



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

CALENDAR

Cincinnati City Council

Thursday, January 4, 2024

2:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

FILING OF THE JOURNAL

MAYOR AFTAB

1. [202400047](#) **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint 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)
Recommendation HOLD ONE WEEK PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF COUNCIL
2. [202400048](#) **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint 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/AFRICAN AMERICAN)
Recommendation HOLD ONE WEEK PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF COUNCIL
3. [202400049](#) **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint 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)
Recommendation HOLD ONE WEEK PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF COUNCIL
4. [202400050](#) **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint 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/AFRICAN AMERICAN).
Recommendation HOLD ONE WEEK PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF COUNCIL

MR. HARRIS

MR. CRAMERDING

5. [202400043](#) **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).
Recommendation PASS
Sponsors: Harris and Cramerding

MS. KEARNEY

6. [202400044](#) **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).

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Kearney

7. [202400045](#) **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.

Recommendation PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Kearney

CITY MANAGER

8. [202400010](#) **REPORT**, dated 1/4/2024 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 Bourboncraftkitchen LTD, DBA Bourbons Craft Kitchen & Bar, 580 Walnut Street Suite 900 1st floor & Patio. (#0859885, TRFO, D1 D2 D3 D3A D6) [Objections: Yes]

Recommendation FILE

Sponsors: City Manager

9. [202400011](#) **REPORT**, dated 1/4/2024 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 Your Moms Pizzeria LLC, 1045 Saint Gregory Street. (#9861888, New, D1) [Objections: None]

Recommendation FILE

Sponsors: City Manager

10. [202400019](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City 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.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

11. [202400020](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City 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.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

12. [202400021](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City 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.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

13. [202400022](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City 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.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

14. [202400023](#) **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.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

15. [202400024](#) **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.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

16. [202400025](#) **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.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

17. [202400026](#) **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.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

18. [202400027](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and 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.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

19. [202400028](#) **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.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

20. [202400029](#) **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.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

21. [202400030](#) **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.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

22. [202400031](#) **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.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

23. [202400032](#) **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.

Recommendation CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

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

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

25. [202400037](#) **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).

Recommendation CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

26. [202400012](#) **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).

Recommendation EQUITABLE GROWTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

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

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

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

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

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

Recommendation HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

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

Recommendation EQUITABLE GROWTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

31. [202400018](#) **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).

Recommendation PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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

Recommendation FILE

Sponsors: Clerk of Council

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adjournment



AFTAB PUREVAL
City of Cincinnati, Office of the Mayor

Jan 2024

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Mayor Aftab Pureval

CLARE ZLATIC BLANKEMEYER

EXPERIENCE

MIRAMAR SERVICES INC

Director of Philanthropy

Building a new, national family foundation focused on self-sufficiency, housing, and education.

April 2023 – Present

GREENLIGHT FUND, CINCINNATI

Transforming the lives of families experiencing barriers to economic mobility by creating local infrastructure and a consistent annual process to identify critical needs; import innovative initiatives that can have a significant, measurable impact; and grant \$600K while providing management support to help programs reach and sustain impact in Cincinnati while moving the needle on critical poverty drivers such as recidivism, social determinants, and Kindergarten-readiness.

Executive Director

March 2020 – March 2023

- Lead a community wide 34-person Selection Advisory Council through the GreenLight Method identifying high priority community needs & portfolio organizations that can address economic mobility opportunities for youth and families.
- Provide financial & management oversight to portfolio organizations, including key performance indicator attainment.
- Steward, communicate with, & engage 75 high-net worth investors donating \$5MM to support the GreenLight Method.
- Maintain strong stakeholder management with 1,800+ cross-sector community leaders, including elected officials, including strategy, creation, preparation, and execution of communications strategy.
- Lead communications strategy and cross-sector \$4.5MM fundraise effort to launch regional literacy program and \$2.5MM launch of economically sustainable eviction prevention program.
- Develop nationwide data dashboard of grantee (portfolio organization) outputs/comes, driving multi-city portfolio management and network learnings.

THE MAYERSON FOUNDATION

Dedicated to creating communities that are just, caring, and respectful through broad and entrepreneurial grantmaking & programs impacting basic needs, the arts, civic engagement, health and wellbeing, including, and civic engagement.

Vice President, Strategic Initiatives

August 2017 – September 2020

- Manage \$23MM in assets, right-size operations, build projection models, while supervising grants in and out.
- Redevelop grantmaking strategies engaging three-generation family centering data-driven outputs and outcomes, including executing a new \$2MM grantmaking initiative connecting trustee skillsets with nonprofit grantee needs.
- Lead content, strategy, & migration of grants system, [website](#), & staff operating structure to meet philanthropic goals.
- Execute and oversee contracts with key consultants in legal, tax-compliance, and investment management.

