



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 2:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

REVISED

Council convened at 2:03 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Anna Albi, President Pro Tempore
Victoria Parks, Councilmember Seth Walsh,
Councilmember Scotty Johnson, Vice Mayor Jan-Michele
Kearney, Councilmember Jeff Cramerding,
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys, Councilmember Meeka
Owens, and Councilmember Evan Nolan

In attendance were City Manager Sheryl Long, City Solicitor Emily Smart 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, the Minutes of the previous session of council
were Approved and Filed.**

MAYOR AFTAB

MS. KEARNEY

MR. WALSH

MS. ALBI

MR. JOHNSON

MS. PARKS

MR. CRAMERDING

MR. JEFFREYS

MR. NOLAN

MS. OWENS

1. **MOTION**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, Vice Mayor Kearney, Councilmembers Walsh, Albi, Johnson, Parks, Cramerding, Jeffreys, Nolan and Owens, **WE MOVE** that the City Administration settle the lawsuit and subsequent appeal surrounding the Labor-Management Agreement between the City of Cincinnati and Cincinnati Fire Fighters Union Local 48. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that the City Administration use funding from the FY25 closeout to cover any financial impact from the settlement.

[202501721](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

2. **MOTION**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, Vice Mayor Kearney, and Councilmembers Owens, Jeffreys, Albi, Walsh, Nolan, Parks, Johnson and Cramerding, **WE MOVE** that the City and the Union agree to create a new leave code that specifically applies to follow-up appointments related to an employee's prior occupational cancer diagnosis. (BALANCE ON FILE WITH THE CLERK'S OFFICE).

[202501751](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

MR. JEFFREYS

3. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** the Mill Creek Alliance and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for the Mill Creek Alliance's thirty years of dedicated service to restore and enhance the Mill Creek Alliance.

[202501723](#)

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0055-2025

MS. OWENS

4. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** the members of the Human Services Advisory Committee ("HSAC") and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for HSAC's commitment to providing recommendations to Council for the FY2026/2027 biennium budget for human services funding.

[202501746](#)

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0056-2025

MR. JEFFREYS

MS. ALBI

- 5. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys and Albi, **WE MOVE** that the administration work in partnership with the Hamilton County administration to report back on efforts to: Identify 1,371 surface parking lots spots within walking distance from Paycor stadium that can be dedicated for tailgating during Cincinnati Bengals games. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

[202501757](#)

Referred to Equitable Growth & Housing Committee

MS. KEARNEY

MS. PARKS

MR. JOHNSON

MR. CRAMERDING

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kearney, seconded by Councilmember Johnson for immediate consideration of the Legislative Appointment.

- 6. LEGISLATIVE APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, and Councilmembers Parks, Johnson and Cramerding, Pursuant to Article II, Section 5a of the Charter of the City of Cincinnati, **WE MOVE** that Anthony Covington be appointed to the position of Clerk of Council-designate beginning on Monday, September 22, 2025, through October 31, 2025, for the purpose of training with the incumbent Clerk of Council, Melissa Autry before she retires. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that Anthony Covington be appointed to the position of Clerk of Council from November 1, 2025, through the end of the current Council term.

[202501750](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Immediate Consideration

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

MS. KEARNEY

7. **MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the administration allocate \$150,000 from the General Fund Contingency Account to support the Art Academy of Cincinnati's Security Safe Zone Proposal for 2025-2026. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) [202501654](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

CITY MANAGER

8. **REPORT**, dated 9/10/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for 2025 DAV5K. [202501685](#)

Filed

9. **REPORT**, dated 9/17/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Girls on the Run (Fall). [202501700](#)

Filed

10. **REPORT**, dated 9/17/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Run Like Hell 5K. [202501702](#)

Filed

11. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/17/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$438.16 from [202501722](#)

Clerk of Council General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x041x0000x7415 to Cincinnati Copiers Incorporated dba ProSource for printer and copier services provided from June 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 12. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/17/2025, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x981x262534, "Fleet Replacements - Obsolete," to acquire automotive and motorized equipment funded by the sale and subrogation proceeds of obsolete automotive and motorized equipment; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$49,192.90 from the unappropriated surplus of Miscellaneous Permanent Improvement Fund 757 to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x981x262534, "Fleet Replacements - Obsolete."

