



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Thursday, January 4, 2024

2:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:02 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

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

1. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint [202400047](#)
Clare Zlatic Blankemeyer 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)
Held one week pursuant to rule of council
2. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint [202400048](#)
Calvin Davis 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. (Male/AA)
Held one week pursuant to rule of council
3. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint [202400049](#)
Hammad Siddiqi 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. (Male/ South Asian)
Held one week pursuant to rule of council
4. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint [202400050](#)

Damon George 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. (Male/AA).

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

MR. HARRIS

MR. CRAMERDING

5. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Harris and Cramerding, **EXPRESSING** the support of Council for the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2023 (H.R. 3238 and S.B. 1557 of 2023).

[202400043](#)

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Harris
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Owens
 Enactment No: 0001-2024

MS. KEARNEY

6. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$200,000 from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2535, "Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$200,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to provide one-time funds for the following: Bethany House for Emergency Shelter Operations (\$75,000); the CincySmiles Foundation for Oral Health Workforce Development programming (\$60,000); Invest in Neighborhoods for operating budget needs (\$25,000); and the Neighborhood Historic Preservation Program (\$40,000).

[202400044](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

7. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 765, "Special Events," by **AMENDING** Section 765-3, "Definitions," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code for the purpose of revising the times during which the Cincinnati Music Festival and Festival513 are held.

[202400045](#)

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

CITY MANAGER

8. **REPORT**, dated 1/4/2024 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, [202400010](#)
on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control,
advising of a permit application for Bourboncraftkitchen LTD, DBA
Bourbons Craft Kitchen & Bar, 580 Walnut Street Suite 900 1st floor &
Patio. (#0859885, TRFO, D1 D2 D3 D3A D6) [Objections: Yes]

Filed
9. **REPORT**, dated 1/4/2024 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, [202400011](#)
on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control,
advising of a permit application for Your Moms Pizzeria LLC, 1045 Saint
Gregory Street. (#9861888, New, D1) [Objections: None]

Filed
10. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City [202400019](#)
Manager, on 1/4/2024, **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$40,000 from
Cincinnati Health Department Community Health Center Activities Fund
non-personnel operating budget account no. 395x265x1110x7449 to
Hamilton County as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to
harm reduction services provided to the Cincinnati Health Department.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
11. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City [202400020](#)
Manager, on 1/4/2024, **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$11,600 to The
Children’s Home of Cincinnati as a moral obligation for outstanding
charges related to behavioral health services provided to the Cincinnati
Health Department to be paid from Cincinnati Health Department
Community Health Network Fund non-personnel operating budget
account no. 446x265x1110x7289.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
12. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City [202400021](#)
Manager, on 1/4/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for,
accept, and appropriate grant resources of up to \$25,000 from the
Greater Cincinnati Foundation to the Office of Environment and
Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no.
050x104x7400 to provide resources to support the City’s Urban
Agriculture Program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to
deposit the grant funds into General Fund revenue account no.
050x8571.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
13. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City [202400022](#)
Manager, on 1/4/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a
donation of \$1,000 from the Rotary Foundation of Cincinnati to provide
resources for Cincinnati Fire Department team building and promotional
events; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a donation of \$400
from the family of George-Ann Lawrence to provide resources for
Cincinnati Fire Department team building and promotional events;
AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into

General Fund 050 revenue account no. 050x8571; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,400 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Cincinnati Fire Department non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x272x7300 to provide resources for Fire Department team building and promotional events.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 14. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 159-2023 to increase the matching funds related to the FY 2023 COPS Hiring Program Grant to up to \$7,964,550.

[202400023](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 15. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return \$87,350 to source Fund No. 050, "General Fund," from capital improvement program project account no. 980x091x230927, "Highspeed/Broadband Access - GF"; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$87,350 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to provide resources for Cincinnati Works to operate its Digital Literacy program.

[202400024](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 16. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, **PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000,000 BY THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, COUNTY OF HAMILTON, STATE OF OHIO FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING AND/OR CASH DEFEASANCE (WITH MONIES AVAILABLE FOR SUCH PURPOSE) OF ALL OR A PORTION OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS LISTED ON ATTACHMENT A HERETO; AND PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS THRESHOLD IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

[202400025](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 17. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount of up to \$150,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund for the purpose of providing financial aid to Cincinnati homeowners with defective household sewage treatment systems; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

[202400026](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 18. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and

[202400027](#)

appropriate a donation of \$1,000 from Lieutenant Colonel Maurice A. Robinson to be used for operation of the Cincinnati Police Department Youth Services Program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donation into Public Safety Special Projects Fund 456.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 19. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$25,000 from the Ohio Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, funded by the Ohio Department of Health, to assist in reducing lead exposure to children in high-risk communities through education and outreach activities during the Healthy Homes Awareness Month in April 2024; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536. [202400028](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 20. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$10,461 from the Officer Olivia Zick Memorial Fund, administered by Commonwealth Charitable Management, to support mental health initiatives for the Cincinnati Police Department; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 23OZMF. [202400029](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 21. ORDINANCE**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept in-kind donations and contributions of artwork, horticultural supplies, and professional services from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation, valued at approximately \$23,328.12 to benefit various City parks. [202400030](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 22. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$15,000 from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network to create a Higher-Education Sustainability Cohort in partnership with Last Mile Food Rescue. [202400031](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 23. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, **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 maintenance activities for the bridge which carries Blair Avenue over Interstate 71 in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation's bridge maintenance project in the City of Cincinnati. [202400032](#)

Referred to Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee

- 24. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to [202400033](#)

apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources of up to \$760,620 from the Ohio Child Care Stabilization Sub-Grant, part of the Child Care and Development Block Grant (ALN 93.575), through the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to support up to thirteen of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission's licensed neighborhood childcare programs; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources, if awarded, into Recreational Federal Grant Projects Fund 324.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 25. REPORT**, dated 1/4/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Long-Term Upgrades for the Yard Waste Removal Program (Ref. Doc. #202300958). [202400037](#)

Referred to Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee

- 26. REPORT**, dated 1/4/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Department of Buildings & Inspections Code Enforcement Process and Chronic Offenders. (Reference Document #202301979). [202400012](#)

Referred to Equitable Growth & Housing Committee

- 27. REPORT**, dated 1/4/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Financial Freedom Initiatives - Recommendations. (Reference Document #202302108). [202400014](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 28. REPORT**, dated 1/4/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Financial Freedom Initiatives - Recommendations. (Reference Document # 202302230). [202400015](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 29. REPORT**, dated 1/4/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding City Hall Feminine Hygiene Dispenser Installation. (Reference Document #202300380). [202400016](#)

Referred to Healthy Neighborhoods Committee

- 30. REPORT**, dated 1/4/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the City Plans for a New Disparity Study. (Reference Document #202302220). [202400017](#)

Referred to Equitable Growth & Housing Committee

- 31. REPORT**, dated 1/4/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding CFD's Preparedness to Treat Electric Vehicle (EV) Fires. (Reference Document #202301910). [202400018](#)

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 32. COMMUNICATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council, regarding the Over-the-Rhine South Special Improvement District 2025-2028 Services Plans & Budget. [202400013](#)

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No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 2:20 P.M.