



# City of Cincinnati

## Cincinnati City Council

### Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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**Wednesday, April 26, 2023**

**2:00 PM**

**Council Chambers, Room 300**

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Council convened at 2:14 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, Councilmember Liz Keating, Councilmember Jeff Cramerding, Councilmember Reggie Harris, Councilmember Mark Jeffreys, Councilmember Scotty Johnson, Councilmember Meeka Owens, President Pro Tempore Victoria Parks, and Councilmember Seth Walsh

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 ordered Approved and Filed.**

#### **MAYOR AFTAB**

#### **Citizen Complaint Authority**

- 1. APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Ryan Hall to the Citizen Complaint Authority for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White)

[202301220](#)

Confirmed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh

## Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners

2. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Phyllis McCallum to the Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners for a term of six years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/African American) [202301229](#)

Confirmed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Keating  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Owens  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh

3. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Kick Lee to the Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners for a term of six years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/African American) [202301231](#)

Confirmed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Keating  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Owens  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh

### **MR. JEFFREYS**

4. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, **WE MOVE** that the Administration report within thirty (30) days on the status of the updates the City is making to its hillside regulations. This update should include, but is not limited to, an update on: Funding sources to cover construction mishaps associated with construction within the hillside district. Regulations associated with stormwater runoff. Work that is being done to update CAGIS' Hillside Overlay District Map. [202301262](#)

Referred to Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee

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**MR. JEFFREYS****MR. CRAMERDING**

5. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys and Cramerding, **WE MOVE**, that the Administration report back to Council within ninety (90) days on the cost and feasibility of design alternatives that prevent drivers from using a shared, bi-directional, center turn lane as a passing lane. Specifically, the Administration should take into consideration improvements that include, but are not limited to, implementing rumble strips in the center turn lane, using reflective pylons or concrete to create "islands" in portions of the turn lane, or paving the center turn lane with alternative materials like cobble stone. (STATEMENT ATTACHED). [202301269](#)

Referred to Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee

**MS. OWENS**

6. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens, **WE MOVE** that the Administration, in coordination with Motion #2022-00108, provide a strategic report within forty-five days on how City services, facilities, and resources can incorporate nonpartisan voter engagement, registration and identification assistance, and voting law education. The report should, at a minimum, identify which City departments are appropriate for providing such services and outline how each department can use its specific footprint and ongoing interaction with the public to do such voter-engagement work. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED). [202301276](#)

Referred to Healthy Neighborhoods Committee

7. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens, **WE MOVE** for the City Administration to submit an application to the Federal Highway Administration and / or Ohio Department of Transportation to have the City of Cincinnati formalized as a participating agency. (STATEMENT ATTACHED). [202301277](#)

Referred to Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee

**CITY MANAGER**

8. **REPORT**, dated 4/26/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Rhinehaus 10 Year Anniversary Block Party. [202301232](#)

Filed

9. **REPORT**, dated 4/26/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Juneteenth Block Party 2023. [202301234](#)

Filed

10. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/26/2023, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption* [202301235](#)

*Agreement* with MCA Center, LLC, an affiliate of Model Group, Inc., thereby authorizing a fifteen-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 414 Walnut Street and 115 Fifth Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of two existing buildings into mixed-use space containing, in aggregate, approximately 47,103 square feet of commercial space, approximately 27,826 square feet of office space, and approximately 124,302 square feet of residential space, consisting of approximately 156 residential units, at a total construction cost of approximately \$52,700,523. (Subject to the [Temporary Prohibition List <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>](https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business))

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

11. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/26/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$200,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, FY23 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Grant Program (ALN 16.710) for the purpose of providing assistance with expansion of the Cincinnati Police Department's current law enforcement mental health and wellness efforts; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account no. 23LEMH.

[202301237](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

12. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/26/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of sixty new lift assistance belts from the Cincinnati Fire Foundation valued at \$17,940 to be used by the Cincinnati Fire Department in fire apparatus.

[202301238](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

13. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/26/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation in the amount of \$2,000 from the Cincinnati Recreation Foundation for the purpose of providing resources for the newly established Senior Trip Program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donated resources into Contributions for Recreation Purposes Fund 319x8571.

[202301239](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

14. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/26/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of new trees and plants from the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden valued at up to \$25,000 for the purpose of beautification of green space at the Forest and Irving Recreation Area.

[202301240](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 15. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/26/2023, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 234-2010 to accept and confirm the dedication to public use for street purposes of a portion of John Street in the Lincoln Court North Subdivision in the West End neighborhood in accordance with the plat entitled "Lincoln Court North Plat of Subdivision," as recorded in Plat Book 392, Pages 58 through 65, Hamilton County, Ohio Records.

[202301242](#)

Referred to Healthy Neighborhoods Committee

- 16. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/26/2023, **AMENDING** Ordinance 07-2021 to depict the actual artwork to be donated to the City in Exhibit A to the ordinance.

