



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

2:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

REVISED

Council convened at 2:24 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

In attendance were City Manager Sheryl Long, City Solicitor Emily Smart Woerner, and Clerk of Council Anthony Covington.

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.

Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney was absent from today's Council meeting.

MAYOR AFTAB

Bicentennial Commons Board of Advisors

1. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Christy Samad to the Bicentennial Commons Board of Advisors for a term of one year. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White).

[202601526](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

Human Services Advisory Committee

2. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Karen Jackson to the Human Services Advisory Committee for a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA).

[202601527](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

3. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Kelsi Goins to the Human Services Advisory Committee for a term of three years, replacing Lauren Merten. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA). [202601528](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

4. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Gladys Pope to the Human Services Advisory Committee for a term of three years, replacing Antoninette Perkins. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA). [202601529](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

MR. JEFFREYS

5. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **DECLARING** that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive West at Burnet Woods Drive in the Corryville neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Deputy Larry Henderson Jr Way" in honor of Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputy Larry Henderson Jr., a beloved husband, father, and Sheriff Deputy, who dedicated his life to the citizens of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, and the United States of America as a United States Marine. [202601515](#)

Referred to Housing & Growth Committee

MS. OWENS

MR. JAMES

6. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Owens and James, **WE MOVE** that the City Administration be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to pursue the Certified Welcoming designation from Welcoming America on behalf of the City of Cincinnati. (STATEMENT ATTACHED) [202601511](#)

Referred to Climate, City Service & Infrastructure Committee

CITY MANAGER

7. **REPORT**, dated 5/6/2026 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Xenn Northside Holdco LLC, DBA, 4169 Hamilton Ave Floor 1. (#10012702-1, TRFO, D-5) [Objections: None] [202601459](#)

Filed

8. **REPORT**, dated 4/29/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Juneteenth Festival. [202601486](#)

Filed

9. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on [202601519](#)

5/6/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$18,940 from Cincinnati Police Department Asset Forfeiture Funds to operate the Cincinnati Recreation Commission's National Football League F.L.A.G. (Future Leaders Achieving Greatness) Football program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donated resources into Fund 319, "Contributions for Recreation Purposes," revenue account no. 319x8571.

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

- 10. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/6/2026, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 87-2022 to increase, from \$3,762,000 to \$4,138,200, the amount of grant funding the City Manager is authorized to accept and appropriate from the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (ALN 20.205), awarded through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x222363, "Wasson Way Federal STBG 2024."

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Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

- 11. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/6/2026, **ESTABLISHING** new permanent improvement program project account no. 980x199x261949, "Aquatics Furniture and Equipment - GF," to provide resources for the acquisition of pool furniture, fixtures, and equipment, including but not limited to tables, seating, umbrellas, and other shade structures, needed for City pool facilities; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$100,000 from existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x231915. "Recreation Facilities Renovation - GFCO," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$100,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to newly established permanent improvement program project account no. 980x199x261949, "Aquatics Furniture and Equipment - GF," to provide resources for the acquisition of pool furniture, fixtures, and equipment, and including but not limited to tables, seating, umbrellas, and other shade structures, needed for City pool facilities.

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Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

- 12. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/6/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$200,910 from the Ohio Department of Children and Youth's Cribs for Kids program to decrease infant mortality by ensuring a safe sleep environment for infants through promotion of safe sleep practices and distribution of cribs throughout Hamilton County; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

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Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

- 13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/6/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$50,000 from the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund to continue supporting the

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Cincinnati Youth Climate Action Fund; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant revenues into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8571.

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

- 14. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/6/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$14,606,828 existing within certain Restricted Funds and the unappropriated surplus of certain Restricted Funds according to the attached Schedules of Transfer to realign and provide resources for the ongoing needs of City departments.

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Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

- 15. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/6/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$12,069,949 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$15,389 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3421, "Income Tax Reserve for Refunds," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$52,210,792 within the General Fund, from and to various operating accounts and the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund according to the attached Schedules of Transfer, to realign and provide funds for the ongoing needs of City departments; **AUTHORIZING** the redesignation of an advance of \$600,000 from General Fund 050 to Parking Meter Fund No. 303, pursuant to Ordinance No. 0122-2025 as a permanent transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the fund advance and transfer of \$400,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Parking Meter Fund 303 to be used for operations and to be repaid with future parking meter revenue; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$360,000 from Cincinnati Police Department non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x227x7300 to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$360,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to permanent improvement program project account no. 758x222x262215, "Fixed License Plate Reader Cameras," to realign sources with uses for additional license plate reader cameras; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$131,624 from the Office of Environment and Sustainability non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7200 to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$131,624 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x231029, "Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives - GF," to realign sources with uses for additional sustainability projects.

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Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 16. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative

[202601504](#)

Agent Anne Sesler, Government Strategies, Director of Public Affairs, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES)

Filed

- 17. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Charles H. Gerhardt III, Government Strategies, President & CEO, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (4th and Race FC, LLC) [202601512](#)

Filed

- 18. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent James Benedict, Government Strategies, Vice President, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (4th and Race FC, LLC) [202601513](#)

Filed

- 19. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Doug Moormann, Government Strategies, Vice President, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (4th and Race FC, LLC) [202601514](#)

Filed

- 20. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Evan Thomas Nolan/Councilmember. (CITY) [202601517](#)

Filed

- 21. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Evan Thomas Nolan/Councilmember. (ETHICS) [202601518](#)

Filed

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

PUBLIC SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

- 22. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys and Albi, **WE MOVE** that the administration produce a report in the next 60 days on the following: A list of all crashes in school zones (public, private, parochial, charter) in 2023, 2024, and 2025; Ask the Department of Transportation & Engineering (DOTE) to measure current speeding of cars in school zones before the end of the 2025/26 school year. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED) [202601370](#)

Adopted

Yes: President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Vice Mayor Kearney

YOUTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

- 23. MOTION (AMENDED)**, submitted by Councilmembers Albi, Jeffreys, Cramerding, Nolan and Owens, **WE MOVE** the City Administration provide an update to the Department of Buildings & Inspections Code report 202400403, specifically providing an update on the statistical information on complaints, cases and chronic offenders. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE).

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Adopted

Yes: President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Vice Mayor Kearney

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 2:33 P.M.