



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 2:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:03 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

Human Services Advisory Committee

- 1. REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint [202301967](#) Mia Sears to the Human Services Advisory Committee for a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/African American)

Confirmed

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

2. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint [202301968](#)
Kristin Goins to the Human Services Advisory Committee for a term of
three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice
and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/African American)

Confirmed

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

3. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint [202301969](#)
Leslie Rich to the Human Services Advisory Committee for a term of
three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice
and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White)

Confirmed

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

4. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint [202301970](#)
Lauren Merten to the Human Services Advisory Committee for a term of
three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice
and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White)

Confirmed

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

5. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint [202301971](#)
 Venita Dell to the Human Services Advisory Committee for a term of three
 years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and
 consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/African American)

Confirmed

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

6. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint [202301972](#)
 LaShaunda Ewing to the Human Services Advisory Committee for a term
 of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice
 and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/African American)

Confirmed

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

Cincinnati Youth Collaborative Board

7. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Vice [202301976](#)
 Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney to serve as the city’s representative
 of the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative (CYC) board for a term concurrent

with her time on City Council. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/African American)

Confirmed

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

Woodward Trust

8. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint Sandra Mosley to the Woodward Trust for a term expiring on March 31, 2026. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/African American) [202301977](#)

Confirmed

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

MR. JOHNSON

9. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Johnson, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** the Cincinnati Police Department's Youth Services Unit, and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for the Youth Services Unit's contributions to the safety and future of youth in the City of Cincinnati. [202302000](#)

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: 0062-2023

CITY MANAGER

- 10. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/13/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager and employees of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission to accept donations of money and in-kind contributions from the Cincinnati Recreation Foundation valued individually at up to \$20,000 for the purpose of supporting Cincinnati Recreation Commission programming and services; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager and employees of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission to accept donations of money and in-kind contributions from the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources valued individually at up to \$5,000 for the purpose of supporting Cincinnati Recreation Commission programming and services; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit donated funds accepted in accordance with these parameters into Contributions for Recreation Purposes Fund revenue account no. 319x8571.

[202301986](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
Enactment No: 0317-2023

- 11. ORDINANCE**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/13/2023, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 203, "Employees' Retirement System," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Section 203-42, "Health Care Benefits," Section 203-43, "Health Care Benefits For Membership Dates Prior to January 9, 1997 and Retirement Effective Dates After January 1, 2016," Section 203-44, "Health Care Benefits For Membership Dates On and After January 9, 1997," and Section 203-48, "Health Care Benefits for Eligible Dependent Family Members," to implement policy changes made by the Cincinnati Retirement System Board and to clarify the parties entitled to health care benefits under Chapter 203.

[202301992](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
Enactment No: 0318-2023

CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 12. REGISTRATION (UPDATE)**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent George Glover, Managing Director, Focused Capitol

[202301983](#)

Solutions, 425 Walnut Street, Suite 1800, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (ASM GLOBAL)

Filed

- 13. REGISTRATION (UPDATE)**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent George Glover, Managing Director, Focused Capitol Solutions, 425 Walnut Street, Suite 1800, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (PEOPLE WORKING COOPERATIVELY)

[202301984](#)

Filed

- 14. REGISTRATION (UPDATE)**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent George Glover, Managing Director, Focused Capitol Solutions, 425 Walnut Street, Suite 1800, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (SANTA MARIA COMMUNITY CENTER)

[202301985](#)

Filed

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 15. REPORT**, dated 9/7/2023, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Cincinnati Retirement System CY2022 Annual Report.

[202301914](#)

Approved & Filed

- 16. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/7/2023, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 132-2018, which established Fund No. 437, "Wasson Way Trail Donations," to change the name of the fund to "City Trails," and to expand the purpose of the fund to enable the City to receive and expend funds, including but not limited to grants, donations, settlements, fees, lease payments, and other sources of funding, in support of the maintenance, projects, and needs of the entire City trail network.

