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MOTION

Cincinnati Futures Commission Recommendations

WE MOVE that the Administration provide a report in 60 days regarding the “*Cincinnati Futures Commission, A Vision for the Future Cincinnati*” recommendations. This report will allow the Mayor and Council to be intentional around the recommendations that require policy guidance. The report should include, but not be limited to, the following priorities:

Current Recommendations in Progress/Complete

- Identify actions in progress or accomplished by the City (Administration or elected) that align with the goals of the recommendations.
- Identify, based on actions taken, how City revenues and expenses have been impacted.

Feasibility

- Determine the practicality of the 25 recommendations that have not been completed by the City.
- Identify implementation risk of the recommendations.
- Identify strategic areas where Administration processes can improve and a path to do so.
- Sale/Lease of Assets:
 - Determine the feasibility of the lease and sale of assets listed in the recommendations – highlighting the projected revenue from the sale vs. the recurring revenue associated with the asset.
 - Outline the process for the sale and lease of assets.

Charter Amendments

- Evaluate and identify which recommendations would require a charter amendment.
- Outline requirements, timeline, paths, and the City’s/Council’s role in charter amendments and ballot measures.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Administration provide a report in 90 days regarding the “*Cincinnati Futures Commission, A Vision for the Future Cincinnati*” recommendation for a Regional Water Authority and Pension. This report will allow the Mayor and Council to determine the need and scope of work for a task force. The report should include, but not be limited to, the following priorities:

Regional Water Authority

- Outline the work of previous Administrations around the Regional Water Authority, feasibility, and implementation risk.

Pension

- Outline the health and projection of the City's pension.
- Identify and outline the City's pension to comparable peer Cities.

WE FURTHER MOVE this report be approved and filed by Council.



Mayor Aftab Pureval

STATEMENT

After a year of extensive research and engagement, the Futures Commission has provided a thoughtful blueprint for Cincinnati's future, particularly surrounding our goals of fiscal sustainability and equitable growth during these highly uncertain times. I'm extraordinarily grateful to Jon Moeller and the members of the Commission for taking on some of our most fundamental and difficult challenges as a City. With the report in hand, it is now our responsibility to vet and review the recommendations made.

I agree with the report's central vision that growth is key to moving the City forward; if we want to achieve our long-term goals – including public safety, an expanded housing stock, improved jobs and wage equity, and budgetary strength – we have to make bold decisions in the short-term. I requested that the Commission leave nothing off the table in their considerations. While many of the decisions ahead of us will not be easy, this report now provides us with the opportunity for intentional and open-minded conversations about how we should move forward.

Our Administration and City staff have already driven remarkable progress toward common goals stated in the Commission's report: to improve our financial outlook, build meaningful process improvements, and ensure that we are best positioned to provide excellent services to residents. Additionally, ongoing City investments and priorities have delivered meaningful successes, such as investments in minority-owned business growth through the Lincoln & Gilbert Fund, investments in site readiness, expanded support for neighborhood development, and historic support for housing production. As the report acknowledges, leaning into these successes should be a critical part of our strategy.

Many individual proposals in the report will require complex legal, practical, and policy analysis, but it is incumbent upon us to take each seriously and provide the diligence it deserves. We are projecting long-term deficits that will only grow unless act now.

For these reasons, this motion asks the City Administration to begin and communicate a thorough, intentional process for review of the report – taking into account ongoing City reforms, recommendations with legal or practical considerations, and recommendations that will ultimately require policy direction from elected leaders.

This undertaking will understandably require time, but we are taking immediate action – to not only begin this review, but also build upon and implement City programs and reforms aligned with the report. We are extremely grateful for everything the City Administration has done and will continue to do in support of our residents.