



City of Cincinnati

Budget and Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

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Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Scotty Johnson
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Councilmember Anna Albi
Councilmember Meeka Owens
Councilmember Seth Walsh
President Pro Tem Victoria Parks

Monday, March 11, 2024

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

Present: Mark Jeffreys
Anna Albi
Jan-Michele Kearney
Jeff Cramerding
Meeka Owens
Reggie Harris
Scotty Johnson
Seth Walsh
Victoria Parks

The meeting began at 1:06 p.m. and ended at 1:53 p.m. Also in attendance were Dr Dudas from Budget & Evaluation, Director Karen Alder from Finance and Erica Faaborg from Law.

AGENDA

GRANTS

1. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/6/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$135,030.86 from the FY 2023 Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund through the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services to provide resources for personnel costs related to investigations conducted pursuant to Title III of the Federal Omnibus Crime Control

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and Safe Streets Act of 1968; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 24ODLE.

Recommend Passage

EASEMENTS

2. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/6/2024, ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING the grant of a public utility easement in favor of the City of Cincinnati for water mains and related fixtures, equipment, and appurtenances through certain real property in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Cincinnati in accordance with the plat entitled CIN 334, 20 Garden Place Watermain Easement E-1104, as recorded in Plat Book 493, Page 73, Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office.

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Recommend Passage

3. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/6/2024, ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING the grant of a public utility easement in favor of the City of Cincinnati for water mains and related fixtures, equipment, and appurtenances through certain real property in Green Township, Hamilton County, Ohio in accordance with the plat entitled Easement WSL 3689 Old Stone Ridge Easement No. E-1100, as recorded in Plat Book 493, Page 6, Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office.

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Recommend Passage

4. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/6/2024, ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING the grant of a public utility easements in favor of the City of Cincinnati for water mains and related fixtures, equipment, and appurtenances through certain real property in Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio in accordance with the plat entitled Spencer Avenue Water Main Easement E-1111 (WSL 3539), as recorded in Plat Book 498, Page 90, Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office.

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Recommend Passage

LEASE AGREEMENT

5. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/6/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute an Amended and Restated Lease Agreement with Host Cincinnati Hotel LLC, the lessee under an existing lease concerning property commonly known as the Westin Hotel Cincinnati located at the southeast corner of Vine and Fifth Streets in the Central Business District, to extend the lease term, reallocate real property tax liabilities, modify certain rent obligations, and to grant the lessee a right of first offer to purchase the City's interest in the real property. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>)
- Recommend Passage Emergency

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TIF EXEMPTION

6. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/6/2024, DECLARING improvements to certain real property located at 221 E. Fourth Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, to be a public purpose and exempt from real property taxation for a period of thirty years pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.41; and AMENDING Ordinance No. 412-2002, passed on December 18, 2002, as amended, to remove such real property from the operation of that ordinance.
- Recommend Passage Emergency

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MOTION

7. MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, WE MOVE that a task force be created to make short, medium and long-term policy recommendations on how the City can provide relief to residents that are tax burdened by the recent spike in property taxes. WE FURTHER MOVE that this task force include members from HOME, LISC, the Realtists, Legal Aid, the Urban League, the National Appraiser Bias Task Force, the Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky Apartment Association, Community Action Agency, the City of Cincinnati, and the Hamilton County Auditor & Treasurer as well as effected homeowners and

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other subject matter experts. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

Adopt

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ADJOURNMENT