



# City of Cincinnati

## Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Jeff Cramerding  
Vice Chair Evan Nolan  
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys  
Councilmember Anna Albi  
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney  
Councilmember Meeka Owens  
Councilmember Scotty Johnson  
Councilmember Seth Walsh  
Councilmember Ryan James

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**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

**1:00 PM**

**Council Chambers, Room 300**

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#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** Jeff Cramerding  
Vice Chair Evan Nolan  
Anna Albi  
Ryan James  
Mark Jeffreys  
Scotty Johnson  
Jan-Michele Kearney  
Meeka Owens  
Seth Walsh

#### **AGENDA**

#### **REPORTS**

1. REPORT, dated 2/11/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Finance and Budget Monitoring Report for the Period Ending October 31, 2025. [202600420](#)  
Approve & File

#### **GRANTS AND DONATIONS**

2. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/11/2026, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$10,000 from the American Public Health Association Building Bridges Learning Community Project to enhance collaboration between governmental public health, [202600437](#)

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nonprofit, and community-based organizations and advance health equity and overall community well-being; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8571.

Recommend Passage

3. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/11/2026, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$25,000 from the 2026 Power-building Partnership for Health Program, funded by Health in Partnership, to support a series of monthly workshops from February through December 2026; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8571.

[202600492](#)

Recommend Passage

4. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/11/2026, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$39,600 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, FY 2026 State of Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant Program, to support Domestic Violence Prevention and Reduction training for Cincinnati Police Department officers; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 26SVCR.

[202600436](#)

Recommend Passage

5. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/11/2026, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of goods and professional services from Corbeau Ski Club, through the Cincinnati Recreation Foundation, valued at approximately \$63,000 to support the Cincinnati Recreation Commission's Learn to Ski/Snowboard program, in which all Cincinnati youth can participate.

[202600438](#)

Recommend Passage

### **NAMING RIGHTS AGREEMENT**

6. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/11/2026, AUTHORIZING the City

[202600714](#)

Manager to execute a Naming Rights Agreement with First Financial Bank, an Ohio-state chartered bank, providing for the sale of naming rights to the City-owned convention center located at 525 Elm Street.

Recommend Passage Emergency

**CLOSEOUT**

- 7. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$200,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2581, "Reserve for Special Events Support," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$200,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to provide one-time special events support of \$100,000 each for the Black Family Reunion and the Abercrombie Group; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$1,006,417 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3440, "Infrastructure and Capital Project Reserve," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$1,006,417 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to capital improvement program project account no. 981x256x262505, "Fleet Replacements" to provide resources for additional replacement fleet vehicles.

[202600210](#)

Recommend Passage

- Yes:**
  - Chairperson Cramerding
  - Vice Chair Nolan
  - Councilmember Albi
  - Councilmember James
  - Councilmember Jeffreys
  - President Pro Tempore Johnson
  - Vice Mayor Kearney
  - Councilmember Owens
  - Councilmember Walsh

- 8. MOTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, WE MOVE that \$200,000 from the Infrastructure and Capital Project Reserve fund be allocated to YWCA to address urgent needs to ensure the shelter for survivors of domestic

[202600432](#)

violence remains safe and efficient for survivors and the community. Capital needs include cameras, security doors, accessibility, and basement improvements.

Adopt

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember James  
President Pro Tempore Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Walsh

**No:** Chairperson Cramerding  
Vice Chair Nolan  
Councilmember Jeffreys

- 9. MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Johnson, James and Vice Mayor Kearney, WE MOVE that City Council allocate funds in the amount of \$100,000 from the Special Events Fund for 'FY25 to support the Avondale Film Festival. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202600726](#)

Adopt

**Yes:** Vice Chair Nolan  
Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember James  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
President Pro Tempore Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Walsh

**No:** Chairperson Cramerding

- 10. MOTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, WE MOVE that City Council allocate \$50,000 from the Special Events portion of the Carryover 'FY25 funds to the Cincinnati Music Festival. The Cincinnati Music Festival has existed since 1962, has an economic impact of at least \$107 million every year, supports concurrent festivals including the 513 Festival and Cincy Soul, as well as our small businesses, hotels, restaurants and other retail businesses.

[202600748](#)

Failed of Adoption

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember James  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Vice Mayor Kearney

**No:** Chairperson Cramerding  
Vice Chair Nolan  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** President Pro Tempore Johnson

- 11. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, WE MOVE [202600743](#) that City Council allocate \$210,000 in funds from the Operating Contingencies Budget for 'FY25 to fund a joint program with City Gospel & Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB) for a Neighborhood Hope Job Van imitative - to provide those panhandling with a job cleaning up litter in our city neighborhoods outside of Downtown & OTR. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Failed of Adoption

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember Jeffreys

**No:** Chairperson Cramerding  
Vice Chair Nolan  
Councilmember James  
President Pro Tempore Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Walsh

- 12. MOTION (AMENDED)**, submitted by Councilmembers James, Johnson, Walsh, Owens and Vice Mayor Kearney, WE MOVE that City Council allocate funds from the Operating Contingencies Budget for FY25 to: Immigration & Refugee Law Center - \$210,000; Access to Counsel- \$210,000; West End Sports Bar & Grill - \$70,000. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED) [202600435](#)

Adopted as Amended

**Yes:** Vice Chair Nolan  
Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember James  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
President Pro Tempore Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Chairperson Cramerding

- 13.** MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Johnson, WE MOVE that City Council allocate funds in the amount of \$350,000 from the Operating Contingencies Budget (Waterfall) for 'FY25 to the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Cincinnati (Avondale Branch) to assist with renovations to the facility. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202600733](#)

Failed of Adoption

**Yes:** President Pro Tempore Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney

**No:** Chairperson Cramerding  
Vice Chair Nolan  
Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember James  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Walsh

- 14.** MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Albi, WE MOVE that City Council allocate funds from the Operating Contingencies Budget for the 'FY25 to: \$125,000 to Freestore Foodbank to support emergency food access programs for Cincinnati households. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202600737](#)

Failed of Adoption

**Yes:** Vice Chair Nolan  
Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember Jeffreys

**No:** Chairperson Cramerding  
Councilmember James  
President Pro Tempore Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Walsh

**Recused:** Vice Mayor Kearney

- 15. MOTION (AMENDED), submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, [202600751](#)  
WE MOVE that City Council allocate \$350,000 from Housing and Economic Development Reserve Fund or another source identified by the administration to Habitat for Humanity to support Cincinnati’s urgent need for affordable housing, particularly affordable homeownership opportunities. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK’S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

Held

- 16. MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Albi and Jeffreys, [202600742](#)  
WE MOVE the Administration establishes an Emergency Immigration Response Fund to assist with community needs, including but not limited to legal services, food and housing support, and business education and support. WE FURTHER MOVE the Administration transfer \$300,000 from reserve account no. 050x2580, “Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs,” into the newly established Emergency Immigration Response Fund.

Failed of Adoption

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember James  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Vice Mayor Kearney

**No:** Chairperson Cramerding  
Vice Chair Nolan  
President Pro Tempore Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Walsh

ADJOURNMENT