[202301950](#)

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: 0308-2023

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: 0308-2023

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: 0308-2023

17. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/7/2023, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242367, "Maintenance Fund for Bridges 2022-2026," for the purpose of maintaining and repairing Hamilton County-owned bridges and viaducts located within the City; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate annual Municipal Road Fund allocations of up to \$1,000,000 from the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners, totaling up to \$5,000,000 for program years 2022 through 2026 (the "2022-2026 MRF Allocations"), in accordance with the bridge maintenance agreement entered into between the City and Hamilton County; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the 2022-2026 MRF Allocations into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242367, "Maintenance Road Fund for Bridges 2022-2026."

[202301961](#)

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: 0309-2023

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: 0309-2023

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: 0309-2023

- 18. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/7/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a donation of up to \$338,400 from the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners' Fund to fund various activities set forth herein; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$220,000 from Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x182015, "Lytle Park Improvements,"

[202301962](#)

to renovate the comfort station, update and augment the lighting along 4th Street, and enact a safety bump out in the curb that will improve pedestrian safety and accessibility to the improved corridor at Lytle Park; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$73,850 from Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222011, "Smale Riverfront Park Water Feature Repairs," to restore the Pichler Fountain recirculation tank; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$44,550 from Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232035, "Burnet Woods Dog Park," for the development of the Burnet Woods Dog Park; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$180,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Riverfront Park Fund 329 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222011, "Smale Riverfront Park Water Feature Repairs," to restore the Pichler Fountain recirculation tank.

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: 0310-2023

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: 0310-2023

- 19. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/7/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the expenditure of funds for purchasing inexpensive paper products, such as paper plates and bowls, disposable cups, paper towels, tissues, napkins, and cutlery, and cleaning

[202301955](#)

supplies such as dish soap, dish sponges, and sanitizer for use by City employees while at work at City facilities; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to establish rules and regulations specifying the circumstances in which the City may expend funds for such purposes, as well as controls to ensure the appropriate expenditure of such funds; and further **DECLARING** that such expenditures serve a public purpose.

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: 0311-2023

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: 0311-2023

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: 0311-2023

Manager, on 9/7/2023, **REPEALING** existing Chapter 324, "Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, and **ORDAINING** in its place new Chapter 324, "Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program."

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: 0312-2023

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: 0312-2023

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: 0312-2023

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

- 21. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/7/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to facilitate the performance of traffic control operations associated with maintenance activities for bridges located on United States Route 50 in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation's maintenance project in the City of Cincinnati.

[202301956](#)

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: 0313-2023

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: 0313-2023

- 22. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens, **WE HEREBY MOVE** for the City Administration to provide an updated Street Rehabilitation Program Report, which was last conducted in 2012. The report should, at a minimum: Outline how many city dollars have been allocated and grant funds have been secured in each of the last five years, List the streets that have been entirely rehabilitated in each of the last five years, organized by neighborhood, and include the funding and its source (grant, City budget, etc.). (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202301889](#)

Adopted

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

EQUITABLE GROWTH & HOUSINGS COMMITTEE

23. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/2/2023, **EXTENDING** Interim Development Control Overlay District No. 88, "Surface Parking in the Downtown Development Zoning District" as an overlay district for a period of SIX months, pursuant to Chapter 1431, "Interim Development Control Overlay District Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.

[202301833](#)

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: 0314-2023

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: 0314-2023

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: 0314-2023

24. MOTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the Department of Planning and Community Engagement waive the \$1,500 fee for First Baptist Church of Walnut Hills' application for historical landmark designation. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202301902](#)

Adopted

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

25. ORDINANCE, submitted by Councilmember Owens, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 871, "Landlord-Tenant Relationships," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **ORDAINING** new Section 871-10, "Unlawful Eviction Prohibited" to affirm the rights and protections afforded to residential tenants, including their rights to be free from unlawful practices and to secure damages from landlords engaged in unlawful eviction practices.

[202301948](#)

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: 0315-2023

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: 0315-2023

- 26. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Cramerding and Jeffreys, **WE MOVE** that the administration prepare a report and compile data within 90 days regarding the property maintenance code enforcement program. The report should first outline the process that a complaint goes through to result in an order against a property owner, and provide summary data on the caseload, including but not limited to the percentage of complaints that result in orders. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202301979](#)

Adopted

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

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 3:33 P.M.