Director, Service-Learning Program

April 2011 – May 2018

- Consult with tri-state educators, nonprofits, & school leadership, leading strategic service-learning integration, totaling 1400 in-depth partnerships within the social justice, diversity, equity & inclusion foci (>200/year).
- Organized large-scale events & programming (12 per year) to increase service-learning in schools & nonprofits.
- Fundraised and managed grants budget & process supporting 35 service-learning partnerships in high schools each year; engaging 1,400 students in leadership roles and 4,500 students & teachers annually in social justice issues.

IMPACT 100

Empowers women to dramatically improve lives by collectively funding significant grants that make a lasting impact in our community. Operating entirely by volunteers, women realize the power and reward of giving time & treasure.

President & Governance Chair, Volunteer

January 2018 – December 2020

- Engage 21-person working board and 500+ members through visionary leadership & strategic direction, including restructuring to provide Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion focus cross-functionally and within the strategic plan.
- Grow operational support from \$0 to \$375K during 2-year tenure; 107% more than previous 17 years combined.
- Developed comprehensive engagement strategies for 300-volunteers to engage in grant review and operations.
- Received [Great Nonprofits](#) (2018), [BBB Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics](#), "Keys to the City" from Mayor (2019).

CLARE ZLATIC BLANKEMEYER

IMPACT 100 (CONTINUED)

Board of Directors, Volunteer

June 2012 – December 2017

- Served as Vice President, Nonprofit Outreach, Nonprofit Coordinator, and Nominating & Governance committees.
- Created & managed roles leading website launch & process assessment using national grantmaking rubric.
- Redeveloped consistent, annual grant-making process on custom-designed, digital, sustainable grant platform.
- Built from ground-up a sustainable Young Philanthropist Program (20+ graduates) by securing an endowed gift.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Inspiring student and staff lifelong commitment to service and community engagement through classroom service learning, extracurricular volunteerism, and building a bridge between community and university.

Assistant Director, Center for Community Engagement

August 2009 – May 2011

- Directed program development, implementation, & evaluation tracking 250% growth of engagement initiatives with students, faculty, and nonprofits for top tier research university.
- Developed (co)curricular opportunities in volunteerism & service learning to engage students in the community.
- Managed the day-to-day office operations including working with and supervising students & staff, managing office financial accounts through SAP, including grant application, management, and reporting.
- Partnership development between local nonprofit organizations and students, faculty, & staff.

UNITED WAY OF THE GREATER DAYTON AREA

Dedicated to building solutions and aligning systems to help families in our community thrive.

Manager, Volunteer Connection

October 2008 – August 2009

- Served as comprehensive volunteer management resource to over 250 agencies by consulting on volunteer management & service-learning programs while linking volunteer sources through 1,800 annual referrals.
- Managed major community projects, engaging 3,000 volunteers & 200 nonprofits annually.
- Expanded database & encouraged community utilization of interactive [website](#) & provided IT support.

Campaign Manager

August 2007 – September 2008

- Maintained, retained & managed account relationships & exceeded contribution goal of \$500,000.
- Identified opportunities for growth & implemented best practices for key Construction & Education division accounts.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON, Dayton, OH

May, 2008

Bachelor of Arts; Major: Psychology (Cumulative GPA 3.98)

Minor: Social Work (Specialization: Geriatrics)

Valedictorian | Student Commencement Speaker

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

2006 – 2008

Emissaries President | Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Service Coordinator

- Organized & directed 35-person group to work collaboratively with President, Board of Trustees & administration.

PRISON ACTION GROUP FOR EDUCATION & SERVICE (PAGES)

2005 – 2008

Founder

- Created & lead program with 180 volunteers (600 hrs/mo) as GED tutors for Montgomery County Jail inmates.
- Received “Effective Best Program Practices” award from City of Dayton officials and the Reentry Task Force.

CERTIFICATION

CLARE ZLATIC BLANKEMEYER

CERTIFIED FUND RAISING EXECUTIVE (CFRE)

November, 2021

HONORS & AWARDS

- Keys to the City, *City of Cincinnati*, 2019
- Grtr Cinti Fdn, *Emerging Philanthropist*, 2017
- Spartan Award for Lifetime Achievement, *Alumni Association of Roger Bacon High School*, 2015
- YWCA Cincinnati, *Rising Star*, 2014
- Cincinnati Business Courier's *40 Under 40*, 2014
- Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber Leadership Program, *C-Change*, Class #8 graduate, 2013
- Village Life Outreach Project, *Rafiki Award*, 2013
- Legacy, *Next Generation Leader Award* Finalist, 2012
- Cincinnati Association of Volunteer Administrators, *Outstanding Volunteer Program Finalist*, 2011
- Make a Difference Day Ohio Outstanding Coord., 2009
- Student Commencement Speaker, University of Dayton Class of 2008
- Kenneth J. Kuntz Award for Outstanding Service in Psychology, 2008
- Female Leader of the Year, Student Involvement & Leadership, 2008
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars "Merit Award," 2007 (1 of 50 nationally selected members)
- Riley Award Finalist, Office of Student Dev., 2007
- Dean's List for Academic GPA, 2004 – 2008