[202501724](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 13. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/17/2025, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 723, "Streets and Sidewalks, Use Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Section 723-42, "Mobile Food Vending," to clarify and better align the Cincinnati Municipal Code with best practices for regulating mobile food vending in the public right-of-way to protect the health, safety, and welfare in the City.

[202501734](#)

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

- 14. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/17/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Development Agreement with Atrium Tower One, L.P. and Acabay Atrium Two, L.P., pertaining to the redevelopment of an existing building into approximately 200 residential rental units, on property located at 201 E. Fourth Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, which property is commonly known as the Atrium One building, and providing for City assistance to the project in the form of (1) a rebate of a portion of service payments in lieu of taxes imposed in connection with a proposed thirty-year property tax exemption for improvements pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.41, subject to the passage by Council of a separate ordinance authorizing such tax exemption, and (2) a rebate of a portion of the service payments in lieu of taxes imposed in connection with the tax exemption previously authorized by Ordinance No. 95-2024.

[202501747](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 15. MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the administration allocate \$35,000 from the reserve for Weather Events, Other Emergencies, and One Time Needs to support Build Cincy, the annual conference that focuses on increasing the number of women and minority developers in Cincinnati and providing informational tools to scale the capacity of existing development companies. (BALANCE ON FILE IN

[202501653](#)

THE CLERK'S OFFICE)

Adopted

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

- 16. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Councilmembers Cramerding and Owens, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$5,420,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$5,420,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various General Fund personnel and non-personnel operating budget accounts according to the attached Schedule of Transfer to fund police public safety measures and deter violent crime in the Central Business District and other crime hot spots in the City.

[202501699](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

No: President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Enactment No: 0290-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

No: President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Enactment No: 0290-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0290-2025

- 17. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/10/2025, **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$3,366.14 from County Law Enforcement Applied Regionally CLEAR Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 457x093x7100x7212 as a moral obligation to T-Mobile USA for wireless air card services in mobile data computers used by police patrol cars throughout Hamilton County law enforcement agencies.

[202501667](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0291-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0291-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0291-2025

- 18. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/10/2025, **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$12,130 from Cincinnati Police Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x227x4053x7289 as a moral obligation to ForPsych Corporation for outstanding charges related to services rendered for fitness-for-duty evaluations completed in Fiscal Year 2025.

[202501663](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0292-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0292-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0292-2025

- 19. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/10/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$46,080 from the Murray & Agnes Seasingood Good Government Foundation to administer an internship program for temporary placement of up to eight interns; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Citizens Jobs Fund revenue account No. 308x8571.

[202501664](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0293-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0293-2025

- 20. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/10/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate up to \$61,725.90 from the Village of St. Bernard to capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x252383, "Pedestrian Safety Improvements/Major Street Calming," to install traffic calming infrastructure along sections of East Mitchell Avenue, a portion of which is located within the Village of St. Bernard; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x252383, "Pedestrian Safety Improvements/Major Street Calming."

[202501668](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0294-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Enactment No: 0294-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0294-2025

- 21. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) (B VERSION)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/17/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$643,263 within General Fund 050 according to the attached Schedules of Transfer to realign and provide resources for the ongoing needs of City departments; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$965,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Stormwater Management Fund 107 to various non-personnel and property operating budget accounts according to the attached Schedules of Transfer to provide resources to the Department of Law for Private Lot Abatement Program collection agency fees and the Department of Public Services for the purchase of streetsweepers; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Community Health Center Activities Fund 395 to a Cincinnati Health Department non-personnel operating budget account according to the attached Schedules of Transfer to provide resources for planned expenditures; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$265,390 from the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416 to various Cincinnati Health Department non-personnel operating budget accounts according to the attached Schedules of Transfer to provide resources for planned expenditures.

[202501758](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0295-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0295-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0295-2025

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

PUBLIC SAFETY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

- 22. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens, **WE MOVE** the City Administration to take all needed action to trim, maintain, or remove items of city owned landscaping to improve sightlines for public safety infrastructure. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that the city administration ensures that the trimming, maintenance, or removal does not affect the goal of the Green Cincinnati Plan of maintaining 40% urban tree canopy.

[202501662](#)

Adopted

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

- 23. ORDINANCE**, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Title VIII, "Business Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **ORDAINING** new Chapter 487, "Hookah and Other Smoking Establishments," to regulate the operating hours of hookah and other smoking establishments and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of Cincinnati residents and visitors.

[202501682](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0296-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0296-2025

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 2:57 P.M.

