



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 2:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:01 P.M., Mayor John Cranley, Presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman, Interim Councilmember Steve Goodin, Interim Councilmember Liz Keating, Councilmember Greg Landsman, Councilmember David Mann, President Pro Tem Chris Seelbach, Councilmember Betsy Sundermann, and Councilmember Wendell Young

Absent: Councilmember Jan-Michele Kearney

The following council member participated remotely: Vice-Mayor Smitherman, Councilmember Seelbach, Councilmember Goodin and Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Also in attendance were Interim City Solicitor Andrew Garth and Clerk of Council Melissa Autry

Council observed a moment of silence prayer and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Without objection the Minutes of the previous session of Council were ordered Approved and Filed.

MAYOR CRANLEY

MR. MANN

- 1. MOTION**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley and Councilmember Mann, **WE MOVE** that the Budget and Finance Committee return to weekly meetings every Monday at 1:00 p.m.

[202100128](#)

Referred to Major Projects & Smart Government Committee

MS. KEARNEY

MR. YOUNG

MR. SMITHERMAN

2. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, Young and Vice Mayor Smitherman from Andrew W. Garth, Interim City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** January 18, 2021, as Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the City of Cincinnati, and asking all residents to reflect upon the significance of this extraordinary man's life, and how we may collectively continue to honor his legacy.

[202100121](#)

Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Interim Councilmember Goodin
Interim Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sundermann
Councilmember Young

Absent: Councilmember Kearney
Enactment No: 0004-2021

MR. SEELBACH

3. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Seelbach, **WE MOVE** that the City Administration take all necessary steps to amend the CPD Procedures based on the attached document - top ensure that CPD's warrant-execution procedures will keep our communities and officers safe, protect more lives, and limit no-knock raids. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that the Administration should review this policy in consultation with the Manager's Advisory Group. If the Administration seeks any changes/exceptions to the attached policy, the Administration should explain the basis for such changes/exceptions, secure input from the Manager's Advisory Group, and then seek approval of such changes/exceptions by the Council, prior to further amending the procedure and implementing a policy.

[202100135](#)

Referred to Law & Public Safety Committee

MR. SMITHERMAN

4. **MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Smitherman, **WE MOVE** that the city administration release to the public the additional 2000 plus text messages associated with the "Gang of 5," excluding any text messages related to personal matters. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202100060](#)

Referred to Law & Public Safety Committee

MS. SUNDERMANN

5. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Sundermann, **WE MOVE** that the

[202100090](#)

Administration modernize the Lobbyist Registration process by developing a simple webpage on the City's website that will allow registrants to file and pay their registration fees through a web portal. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Referred to Major Projects & Smart Government Committee

6. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Sundermann, **I MOVE** that Councilmember Jan-Michele Kearney be appointed the Vice Chair of the Education, Innovation, & Growth Committee. [202100093](#)

Referred to Major Projects & Smart Government Committee

CITY MANAGER

7. **REPORT**, dated 1/13/2021, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding Marijuana-Only Warnings/Citations/Arrests Monthly Report, December 2020. [202100021](#)

Referred to Law & Public Safety Committee

8. **RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/13/2021, **DECLARING** the necessity of assessing for the control of blight and disease of shade trees along the streets and the public right-of-way, and for planting, care, maintenance, trimming, and removing of shade trees in and along the streets within the City of Cincinnati's Urban Forestry Maintenance District for the year 2022. [202100077](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

9. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/13/2021, **DESIGNATING** the South Crescent Arms Apartments building located at 3700 Reading Road in the Avondale neighborhood as a historic landmark. [202100095](#)

Referred to Economic, Growth & Zoning Committee

10. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/13/2021, **ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING** the dedication to public use for right of way purposes the street known as Sanctuary Place and a portion of the street known as Renslar Avenue located in California neighborhood of Cincinnati, in accordance with the plat entitled "*The Sanctuary at River Green Right of Way Dedication Plat.*" [202100096](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

11. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/13/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Grant of Easement* in favor of RGW Development, LLC pursuant to which the City of Cincinnati will grant driveway encroachment easement to construct and maintain paved driveways upon portions of the Columbus Avenue public right-of-way in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Cincinnati. [202100097](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

12. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/13/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Grant of Encroachment Easement* in favor of the Port of Greater Cincinnati [202100098](#)

Development Authority and NAP 8 & Main LLC pursuant to which the City of Cincinnati will grant an aerial encroachment for a projecting canopy located in 721 Main Street that encroaches upon a portion of the Main Street public right-of-way in the Central Business District of Cincinnati.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 13. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Meghan Elizabeth Cummings, Greater Cincinnati Foundation, Executive Director, 720 E. Pete Rose Way, Suite 120, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. [202100094](#)

Filed

- 14. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Holly Bowen Nagel Hankinson, Greater Cincinnati Foundation, Advocacy Director, 720 E. Pete Rose Way, Suite 120, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (WOMEN'S FUND OF THE GREATER CINCINNATI FOUNDATION) [202100104](#)

Filed

- 15. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Paula Boggs Muething/City Manager. [202100110](#)

Filed

- 16. COMMUNICATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Councilmember Young and Kearney, calling a special session of Council at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 8, 2021 to discuss and vote upon a resolution condemning the violence around our nation's Capitol on January 6, 2021. [202100113](#)

Filed

- 17. COMMUNICATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council regarding the Notice of the Special Session of Council on January 8, 2021. [202100120](#)

Filed

NEW BUSINESS

- 18. APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint Henry Daniels to the Economic Inclusion Advocacy and Accountability Board (EIAAB) for a term of three years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advise and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/AA) [202100171](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

- 19. APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint Gregory Forte to the Economic Inclusion Advocacy and Accountability Board (EIAAB) for a term of three years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advise and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/AA) [202100170](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

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- 20. APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint Shelly Sherman Greene to the Economic Inclusion Advocacy and Accountability Board (EIAAB) for a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advise and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA) [202100167](#)
- Held one week pursuant to rule of council
- 21. REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Melissa Wideman to the Economic Inclusion Advocacy and Accountability Board (EIAAB) for a term of three years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advise and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White) [202100158](#)
- Held one week pursuant to rule of council
- 22. REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Sean Rugless to the Economic Inclusion Advocacy and Accountability Board (EIAAB) for a term of three years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/AA) [202100152](#)
- Held one week pursuant to rule of council
- 23. REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Darrin Redus to the Economic Inclusion Advocacy and Accountability Board (EIAAB) for a term of three years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/AA) [202100146](#)
- Held one week pursuant to rule of council
- 24. REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Mike Cappel to the Economic Inclusion Advocacy and Accountability Board (EIAAB) for a term of three years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White) [202100140](#)
- Held one week pursuant to rule of council
- 25. REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Chris Habel to the Economic Inclusion Advocacy and Accountability Board (EIAAB) for a term of three years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advise and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White) [202100174](#)
- Held one week pursuant to rule of council
- 26. REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Bob Keppler to the Economic Inclusion Advocacy and Accountability Board (EIAAB) for a term of three years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advise and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White) [202100173](#)
- Held one week pursuant to rule of council
- 27. REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Molly North to the Economic Inclusion Advocacy and Accountability Board (EIAAB) for a term of three years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advise and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White) [202100172](#)
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No announcements at this time

Council adjourned at 2:20 P.M.