



City of Cincinnati Cincinnati City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

2:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:00 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

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.

MS. OWENS

 RESOLUTION, submitted by Councilmember Owens, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, RECOGNIZING Ms. Hope Harvey-Dudley as a 2025 Black History Month honoree and EXPRESSING the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for her continued activism and bravery.

202500424

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson

Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0011-2025

MR. CRAMERDING

MR. JOHNSON

MS. PARKS

MR. JEFFREYS

MR. NOLAN

2. MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Cramerding, Johnson, Parks, Jeffreys and Nolan, WE MOVE that the remaining \$1,294,008 in the Capital Project Fund be disbursed as follows: \$300,000 for the Camp Washington Skatepark Project and \$994,008 for DPS, Fire, and Police Fleet needs. (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

202500443

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

MS. OWENS

MR. JEFFREYS

MR. NOLAN

MR. CRAMERDING

3. MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Owens, Jeffreys, Nolan and Cramerding, WE MOVE that the administration prepare a report within 60 days to create a directory of all city owned or city-maintained cemeteries. WE FURTHER MOVE that the administration directly reference what department(s) have the responsibility of maintaining specific cemeteries.

202500444

Referred to Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee

CITY MANAGER

Environmental Advisory Board

4. APPOINTMENT submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/20/2025, recommending the appointment of Emmy Schroder to the Environmental Advisory Board to complete a three year term from January 1, 2025. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval. (Female, White)

202500315

Confirmed

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan

5. REPORT, dated 3/5/2025 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 Shake Shack Ohio LLC, 249 Calhoun Street. (#80238890050, NEW, D5J) [Objections: None]

202500414

Filed

6. REPORT, dated 3/5/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Red Bull Flugtag Cincinnati 2025.

202500417

Filed

7. REPORT, dated 3/5/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Finance and Budget Monitoring Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2024.

202500418

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

8. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/5/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of \$500 from Carol A. McQueary to support the Cincinnati Police Department Honor Guard; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donation into Public Safety Special Projects Fund 456.

202500425

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

9. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/5/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$3,300 from the State of Ohio Department of Development's TechCred Credential Reimbursement Program to reimburse Cincinnati Police Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x225x72000 for eligible costs incurred by the Cincinnati Police Department in providing its employees with technology-focused credentials; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8533.

202500426

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

10. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/5/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for grants of up to \$3,000,000 on a quarterly basis from the Ohio Department of Transportation for pedestrian and bicycle related projects that make

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walking and biking throughout the City a safe, convenient, and accessible transportation option for all Ohioans.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

11. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/5/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for Highway Safety Improvement Program ("HSIP") Systemic Safety grants awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT") of up to \$2,000,000 to provide resources for pedestrian safety improvements; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for HSIP Abbreviated Safety grants awarded by ODOT of up to \$500,000 for traffic safety countermeasures, such as safety signage, high-visibility pavement markings, centerline hardening, temporary bump-outs, and other safety improvements; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for HSIP Formal Safety Process grants awarded by ODOT of up to \$5,000,000 to reduce serious injury and traffic deaths on all public roads.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

CLERK OF COUNCIL

12. STATEMENT, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Melissa Autry/Clerk of Council. (CITY)

<u>202500355</u>

Filed

13. STATEMENT, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Rajesh Ranjit/DCED/Division Manager-Fiscal & Operation.

<u>202500359</u>

Filed

14. STATEMENT, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Amy Michelle Reineke/GCWW/Division Manager.

202500360

Filed

15. STATEMENT, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Jennifer Lynn Richmond/MSD Deputy Director.

202500361

Filed

16. STATEMENT, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Eric S. Saylor/Water/City Stormwater Management Engineer.

202500362

Filed

17. STATEMENT, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Alex Schmitz/Treatment Superintendent.

202500367

Filed

18. STATEMENT, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of

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28. STATEMENT, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of

of Human Services.

the Financial Disclosure Statement for Deanna Catherine White/Director

Filed

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39.	STATEMENT , submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Matthew Charles Brinck/DOTE/Division Manager.	202500393
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40.	STATEMENT , submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Dena Nichole Brown/Citizens Complaint Authority/Interim Director.	202500394
	Filed	
41.	STATEMENT , submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Lori Jean Burchett/DOTE.	202500396
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42.	STATEMENT , submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Paul Brian Conway/DOTE/Deputy Director.	<u>202500397</u>
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43.	STATEMENT , submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Crystal Ann Courtney/Parks/Division Manager of Natural Resources.	202500398
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44.	STATEMENT , submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Andrew Michael Dudas/City Manager's Office/Office of Budget & Evaluation/Budget Director.	202500399
	Filed	
45.	STATEMENT , submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Erica Elizabeth Faaborg/Law/Deputy City Solicitor.	202500400
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46.	STATEMENT , submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Herta M. Fairbanks/Division Manager of Finance.	<u>202500401</u>
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47.	STATEMENT , submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Daniel Clare Fortinberry/DCED/Parking Division Manager.	202500402
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48.	STATEMENT , submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Arian Yatira Hall/Fire Department/Division Manager.	202500403
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	STATEMENT , submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Marion Eugene Haynes III/Deputy	202500404

Filed

Manager.

