



# City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

## CALENDAR

### Cincinnati City Council

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Wednesday, February 25, 2026

2:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

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#### ROLL CALL

#### PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### FILING OF THE JOURNAL

#### MR. JAMES

1. [202600956](#) **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember James, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** Mr. Derrick Braziel as a 2026 Black History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for Mr. Braziel's profound impact in Cincinnati's entrepreneurial ecosystem through his leadership with Pata Roja, the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, and the non-profit MORTAR.

**Recommendation** PASS

**Sponsors:** James

#### CITY MANAGER

2. [202600925](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/25/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$13,947 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Mosquito Control Program to investigate the prevalence of mosquito vectors and the incidence of infection in mosquito populations, to identify density locations for mosquito vector species, and to educate communities in the immediate area regarding how to reduce the mosquito populations; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

**Recommendation** BUDGET, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

**Sponsors:** City Manager

3. [202600926](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/25/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$50,000 from the National Association of County and City Health Officials Youth Violence Technical Assistance: Resilient, Innovative, Safe, and Empowered Communities program to support community-based organizations, local health departments, local government agencies, and other entities engaged in collaborative, community-led violence prevention efforts; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8571.

**Recommendation** BUDGET, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

**Sponsors:** City Manager

4. [202600927](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/25/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of up to \$57,500 from the Cincinnati Recreation Foundation to support the Cincinnati Recreation Commission's National Junior Tennis and Learning program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit donated resources into Fund 319, "Contributions for Recreation Purposes," revenue account no. 319x8571.

**Recommendation** BUDGET, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

**Sponsors:** City Manager

5. [202600928](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/25/2026, **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$6,904 from Cincinnati Police Department Criminal Activity Forfeiture - State Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 369x222x1000x7419 to Mike Albert Leasing, Inc. as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to vehicle leasing services in October and November 2025.

**Recommendation** BUDGET, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

**Sponsors:** City Manager

6. [202600929](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/25/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a funding agreement with Green Umbrella to provide one-time operational support for green workforce development in Cincinnati; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to expend up to \$450,000 of existing resources from Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7400 to provide one-time operational support to Green Umbrella for green workforce development in Cincinnati; and **DECLARING** such expenditure to serve a public purpose by encouraging green workforce development in Cincinnati.

**Recommendation** BUDGET, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

**Sponsors:** City Manager

7. [202600930](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/25/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of up to \$10,250 from the American Red Cross to support swim lessons and scholarships for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission's Junior Lifeguard program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into Fund 319, "Contributions for Recreation Purposes," revenue account 319x8571.

**Recommendation** BUDGET, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

**Sponsors:** City Manager

8. [202600936](#) **REPORT**, dated 2/25/2026, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Finance and Budget Monitoring Report for the Period Ending November 30, 2025.

**Recommendation** BUDGET, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

**Sponsors:** City Manager

### CLERK OF COUNCIL

9. [202600947](#) **REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Anne Sesler, Government Strategies, Director of Public Affairs, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (KEEP CINCINNATI BEAUTIFUL)

**Recommendation** FILE

**Sponsors:** Clerk of Council

### ECONOMIC & CULTURAL OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE

10. [202600541](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Albi, Vice Mayor Kearney and Councilmembers Nolan, James and Johnson, **WE MOVE** that the Administration provide a report within 60 days regarding the need and possibility of establishing an emergency fund available to small businesses and nonprofits who encounter unexpected capital expenses (e.g., a fire, flooding or a boiler break). The report should include recommendations for potential criteria to qualify for such funding and potential funding restrictions.