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP, INVOLVEMENT, & ADVOCACY

- Philanthropy Ohio *Data-Driven Grantmaking Working Group*, 2020 – Present
- Hamilton County Jobs & Family Services Commission, 2021 – Present
- Center for Employment Opportunities Advisory Board, 2018 – Present
- UpTogether Advisory Board, 2020 – Present
- My First Place Steering Committee for Transition Aged Youth, 2020 – Present
- Jefferson Award Committee, Rotary Club of Cincinnati, 2014 – Present
- Impact 100 Cincinnati, Board Member (2012 – Present), President/Governance, 2018 – 2021
- GreenLight Fund Advisory Council, 2017 – 2020
- Impact 100 Global Council, Board Member, Executive Committee, Founding Member 2014-2018
- Securing the Future, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber conference for nonprofit executives, Committee, 2014-17
- St. Francis Seraph Ministries, Board Member, Secretary, Program Committee, Outreach Coordinator, 2012-15
- Village Life Outreach Project, Education Committee, 2012-13
- Cincinnati Association of Volunteer Administrators Board Secretary, Certifications Chair, & President, 2009-14
- Ohio Volunteer Center Association (OVCA), professional member and web developer, 2008-13
- Miami Valley Association of Volunteer Administrators (MVAVA), Liaison, 2008-12
- United Way of America, Volunteer Center Committee, Member & Leading Founder, 2008-13
- Montgomery County Solid Waste District Advisory Council Member, 2008-12
- Writing or Publication Samples: [Experiential Learning](#) | [Your Worldview](#) | [Like Minded?](#) | [Power of the Collective](#)



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Mayor Aftab Pureval

CALVIN DAVIS

Digital Marketing & Communications Management Professional

Achievement-oriented professional with solid experience in marketing management, communications management, and strategic planning. I have a proven track record of managing complex projects while executing marketing & communications programs to support company success. Drives positive change by identifying opportunities, introducing best practices, and implementing improvements; a value-centric leader who thrives within fast-paced environments delivering forward-thinking and professionalism.

Social Media Marketing
Strategic Planning
Team Leadership Skills

Corporate Communications
Brand Development
Direct Email Marketing

Digital Marketing Strategy
Public Relations
Data Analytics & Reporting

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Miami University – Oxford, OH (2023)

Coursework: Marketing Management, Leadership Change Management & Cross-Cultural Management, Strategic HR Management, Managing Competition, Marketing Analytics, etc.

Bachelor of Science (BS) in Business Marketing

Miami University – Oxford, OH (2014)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANIES– *Cincinnati, OH*

Diversity Recruitment Partner

2022 – Present

Accomplished HR professional currently serving as Diversity Recruitment Partner, skilled in driving engagement and partnerships with educational institutions, associations, and community organizations. Data-savvy recruiter focusing on diversity, utilizing analytics to improve strategies and build a diverse candidate pipeline. Adept at coordinating diversity events and supporting Employee Resource Groups.

- ❖ **Increased** brand awareness through strategic partnerships with educational institutions, associations, and diversity organizations.
- ❖ **Utilized** data-driven recruitment strategies, identifying trends to enhance efficiency and improve outcomes.
- ❖ **Built** a diverse candidate pipeline by collaborating with internal and external stakeholders.
- ❖ **Led** successful diversity outreach and recruiting initiatives.

UNITED WAY OF GREATER CINCINNATI – *Cincinnati, OH*

Community Health Advocate

2021 – 2022

Served as Community Health Advocate working within the community to educate the public on the Covid-19 pandemic and advocate for Covid-19 vaccines. Collaborates cross-functionally to plan community events and help bridge health inequities in the city. Supported development and implementation of communications initiatives within the city to assist with brand messaging.

- ❖ **Participates** in continuous improvement by identifying potential areas of opportunity and recommending best practices
- ❖ **Coordinates** with internal and external stakeholders to ensure community events are executed according to event plans

CINCINNATI CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL – *Cincinnati, OH*

Senior Communications Specialist

2021 – 2022

Provided leadership as Senior Communications Specialist assisting with developing and implementing communications strategies to meet the goals and objectives of the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. Contributed to developing updated crisis communications

plans & emergency communications response, including preparing content for senior approval concerning emergency response. Supported strategic planning, project management, executive messaging, and overall development of communications collateral.

- ❖ **Received** training to serve as a public relations spokesperson on behalf of Cincinnati Children's Hospital leadership
- ❖ **Built** relationships with community & media professionals to drive effective dissemination of mass communications
- ❖ **Prepared** and edited organizational publications for internal and external audiences regarding hospital events & news
- ❖ **Drafted** and edited press releases and related reports detailing newsworthy information and supporting brand image

REGGIE HARRIS CAMPAIGN – *Cincinnati, OH*

Communications Director

2020 – 2022

Served as Communications Director responsible for developing overall communications strategies aligning with campaign goals. Managed, drafted, and strategized communication efforts across multiple channels for the City Councilman candidate. Coordinated cross-functionally to plan and manage podcasts, videos, and the development of event graphics to support the company's objectives.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (*Cont.*)

GANNETT / USA TODAY NETWORK – *Cincinnati, OH*

Client Success Manager

2018 – 2021

Provided leadership as Client Success Manager responsible for building client relationships and ensuring client satisfaction to ensure long-term retention. Identified potential optimization and upsell opportunities while presenting to sellers and clients for driving additional revenue. Used marketing research & reporting tools to identify trends & develop effective marketing strategies.