Cincinnati City Council

Solicitor.

Resources/Director.

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56. STATEMENT, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Lisa N. Kunz/Law/Chief of Staff.

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57 STATEMENT, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Seth Walsh/Councilmember. (ETHICS)

Filed

58. STATEMENT, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Herbert Ian McCoy/Information Technology Manager.

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Filed

59. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Frank Christopher McKinley/Cincinnati Fire Department.

Filed

60. STATEMENT, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Jonathan A. Peters/GCWW.Superintendent.

<u>202500358</u>

Filed

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

61. ORDINANCE (C VERSION) (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/3/2025, **MODIFYING** Chapter 402, "Airport," by **AMENDING** Section 402-24, "Lunken Airport Use Fees," to authorize the City Manager to establish fees for the landing, parking, and mooring of aircraft, and for special events, at Lunken Airport.

202500429

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson

Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0040-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson

Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0040-2025

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0040-2025

62. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/26/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$298,869 from the Ohio Department of Health Get Vaccinated OHIO Public Health Initiative (ALN 93.268) to support activities that will increase immunization rates in children under two years of age, school-aged children, and adolescents; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to receive and deposit the grant resources into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556.

202500316

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0041-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson

Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0041-2025

63. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City

Manager, on 2/26/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept up to \$250,000 from the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA"), through the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program (ALN 20.505), to provide resources for improvements and upgrades to Streetcar technology, station displays, and transit management software; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to appropriate up to \$250,000 from the FTA, through the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program, to General Government Grants Fund 404, effective FY 2026; AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into General Government Grants Fund 404 revenue account no. 404x8554, Department of Transportation and Engineering project account no. AOPP, "Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant"; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to transfer and appropriate of \$27,778 from the unappropriated surplus of Streetcar Operations Fund 455 to Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 to provide local matching resources for the FTA Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant, effective FY 2026.

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson

Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0042-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson

Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0042-2025

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0042-2025

64. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/26/2025, **APPROVING** the revised Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan for the Connector as recommended by the streetcar's Accountable Executive and Chief Safety Officer.

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Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney

Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0043-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney

Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0043-2025

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0043-2025

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

PUBLIC SAFETY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Councilmember Cramerding, seconded by Councilmember Albi to send that item back to committee.

65. ORDINANCE, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **MODIFYING** Chapter 723, "Streets and Sidewalks, Use Regulations," by **ORDAINING** new Section 723-77, "Trespass in a Designated Bus Rapid Transit Zone," and by **AMENDING** Section 723-26, "Designated Streetcar Transit Zone," to promote the safe and efficient operation of a bus rapid transit system in the public right-of-way.

Motion to Refer back to Committee

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan

66. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/26/2025, **ESTABLISHING** the salary schedules and classification titles for the classifications of Behavioral Health Specialist and Supervising Behavioral Health Specialist by enacting Sections 297 and 298 of Division 0C, Chapter 307 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, consistent with the organizational changes described herein.

Passed Emergency

202500317

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0044-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0044-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0044-2025

67. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/20/2025, **MODIFYING** Chapter 307, "Classified Compensation Schedules," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by

AMENDING Section 012 of Division D5 to ensure that the classification title and salary range schedule for the Director of Finance are consistent with the position's level of responsibility and competitive with similar positions across internal and external job markets.

Passed Emergency

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0045-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0045-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0045-2025

68. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/20/2025, **MODIFYING** Chapter 307, "Classified Compensation Schedules," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Section 259 of Division D8 to update the salary schedule range for the classification of Environmental Services Director.

Passed Emergency

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0046-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0046-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0046-2025

69. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/20/2025, MODIFYING Chapter 307, "Classified Compensation Schedules," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by ORDAINING Sections 444 and 445 of Division 0C to establish the classification titles and salary range schedules for the positions of Zoning Technician and Senior Zoning Plan Examiner; and AMENDING Section 441 of Division 0C to update the salary range schedule for the position of Zoning Plan Examiner.

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0047-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0047-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson

Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0047-2025

HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

70. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **DECLARING** that the intersection of Race Street and Liberty Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Jim Scott Way" in honor of Jim Scott, and in recognition of his many years of volunteer service to the Findlay Market Opening Day Parade and his legacy of

giving, volunteering, and spreading joy.

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

Enactment No: 0048-2025

Councilmember Nolan

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson

Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0048-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0048-2025

71. MOTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that Cincinnati City Council approve the establishment of an LGBTQIA+ Commission to advise City Council and the administration on an ongoing basis about issues of concern and policy recommendations. The members of the commission would be appointed by the mayor and commissioners would not receive any remuneration for their service. A draft of the proposed

Ordinance is attached.

Adopted

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Keerney

Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

72. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **DECLARING** that Realistic Avenue at Dana Avenue in the Evanston neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Beverly Kinney Way" in honor of Beverly Kinney, who was in a fatal pedestrian accident, and as a reminder of the necessity for drivers to always observe road and traffic regulations.

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Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson

Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0049-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson

Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Councilmember Nolan Enactment No: 0049-2025

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Enactment No: 0049-2025

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 2:45 P.M.