**Recommendation** ADOPT

**Sponsors:** Albi, Kearney, Nolan, James and Johnson

### BUDGET, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

11. [202600895](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager and City Solicitor to seek amendment of the Collaborative Settlement Agreement and Consent Decree in the class action lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Western Division captioned Sunyak, et al., v. City of Cincinnati, et al., Case Nos. 1:11-cv-445 and 1:12-cv-329. **(COUNCILMEMBER NOLAN EXCUSED FROM THIS ITEM)**

**Recommendation** PASS EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** Mayor

12. [202600894](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$50,000,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3421, "Income Tax Reserve for Refunds," to the unappropriated surplus

of General Fund 050; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$50,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to City Manager's Office fringe benefit operating budget account no. 050x101x7500 to provide resources for a one-time payment, upon receipt of appropriate court orders, to the Cincinnati Retirement System to reduce the City's unfunded pension liability. **(COUNCILMEMBER NOLAN EXCUSED FROM THIS ITEM)**

**Recommendation** PASS EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** Mayor

13. [202600906](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/19/2026, AMENDING Ordinance No. 48-2024 for the purpose of expanding the scope of the project to be financed with proceeds of the City's not to exceed \$23,000,000 Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Convention Center Renovation Urban Renewal Project) to include a convention center headquarters hotel project and related infrastructure improvements in the support of the Convention District.

**Recommendation** PASS EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** City Manager

14. [202600903](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/19/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Development Agreement with Cincinnati CH (OH), LLC and the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, acting for and on behalf of Hamilton County, Ohio, pertaining to the construction of a full-service convention center hotel and related infrastructure improvements in the Central Business District; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x261624, "Convention Center District Hotel," to provide resources in the form of a loan to pay for improvements to develop a full-service convention center hotel and related infrastructure improvements; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$10,000,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x241620, "Convention Center District Urban Renewal TIF," to the unappropriated surplus of Urban Renewal - Tax Increment Bond Fund 852; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$10,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Urban Renewal - Tax Increment Bond Fund 852 to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x261624, "Convention Center District Hotel," to provide resources in the form of a loan to pay a portion of the construction costs for improvements to develop a full-service convention center hotel and related infrastructure improvements; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$40,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Urban Development Bond Fund 862 to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x261624, "Convention Center District Hotel," to provide resources in the form of a loan to pay for improvements to develop a full-service convention center hotel and related infrastructure improvements; and **DECLARING** that (i) the construction and development of the convention center hotel to be an urban renewal project located in an urban renewal area, each as defined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 725, and (ii) expenditures from the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x261624, "Convention Center District Hotel," to provide resources in the form of a loan to pay for improvements to develop a

full-service convention center hotel and related infrastructure improvements serve a public purpose because the project will foster additional redevelopment and reinvestment in the Convention Center District in support of the City-owned Convention Center. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>). <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business%3e>>.

**Recommendation** PASS EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** City Manager

15. [202600905](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/19/2026, **DECLARING** a hotel to be developed on property located at 240 W. Fourth Street and 251 W. Fifth Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati to be designated a convention center headquarters hotel for purposes of Ohio Revised Code Section 5739.093; **DECLARING** such convention center headquarters hotel and any associated convention center headquarters hotel facilities to be a public purpose; **DECLARING** lodging transactions occurring at such convention center headquarters hotel to be exempt from City of Cincinnati's lodging taxes levied pursuant to Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 312 for a period of thirty years; **REQUIRING** the convention center headquarters hotel's qualifying vendor to make payments in lieu of qualifying lodging taxes; **ESTABLISHING** new Fund 406, "Convention Center Hotel Lodging Tax Equivalent Fund," for the purpose of receiving payments in lieu of qualifying lodging taxes associated with the convention center headquarters hotel; and **AUTHORIZING** expenditures from the newly-created Fund 406, "Convention Center Hotel Lodging Tax Equivalent Fund," to facilitate construction financing for the convention center headquarters hotel and any associated convention center headquarters hotel facilities. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>). <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business%3e>>.