- ❖ **Collaborated** cross-functionally to successfully transition 100+ client accounts deeper into the digital marketplace
- ❖ **Partnered** with clients to gather business requirements, develop marketing strategies, and exceed marketing goals

Territory Account Manager

2016 – 2018

Served as Territory Account Manager building trusted advisor relationships with client accounts while ensuring successful delivery of solutions. Developed and implemented high-impact territory management strategies to meet and exceed revenue and performance goals. Identified opportunities for driving additional sales revenue through effective account management practices.

- ❖ **Worked** collaboratively with customer accounts to identify opportunities for upselling and driving additional revenue
- ❖ **Resolved** any customer complaints or issues through effective engagement, investigation, and solutions development

Inside Sales Representative

2015 – 2016

Established customer relationships and communicated with businesses to assist in building marketing plans. Maintained existing accounts while executing business development strategies to identify new customer account opportunities. Implemented sales development strategies to build client relationships, execute marketing plans, develop territories, and exceed performance goals.

- ❖ **Developed** network of contracts to identify client needs and deliver effective solutions in securing sales opportunities
- ❖ **Maintained** responsibility for tracking customer communication in a customer relationship management (CRM) system

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Marketing Bootcamp, Marcus Graham Project – Cincinnati, OH (2015)

Entrepreneurial Intern, Olympia Media Group – Cincinnati, OH (2013 – 2014)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Microsoft Office Suite, Salesforce, Constant Contact, Mail Chimp, Google AdWords, Paid Search Marketing



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Mayor Aftab Pureval

HAMMAD S. SIDDIQI

OBJECTIVE

Seeking a position utilizing my proven business development & management abilities, which include effective communication, client servicing and partnership development.

SUMMARY OF SKILLS

- Effective written & verbal communication
- Critical thinking & decision making
- Partner coaching & development
- Strategic sales
- Client engagement & retention
- Risk Management
- Leadership

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

November 2020 – Present

PNC Bank, CINCINNATI, OHIO

Vice President/Community Development Banking

- Lead PNC's Community Reinvestment Act responsibilities by working closely with civic leadership & nonprofit organizations across Cincinnati, Dayton & Northern Kentucky.
- Interfacing with senior leadership within current and prospective client organizations to position the value of PNC and secure mutually beneficial partnerships.
- Responsible to work with Bank branches and non-profit organizations that serve LMI customers, community development and community-based organizations
- Build strong relationships with branches who service LMI areas and/or families by educating branch managers on their role in assisting PNC in meeting our CRA goals.
- Work directly with non-profit organizations to deliver financial education to their LMI families/communities and act as a key referral source by connecting them to our Retail and Business Banking partners.
- Coordinate and administer LMI programs across the footprint, including Individual Development Accounts (IDA), PNC School Bank programs and Foundation Checking, while also providing financial education via train the trainer sessions to PNC employees and non-PNC facilitators.
- Provide CRA database support by capturing all CRA-eligible PNC employee service activities, recording activities in the CDB service database, and working with Relationship Managers (RM) to identify loans/investments that are likely to be closed/booked for entry into the CRA database.

- Manage Grant & Sponsorship requests to ensure the greatest impact in the communities we serve & additionally serving on a board of directors or committees of organizations that serves majority of Low to Moderate income clients.

July 2019 – November 2020

PNC Bank, CINCINNATI, OHIO

Vice President/Client Advisor PNC Wealth Management

- Partnering with Bank channels to identify prospective Wealth Management **clients**
- Partner with Bank Leadership in the development and execution of activities & strategies to build a consistent pipeline of qualified wealth clients.
- Consult with prospective clients to position PNC Wealth Management as the advisor of choice for the delivery of wealth management solutions.
- Work with prospective clients through a deep discovery process and articulate Wealth Management value proposition accordingly.
- Utilize existing data and other tools to analyze referrals & ensure qualifications are met prior to introduction.
- Maintain timely, accurate and complete sales administration tasks as determined by the business

December 2018 – July 2019

PNC BANK, CLEVELAND, OHIO

VICE PRESIDENT, PNC PRIVATE CLIENT EXPERIENCE

- Helping to launch PNC Bank's new Private Client program serving Mass Affluent clients via holistic & personalized financial solutions.
- Supporting senior management evolve the program by improving efficiency in processes, to better build partnerships across the Bank's lines of business.

