations of Landlords and Tenants,” to ensure that tenants in residential rental properties are afforded the right to assert payment of rent as a defense in any forcible entry and detainer (“eviction”) action filed on the basis of nonpayment of rent.

[202101538](#)

RULE 10.8

Recommend Passage

Yes: Chairperson Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman

No: Vice Chair Mann
Councilmember Sundermann
Councilmember Keating

- Absent:** Councilmember Goodin
- Yes:** Chairperson Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
- No:** Vice Chair Mann
Councilmember Sundermann
Councilmember Keating
- Absent:** Councilmember Goodin

9. MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Goodin, As we work [202101448](#) to restore trust in our government institutions, transparency has never been more important. The inability to provide timely access to police body camera footage has undermined police-community relations in many large American cities. The Citizens Complaint Authority (CCA) complains of delays in obtaining redacted footage for its investigations. The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 69, has, likewise, expressed concern about the resulting delays in CCA's investigations and their effects on officer morale. Various media outlets have also routinely complained about access to public documents. Information requests by private citizens are often the subject of litigation. The City Solicitor's office has acknowledged it needs additional staff to process these requests in a timely manner. Accordingly, WE MOVE that the Administration prepare a report on the steps necessary to establish a new DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION AND TRANSPARENCY which would, inter alia, coordinate with the various City departments, including the Solicitor's office, in order to respond to public records' requests and redact body camera and dash camera footage in accordance with the requirements set forth by Ohio law and the Cincinnati Municipal Code. WE FURTHER MOVE the Administration advise regarding the potential cost of standing up such a new Department, and whether funds from the American Rescue Plan could be utilized for this purpose.
- Held
10. PRESENTATION, submitted by Vice Mayor Smitherman from Dr. Stewart Wright, Associate Chief Medical Officer entitled UC Medical Center Emergency Department. [202101541](#)

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11. PRESENTATION, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, dated 4/27/2021, regarding GCWW Enhanced Lead Program Update. [202101533](#)

Filed

ADJOURNMENT