**Recommendation** PASS EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** City Manager

16. [202600904](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/19/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Real Estate Agreement with Whex Garage LLC, (an affiliate of 3CDC) and Cincinnati CH (OH), LLC, pursuant to which the City will: (i) vacate as public right-of-way and convey an air parcel being a portion of West Fifth Street adjacent to the City-owned Cincinnati Convention Center, (ii) convey an existing air parcel adjacent to West Fifth Street, (iii) vacate as public right-of-way and convey all of Home Alley between West Fourth Street and West Fifth Street in the Central Business District, and (iv) grant, retain, and obtain certain easement rights to facilitate the construction of a new convention center headquarter hotel, Cincinnati Convention Center, the parking garage commonly known as Whex Garage, and an elevated and enclosed pedestrian walkway connecting the structures. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>). <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business%3e>>.

**Recommendation** PASS EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** City Manager

17. [202600490](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/19/2026, **REPEALING** Ordinance No. 32-1997, which Council passed on January 29, 1997, in its entirety to ensure fairness and flexibility in booking policies and procedures for the Cincinnati Convention Center.

**Recommendation** PASS

**Sponsors:** City Manager

18. [202600749](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/19/2026, **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$94,788.83 from Cincinnati Health Department Health Network Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 446x265x1110x7285 to Greater Cincinnati Dental Laboratories, Inc. as a moral obligation for laboratory services provided between January and November 2025.

**Recommendation** PASS EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** City Manager

19. [202600752](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/19/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,542,900 within General Fund 050 and from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 according to the attached Schedules of Transfer to realign and provide resources for the ongoing needs of City departments; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$300,000 within Income Tax-Infrastructure Fund 302 according to the attached Schedules of Transfer to provide resources for the ongoing needs of the Department of Transportation and Engineering and the Department of Public Services; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$335,300 from the unappropriated surplus of 9-1-1 Cell Phone Fees Fund 364 according to the attached Schedules of Transfer to provide resources for the ongoing needs of the Emergency Communications Center.

**Recommendation** PASS EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** City Manager

20. [202600095](#) **MOTION (AMENDED)**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that City Council allocate to the Center for Closing the Health Gap \$100,000 from the Special Events portion of the FY'25 Carryover Budget, or another source to be identified by the administration, to support the organization's Health Expo on April 18, 2026 as well as its numerous other impactful initiatives across the City throughout the year to empower residents in improving their health, and support the important work of tackling health disparities. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

**Recommendation** ADOPT

**Sponsors:** Kearney

21. [202600751](#) **MOTION (AMENDED)**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that City Council allocate \$350,000 from Housing and Economic Development Reserve Fund or another source identified by the administration to Habitat for Humanity to support Cincinnati's urgent need for affordable housing, particularly affordable homeownership opportunities. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

**Recommendation** ADOPT

**Sponsors:** Kearney

## SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

### YOUTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

22. [202600744](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember James, **WE MOVE** that the City Administration, in coordination with City departments that directly engage with the public, evaluate its operations and engagement activities to identify whether its interactions with residents involves collecting citizenship or naturalization status date. We ask that this report be delivered to the city council within 90 days. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

**Recommendation** ADOPT

**Sponsors:** James

23. [202600902](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Albi, Vice Mayor Kearney and Councilmember James, **WE MOVE** that the Administration take the necessary steps to prohibit sharing any real-time data, information or footage obtained through City-owned surveillance technology (including but not limited to cameras, drones and license plate readers) with any third-party for the purpose of assisting or supporting civil immigration enforcement unless mandated by law, a Court order, or judicial warrant.

**Recommendation** ADOPT

**Sponsors:** Albi, Kearney and James

24. [202600935](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Albi, Walsh, James and Nolan, **WE MOVE** that the Administration take the necessary steps to prohibit any City-owned or City-controlled property - including but not limited to City-owned buildings, parks, parking lots and any interior or exterior portion thereof - from being used as an unpermitted staging area, processing location, operations base, or any similar purpose in furtherance of federal immigration enforcement operations, unless federal officials have obtained a valid court order or judicial warrant. Prohibited uses of City-owned or City-controlled property include, but are not limited to, assembling, mobilizing, or deploying personnel, vehicles, or materials for the purpose of civil immigration enforcement. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE)

**Recommendation** ADOPT

**Sponsors:** Albi, Walsh, James and Nolan

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adjournment