March 2017 – December 2018

PNC BANK, CLEVELAND, OHIO

MARKET MANAGER MERCHANT SERVICES, NORTHERN OHIO/LAKE ERIE MARKET

Managed a Team of Merchant Services Account Executives across Northern Ohio & South Western Pennsylvania. Developed & coached effective sales practices & routines to create and sustain a profitable business line, while maintaining the highest levels of partner commitments.

Grew Market engagement & awareness of PNCMS solutions to both Retail & Business Banking through education & visibility, creating balanced production across Bank channels.

- **Achieved YOY growth of 22% in first year in the position**

April 2014 – March 2017

PNC BANK, CLEVELAND, OHIO

PRIVATE CLIENT GROUP TEAM LEADER, NORTHERN OHIO MARKET

Led a Team of Licensed Relationship Managers across the Northern Ohio Market, towards achieving business results with a superior customer experience. Core responsibilities included retaining & acquiring top talent & effectively managing performance in a timely & professional manner, while developing ethical sales strategies that incorporate client segments, market opportunities, competitive forces and sales force effectiveness. Ensured execution on plans that focus on deepening client relationships & elevating market share. Placed a strong emphasis on consistent coaching & talent development while managing risk and driving quality for new & existing clients. Focused on developing and leading an effective network of internal and external partnerships, characterized by consistent communication practices. Key duties also included managing multiple concurrent projects and activities while making effective judgments as to prioritizing and time allocation.

- Led the Team to being ranked in the top 3 (out of 33) Private Banking Teams in the Bank for the last 29 months
- Rated “Exceeds Expectations” by Managing Director for 2014, 2015 & 2016
- **Won the “Gallup Great Workplace Award” for 2015 & 2016** as being a Manager that creates an engaged and high performing work environment quantified by consistently above par client & employee engagement survey scores.
- **Market All Star Award 2017**, awarded to Top performers across the Bank’s footprint.
- **Circle of Excellence Award 2017**, the Bank’s highest Award for Top performance by individual line of business.

Sept 2010 – April 2014

PNC BANK, CINCINNATI, OHIO & LOUISVILLE, KY

PRIVATE CLIENT GROUP, LICENSED SENIOR RELATIONSHIP MANAGER

PLAINVIEW (Louisville, KY) & SYMMES TWP OFFICES (Cincinnati, OH)

Provided holistic & personalized financial solutions to the mass affluent segment of the Bank’s client base characterized by recommendations on personal, business and investment banking for clients within a Book of Business comprising 350 households. Key responsibilities included effective partnership with other lines of business to provide our clients with an all-encompassing and tailor made strategy towards their short and long term financial goals. Successfully networked via business, athletic, religious and government organizations to uncover & develop a strong pipeline of prospects

- Achieved top tier growth in Book of Business for each financial quarter of tenure
- Rated an “Exceeds Expectations” and “Significantly Exceeds Expectations” for each Annual Review while with the Private Client Group
- Winner of the 2011 PCG Ambassador Award for the Southern Ohio Northern Kentucky Market, as recognition of most referrals across every line of business among all Relationship Managers

May 2007 – September 2010

PNC BANK, CINCINNATI, OHIO

BRANCH MANAGER

VERNON PLACE OFFICE

Responsible for effectively managing overall sales, service and operational performance towards achieving sustained growth. Emphasis on management of employee performance through consistent observation and coaching of skill sets. Focus on ensuring compliance with all regulatory guidelines as required by law and Bank policy. Development & execution of effective and ethical sales strategies against targets. Networking with community leaders and developing effective centers of influence to grow market share and enhance visibility of the Bank’s products & services

- Recipient of PNC Banks **“Service Excellence Award”** for 2008-9
- Winner of Region’s **“Manager of the Month”** Award 7 times during tenure
- Grew a negative P & L to positive via strategic planning and execution of business plan focused on local merchants and area residents

EDUCATION

1999 - 2003 University of Cincinnati, Ohio

BA Economics/International Relations

Focus Courses: Political Economics in Europe and Asia, Political Ideologies, Probability and Statistics, Quantitative Analysis, Economics Of Developing Nations, International Economics and World Trade

- FINRA License Series 6 and 63 (previously held)



AFTAB PUREVAL
City of Cincinnati, Office of the Mayor

Jan 2024

APPOINTMENT

I hereby appoint Damon George to the Human Services Advisory Committee for a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules.