[202301243](#)

Referred to Equitable Growth & Housing Committee

- 17. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/26/2023, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x231042, "Recreation LED Lighting Improvements," for the purpose of providing resources for LED lighting installations in City of Cincinnati recreation centers; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$27,649.73 from the unappropriated surplus of Revolving Energy Loan Fund 883 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x231042, "Recreation LED Lighting Improvements," and **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$27,649.73 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x0000x7685x231042, "Recreation LED Lighting Improvements," to Diversified Supply, Inc. as a moral obligation of the City of Cincinnati for professional services completed for the Recreation LED Lighting Improvements project.

[202301244](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 18. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/26/2023, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge)* with Findlay Parkside, LLC, an affiliate of The Model Group, Inc., thereby authorizing a fifteen-year tax exemption for 100 percent of the value of improvements made to real property located at 1804 Vine Street, 31 E. McMicken Avenue, 1812-1816 Vine Street, 1822 Vine Street, 29 E. McMicken Avenue, 118 Findlay Street, 1720 Elm Street, and 116 W. Elder Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of existing buildings into a mixed-use development consisting of, in aggregate, approximately 16,456 square feet of commercial space and approximately 31,403 square feet of residential space, comprised of approximately 51 residential rental units, which remodeling shall be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total remodeling cost of approximately \$15,710,420. (Subject to the [Temporary Prohibition List](#) [<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>](https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business))

[202301246](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 19. RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE) (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/26/2023, **AUTHORIZING** tax levies for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2024, certifying them to the Hamilton County Auditor pursuant to O.R.C. § 5705.34, and requesting the County Auditor and County Treasurer to pay monies that may be in the County Treasury and are lawfully applicable to the purpose of this calendar year to the City Treasurer pursuant to O.R.C. § 321.34. [202301247](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

### CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 20. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Annalese Cahill, Government Affairs, Government Relations Associate, 225 E 5TH Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (CINCY SMILES FOUNDATION) [202301248](#)

Filed

- 21. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Matt Davis, Government Affairs, President, 225 E 5TH Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (CINCY SMILES FOUNDATION) [202301249](#)

Filed

- 22. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Colleen Reynolds, Government Affairs, Partner, 225 E 5TH Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (CINCY SMILES FOUNDATION) [202301250](#)

Filed

- 23. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney/City Council/Vice Mayor. (CITY) [202301254](#)

Filed

- 24. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent John Cranley, Keating, Muething and Klekamp, Lawyer, 1 East 4th Street, Suite 1400, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (FISCHER HOMES) [202301255](#)

Filed

- 25. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Mark Jeffreys/City Councilmember. (ETHICS) [202301283](#)

Filed

### BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 26. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/19/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation totaling \$600,000 from the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners' Fund for the purpose of providing resources for horticultural supplies, maintenance contracts, salary reimbursements, Krohn Conservatory's gift shop inventory, and other vital costs associated with running the City's parks; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to [202301180](#)

deposit the funds into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430.

Passed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Enactment No: 0135-2023

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Enactment No: 0135-2023

- 27. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/19/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept additional franchise fee resources of \$175,000 from Duke Energy, Inc. ("Duke") to provide resources for the WarmUp Cincy program; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the additional Duke franchise fee resources into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8221; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$175,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Office of Environment and Sustainability non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7400 to provide resources for the WarmUp Cincy program.

[202301181](#)

Passed Emergency

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Keating  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Owens  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Enactment No: 0136-2023

Emergency clause to remain

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Keating  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Owens  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Enactment No: 0136-2023

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Keating  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Owens  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Enactment No: 0136-2023

- 28. REPORT**, dated 4/19/2023, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Department of Finance Reports for the Month Ended February 28, 2023.

[202301183](#)

Approved & Filed

- 29. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/17/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$2,295,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Downtown/OTR West Equivalent Fund 482 to the Department of

[202301192](#)



Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account 482x162x7200 for the purpose of providing resources to assist with the redevelopment of ten historic buildings located at 1804, 1810, 1812, 1814, 1816, and 1822 Vine Street, 29 E McMicken Avenue, 118 Findlay Street, 1720 Elm Street, and 114-116 W Elder Street in the Over-the-Rhine (“OTR”) neighborhood into a mixed use development; and DECLARING that expenditures to assist with redevelopment of ten historic buildings in the OTR neighborhood into a mixed use development serves a public purpose because the project will provide affordable housing in the community. (Subject to the [Temporary Prohibition List <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>](https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business))

### Passed Emergency

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Enactment No: 0137-2023

### Emergency clause to remain

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Enactment No: 0137-2023

### Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Keating  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Owens  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Enactment No: 0137-2023

## SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

### CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

- 30. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Owens and Cramerding, **WE MOVE** that the City Administration identify in all submitted ordinances whether the change made or the action achieved by the ordinance will achieve a goal or priority action of the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan. The identification should be written out in the whereas clauses of the ordinance, similar to the whereas clauses that identify which goals and strategies of Plan Cincinnati (2012) are achieved by the ordinance. [202301204](#)

Adopted

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Keating  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Owens  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh

- 31. ORDINANCE** (B VERSION) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/25/2023, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 321, "Procurement and Disposal of Supplies, Services and Construction," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **ORDAINING** new Section 321-163, "Invalid Terms and Conditions." [202301236](#)

Passed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Enactment No: 0138-2023

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Enactment No: 0138-2023

**No announcements at this time.**

Council adjourned at 2:41 P.M.