



# City of Cincinnati

## Cincinnati City Council

### Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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**Thursday, November 14, 2024      2:00 PM      Council Chambers, Room 300**

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Council convened at 2:01 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

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.**

Councilmembers Albi, Cramerding and Parks were excused from today's meeting.

#### **MAYOR AFTAB**

- 1. ORDINANCE**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RENAMING** General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, "Deferred Appropriations," to "Discretionary Reserve"; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$1,782,421 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to renamed General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, "Discretionary Reserve," to reserve resources to be used for one-time FY 2026 General Fund Operating Budget priorities.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 2. MOTION**, submitted Mayor Aftab Pureval, **WE MOVE** that the City of Cincinnati cancel the Council Session scheduled for November 27, 2024.

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Adopted

**Yes:** Councilmember Walsh  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Owens  
 Councilmember Nolan

**Absent:** Councilmember Albi  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Cramerding

### **Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Board**

3. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint [202402379](#)  
 Tianay Amat to the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Board for a term of  
 three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice  
 and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA).

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

**MR. JEFFREYS**

**MS. PARKS**

**MS. KEARNEY**

4. **MOTION (AMENDED)** submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys, Parks and [202402384](#)  
 Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the administration \*allocate  
 \$250,000 in FY 2025 and another \$250,000 in FY 2026 from the  
 Cincinnati Health Department for mental health and safety services for  
 transgender and gender nonbinary youth. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE  
 CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

**CITY MANAGER**

5. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City [202402365](#)  
 Manager, on 11/14/2024, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement  
 program project account no. 980x234x252352, "Lunken Runway 3L-21R  
 2025 OH AIP Grant," to provide grant matching resources for the  
 decommissioning of runway 3L-21R at Lunken Airport; **AUTHORIZING**  
 the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to  
 \$76,265 from the 2025 Ohio Airport Improvement Program awarded by  
 the Ohio Department of Transportation to newly established capital  
 improvement program project account no. 980x234x252352, "Lunken  
 Runway 3L-21R 2025 OH AIP Grant," for the purpose of  
 decommissioning Runway 3L-21R at Lunken Airport; and **AUTHORIZING**  
 the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into capital  
 improvement program project account 980x234x252352, "Lunken  
 Runway 3L-21R 2025 OH AIP Grant."

## Referred to Budget &amp; Finance Committee

6. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/14/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$2,288.01 from Parks Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x202x1000x7316 to CDW Government LLC as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to the purchase of telephones and headsets for use in City parks.

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## Referred to Budget &amp; Finance Committee

7. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/14/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$999.99 to W. W. Grainger, Inc. from Parks Department Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 non-personnel operating budget account no. 430x202x1059x7379 as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to the purchase of a workbench for the new Division of Natural Resources building.

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## Referred to Budget &amp; Finance Committee

8. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/14/2024, **MODIFYING** Chapter 307, "Classified Compensation Schedules," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Sections 084 and 510 of Division D0C to update the classification titles for the positions of Engineering Technical Supervisor and Engineer Intern; and **AMENDING** Sections 515, 216, 539, and 544 of Division D8 to increase the salary range schedules for the positions of Supervising Engineer, Principal Engineer, Water Works Chief Engineer, and Sewer Chief Engineer.

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## Referred to Public Safety &amp; Governance Committee

9. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/14/2024, **AMENDING** Chapter 307, "Classified Compensation Schedules," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **MODIFYING** Section 849 of Division 1 to change the classification title of Florist to the new classification title of Horticulturist.

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## Referred to Public Safety &amp; Governance Committee

10. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/14/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of capital improvement program project account nos. 980x203x252038, "Mt. Airy Trails Expansion - GF," to provide resources for the expansion of trails in the Mt. Airy Park; 980x203x252037, "Park Trails Expansion - GF," to provide resources for trail expansions in the Cincinnati Park network; 980x255x252501, "City Facility Renovation and Repairs - CSR," to provide resources for the continuation of ongoing repairs, alterations, and upgrades to City facilities such as those used by the Police, Fire, and Public Services Departments; and 980x252x252533, "Brine Equipment," to provide resources for the upgrade of the City's salt brine system; **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of permanent improvement program project account no. 758x227x252226, "Records Management System Peripherals," to provide resources for printers, scanners, and other peripherals to support the upgrade and conversion of the existing records

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management system; **AUTHORIZING** the redirection of \$11,797.82 in Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners Private Endowment Funds from existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x182017, "Drabner-Funded Infrastructure Improvements," to the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to close out or decrease existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x182017, "Drabner-Funded Infrastructure Improvements"; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$7,707,176.06 from various General Capital Budget capital improvement program project accounts to close out or decrease certain existing capital improvement program project accounts according to Section A of the attached Schedule of Transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$6,602,832.06 from the unappropriated surplus of various General Capital Funds to new or existing capital improvement program project accounts to provide resources for certain capital improvement program project accounts according to Section B of the attached Schedule of Transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$716,344 from the unappropriated surplus of Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758 to new or existing permanent improvement project accounts to provide resources for certain permanent improvement project accounts according to Section C of the attached Schedule of Transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$3,281,585.40 from various Restricted and Special Revenue Funds capital improvement program project accounts to close out or decrease certain existing capital improvement program project accounts according to Section D of the attached Schedule of Transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,180,973.23 from the unappropriated surplus of various Restricted and Special Revenue Funds to new or existing capital improvement program project accounts to provide resources for certain capital improvement program project accounts according to Section E of the attached Schedule of Transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$17,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Parking System Facilities Fund 102 to Parking System Facilities Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 102x3441, "U-Square Garage - Reserve for Capital Projects"; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$308,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 to provide resources for emergency rental assistance and audio-visual equipment contract support; and further **DECLARING** certain projects to be for a public purpose, all for the purpose of carrying out the Capital Improvement Program.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

## SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

### PUBLIC SAFETY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

11. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/6/2024, **MODIFYING** Chapter 503, "Vehicular Construction and Equipment," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code ("CMC") by **AMENDING** Section 503-52, "Unauthorized License Plates," to align the CMC with R.C. 4503.21, which the General Assembly amended to remove a

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requirement that motor vehicles display front license plates; and **MODIFYING** Chapter 506, "Operation and Right of Way," of the CMC by **AMENDING** Section 506-66, "Vehicle Restrictions-Street Usage," to reflect the removal of the entrance ramp to northbound Interstate 75 from Central Parkway.

Held

- 12. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/30/2024, **MODIFYING** Chapter 721, "Streets and Sidewalks, Establishment and Maintenance," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Sections 721-1-D, "Department," 721-1-D1, "Director," 721-23, "Undedicated Streets, Improvements Forbidden," 721-47, "Undedicated Streets, Construction Under Public Supervision," 721-49, "Fund for Inspection of Streets and Sewers Privately Constructed," 721-51, "Undedicated Streets; Review of Engineering Details for Supervised Construction," 721-53, "Rules and Schedules of Prices," and 721-55, "Fund for Reviewing Engineering Details for Construction of Undedicated Streets," to establish permit requirements for the construction, maintenance, repair, and replacement of private streets and drives in the City of Cincinnati.

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Held

- 13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/30/2024, **MODIFYING** Chapter 507, "One-Way Streets," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **ORDAINING** new Section 507-4, "Contra-Flow and Limited Access Lanes," and by **AMENDING** Section 507-1, "One-Way Streets and Alleys," to allow for the City Manager to designate lanes on two-way streets as limited to specific vehicles so as to provide for Complete Streets in the City of Cincinnati.

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Held

**No announcements at this time.**

Council adjourned at 2:08 P.M.