Mayor Aftab Pureval

DAMON GEORGE



PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

A highly skilled, resourceful, and solutions-driven IT Professional offering over 30 years of expertise in integrating technical acumen with problem solving expertise in supporting and expanding IT operations. Proven leadership, communication skills and successfully manage and implement complex projects from concept to finish.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

System Update & Patches Management • Data Integrity & Recovery • Project Management • Performance Monitoring • Onsite & Remote Support • Backup Software Administrator • Technical/End User Support • Applications Installations/Upgrades • Workstation Configuration

- Collaborate with customers to plan infrastructure expansion and upgrades based on customer needs, requirements, and priorities.
- Skilled in maintaining system reliability and availability including system updates and patches management, resolution of storage and backup issues, and disaster recovery readiness.
- Demonstrate a high level of competency and troubleshooting skills while researching and solving hardware and software problems.
- **TECHINCIAL COMPETENCIES:** *Technical-* Platforms: Windows Mac, Unix • *Networking-* VPN Software, MS Office, virus Software,

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior IT Support Engineer, *Siemens PLM, Milford, OH • 2008 - Present*

- Evaluate and administer a wide range of internal support to 1,000+ employees worldwide.
- Assist with integration of acquired companies, formulate resolution strategies, communicate appropriate action plans, and provide guidance.
- Often called upon to lead, manage and support projects as directed by IT Management.
- Seamlessly coordinate and direct project-based efforts while directing and motivating IT workgroups.
- Demonstrate a high level of competency and troubleshooting skills while researching and solving hardware and software problems.
- Participate in the implementation and perform startup for newly installed equipment.
- Proactively identify and own issues through resolution working with various departments/teams.
- Assess operational opportunities to increase service quality, efficiency and act on recommendations.
- Plan, build, initialize, and update workstations as new releases, upgrades, and patches become available and approved.

Data Center Support Specialist, *(EDS PLM Solutions/UGS PLM Solutions/UGS PLM Siemens) Milford, OH • 2001 - 2008*

- Identified and resolved complex processing, application usage, or business issues.
- Administered and monitored backups ensuring timely and successful completion.
- Communicated problems with systems engineers and collaborated solutions to correct problems.
- Created daily reports of shift occurrences, documented assignments, and reported incidents using an in-house issue tracking system.
- Administered professional and attentive phone support for PLM employees world-wide.

DAMON GEORGE

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Structural Dynamics Research Corporation, Milford, OH • APR 1995 to OCT 2001

MIS Help Desk • APR 1996-OCT 2001

- Performed immediate and attentive phone support for employees world-wide.
- First point of contact for incoming technical support; actively listen to user's issue while formulating a resolution.
- Remedied major and minor first level hands on support for Milford based employees.
- Created and revised new accounts for SDRC users world-wide.
- Interviewed prospective candidates for Help Desk employment and assisted with new hire training.

Hardware Shipping & Receiving • JUN 1995-APR 1996

- Received and monitored computer hardware on a world-wide basis.
- Tagged all company depreciable assets with a unique asset number.
- Assembled computer hardware for Systems Engineers and installed memory to ISG department computers.
- Managed and maintained accurate records of hardware in Asset Database.
- Provided daily hardware verification reports to the Accounting department.

EDUCATION

Completed three years of coursework in Business Administration
University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio

202400043
Date: January 4, 2024

To: Councilmembers Reggie Harris and Jeff Cramerding
From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor *EESW*
Subject: **Resolution – Support of the AHCIA**

Transmitted herewith is a resolution captioned as follows:

EXPRESSING the support of Council for the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2023 (H.R. 3238 and S.B.1557 of 2023).

EESW/LES(dmm)
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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2024

EXPRESSING the support of Council for the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2023 (H.R. 3238 and S.B.1557 of 2023).

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2023 (the “Act”) will provide much needed federal support for affordable housing within the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, the Act was introduced in both the United States Senate and the House of Representatives with the bipartisan support of 96 House Republicans, 96 House Democrats, 15 Senate Republicans and 15 Senate Democrats; and

WHEREAS, the Act revises the low-income housing tax credit and increases efficiency and effectiveness by removing outdated requirements and simplifying program rules; and

WHEREAS, the Act increases housing credit allocations, making it easier for cities to serve hard-to-reach communities such as extremely low-income individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Act formally adopts the protections within the tax code provided by the Violence Against Women Act; and

WHEREAS, according to the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition, the Act will support three million jobs, provide \$332 billion in wages and business income, and will generate a further \$115 billion in tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, there continues to be a desperate need for housing in the City of Cincinnati, and projects supported by the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (“LIHTC”) have contributed over ninety percent of new low-income units under sixty percent of the Area Median Income that have come online in the past five years; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2022 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates, roughly 61 percent of households in Cincinnati are renters and over 45 percent of those households are paying more than thirty percent of their household income in rent; and

WHEREAS, the Act streamlines the process for affordable housing developers in Cincinnati to build more subsidized housing for our most at-risk community members; and

WHEREAS, Council has previously supported LIHTC projects through the passage of Ordinance No. 24-2022, which authorized the automatic approval of the maximum Community Reinvestment Area real property tax exemption for projects that receive Low-Income Housing Tax Credits; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That this Council expresses support for the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2023 (H.R. 3238 and S.B.1557 of 2023) and strongly encourages our federal legislators to work toward its immediate enactment, ensuring access to affordable housing for our country's most at-risk community members.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that copies of the resolution be transmitted to U.S. Representative Greg Landsman and U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmembers Reggie Harris and Jeff Cramerding

20240204
Date: January 4, 2024

To: Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney
From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor *EESW*
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Transfer and Appropriations Related to Council Motion #202302755 from the Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies**

Transmitted herewith is an ordinance captioned as follows:

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).

EESW/KKF(dmm)
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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2024

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).

WHEREAS, in 2015, in Ordinance No. 253-2015, Council adopted a Stabilization Funds Policy to define appropriate funding for the City's various reserve funds, with such policy being later revised in 2019 through Ordinance No. 213-2019 and revised again in 2022 through Ordinance No. 56-2022; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of the Stabilization Funds Policy, funds have been transferred into the "Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies" General Fund balance sheet reserve account for one-time operating budget needs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Council Motion No. 202302755, as amended, adopted on December 13, 2023, \$200,000 will be allocated for various one-time operating budget needs in FY 2024 as follows: 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); and

WHEREAS, funding contracts with each entity should include performance measures or key performance indicators (KPIs) related to the use of the funds; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That \$200,000 is transferred from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2535, "Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050.

Section 2. That \$200,000 is transferred and appropriated 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 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).

Section 3. That the appropriate City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accomplish the authorized transfers and appropriations so the funding provided by this ordinance is in place immediately and so the necessary expenditures described herein may be made as soon as possible.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

DOM/DOJ/LS
Date: January 4, 2024

To: Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney
From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor *ESW*
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Amending Ordinance 0102-2022**

Transmitted herewith is an ordinance captioned as follows:

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.

ESW/AKS(dmm)
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An Ordinance No. _____ - 2024

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.

WHEREAS, historical special events, established in Chapter 765 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, recur annually and celebrate the culture, history, and traditions of Cincinnati, and in the event of a conflict with other requested special events, historical special events take precedence; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 102-2022 added the Cincinnati Music Festival and Festival513 to the list of recognized historical special events, based on their legacy and traditions; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 102-2022 indicated that the Cincinnati Music Festival and Festival513 both occur the third weekend in July; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Music Festival and Festival513 occur either the third or fourth weekend in July depending on the Cincinnati Bengals' schedule; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to amend Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 765-3 to clarify that these events can occur on either the third or fourth weekend in July; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Section 765-3, "Definitions," of Chapter 765, "Special Events," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is amended as follows:

Sec. 765-3. Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter, the words and phrases defined in the sections below shall have the meanings therein respectively ascribed to them, without limiting the generalities of the words, unless a different meaning is clearly indicated by the context.

- (a) "Special event" shall mean a planned temporary aggregation of attractions, including a parade, march, or procession, public entertainment, food and beverage service facilities, sales of souvenirs or other merchandise, or similar attractions, that is (i) conducted on the public right-of-way or (ii) conducted primarily outdoors on property open to the public other than the public right-of-way and which includes one or more of the following conditions:

- (1) The sale of liquor, wine, or beer;
- (2) Expected attendance of 3,000 or more people; or
- (3) Requires special city services, including, but not limited to, any of the following: street closures; provisions of barricades, garbage cans, stages, or special parking restriction signs; special electrical services; or special police protection.

“Special event” does not include a parade for which a permit is required under Cincinnati Municipal Code (“CMC”) Chapter 510, “Assemblages and Parades,” or a neighborhood block party for which a permit is required under CMC §section 506-91, “Street Fetes.”

“Special event” does not include any event authorized by ordinance which begins on or before January 1, 2013.

- (b) “City manager” shall mean the city manager or his or her designee.
- (c) “Chief of police” shall mean the chief of police or his or her designee.
- (d) “Sponsor of the event” or “sponsor” means the entity that pays a substantial portion of the costs involved in staging the event or receives a substantial portion of the financial proceeds.
- (e) “Historical event” shall mean an annually recurring special event which celebrates the culture, history, and traditions of Cincinnati and shall refer to the following list of events (which typically occur on or near the date noted):
 - (1) Taste of Cincinnati - Memorial Day weekend;
 - (2) Oktoberfest - third weekend in September;
 - (3) Riverfest - Labor Day weekend;
 - (4) Flying Pig Marathon - first weekend in May;
 - (5) Heart Mini-Marathon - middle of March;
 - (6) Findlay Market Opening Day Parade - the opening day baseball game;
 - (7) St. Patrick's Day Parade - March 17th or the weekend before or after;
 - (8) Black Family Reunion - third weekend in August;

- (9) Juneteenth - June 19th or the weekend before or after;
- (10) Cincinnati Pride Parade - fourth weekend in June;~~;~~
- (11) Cincinnati Music Festival – third or fourth weekend in July;~~;~~
- (12) Festival513 – third or fourth weekend in July.

In the event of a conflict with another special event, a historical event takes precedence.

- (f) “Recurring special event” shall mean a special event that takes place during more than one non-consecutive calendar days but that is hosted by the same sponsors, at the same location, for the same purpose, with the same event name, for the same or similar hours of operation or activity. A recurring special event takes place for multiple, separate periods of time throughout a portion of the calendar year but remains substantially the same event.
- (g) “Neighborhood organizations” shall mean City of Cincinnati-recognized Community Councils, Neighborhood Business Associations, and Community Development Corporations.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to allow sufficient time for necessary City planning and preparation for the events.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Additions are underlined. Deletions are struck through.

Date: January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: **Liquor License – TRFO**

202400010

FINAL RECOMMENDATION REPORT

OBJECTIONS: The Cincinnati Police Department

This is a report on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for the following:

APPLICATION: 0859885
PERMIT TYPE: TRFO
CLASS: D1 D2 D3 D3A D6
NAME: BOURBONCRAFTKITCHEN LTD
DBA: BOURBONS CRAFT KITCHEN & BAR
580 WALNUT ST STE 900 1ST FL & PATIO
CINCINNATI, OH 45202

As of today's date, the Buildings and Inspections Department declines comment on their investigation.

On November 28, 2023 the Downtown Residents Council was notified of this application and does not object.

Police Department Approval

David M. Laing, Assistant City Prosecutor
Law Department - Recommendation
 Objection No Objection

MUST BE RECEIVED BY OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL BY: January 16, 2024

Date: January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: **Liquor License – NEW**

202400011

FINAL RECOMMENDATION REPORT

OBJECTIONS: None

This is a report on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for the following:

APPLICATION: 9861888
PERMIT TYPE: NEW
CLASS: D1
NAME: YOUR MOMS PIZZERIA LLC
DBA: NONE LISTED
1045 SAINT GREGORY ST
CINCINNATI, OH 45202

As of today's date, the Buildings and Inspections Department declines comment on their investigation.

On November 28, 2023 the Mt. Adams Civic Association was notified of this application and does not object.

Police Department Approval

David M. Laing, Assistant City Prosecutor
Law Department - Recommendation
 Objection No Objection

MUST BE RECEIVED BY OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL BY: January 24, 2024

January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202400019

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance –Health: Moral Obligation Payment to Hamilton County

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

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.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the 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.

The certification of funds associated with the City's contract with Hamilton County for harm reduction services was cancelled before the payment for outstanding invoices was completed. The Cincinnati Health Department has since implemented an improved communication method to ensure that certification balances will not be cancelled without confirmation from the vendor regarding outstanding balances.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to make payment to Hamilton County in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director

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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.

WHEREAS, the certification of funds associated with the City’s contract with Hamilton County for harm reduction services was cancelled before the payment for outstanding invoices was completed; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Health Department has since implemented an improved communication method to ensure that certification balances will not be cancelled without confirmation from the vendor regarding outstanding balances; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in Cincinnati Health Department Community Health Center Activities Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 395x265x1110x7449 to make the payment to Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to provide payment to Hamilton County in the amount of \$40,000; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to make a payment of \$40,000 to Hamilton County as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to harm reduction services provided to the Cincinnati Health Department, to be paid from Cincinnati Health Department Community Health Center Activities Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 395x265x1110x7449.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Section 1.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms

of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to make payment to Hamilton County in a timely manner.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202400020

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance –Health: Moral Obligation to Payment to
The Children’s Home of Cincinnati**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

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.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the 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.

The Children’s Home of Cincinnati provided behavioral health services to the City after the expiration of a contract between the parties. The Cincinnati Health Department has since implemented an improved communication method to ensure that services will not be permitted beyond the expiration of a valid contract.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to make payment to The Children’s Home in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director

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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.

WHEREAS, The Children’s Home of Cincinnati provided behavioral health services to the City after the expiration of a contract between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Health Department has since implemented an improved communication method to ensure that services will not be permitted beyond the expiration of a valid contract; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in Cincinnati Health Department Community Health Network Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 446x265x1110x7289 to make the payment to The Children’s Home of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to provide payment to The Children’s Home of Cincinnati in the amount of \$11,600; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to make 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.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Section 1.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms

of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to make payment to The Children’s Home in a timely manner.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202400021

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – OES: Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) Urban Agriculture Grant

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

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.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources of up to \$25,000 from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation (“GCF”) to the Office of Environment and Sustainability (“OES”) General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7400 to provide resources for the City’s Urban Agriculture Program. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571.

OES has already applied for this grant but will not accept any funds without the approval of the City Council. The GCF grant requires no local match or new FTEs.

The Urban Agriculture Program supports the goals to “[i]ncrease local food consumption, distribution, and production by 100%,” “[e]liminate food deserts in Cincinnati and create food sovereignty in all 52 neighborhoods,” and [i]ncrease quantity of jobs in food and agriculture sectors by 20% by 2028,” as described on pages 100 – 103 and 108 – 109 of the Green Cincinnati Plan (2023).

Accepting the GCF grant to support the Urban Agriculture Program is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption” as described on pages 181-186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept grant resources in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director

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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.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$25,000 is available from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation to provide resources to support the City’s Urban Agriculture Program; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2023, Council adopted the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan as the comprehensive climate action plan for the City of Cincinnati in Resolution No. 37-2023; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Agriculture Program supports the goals to “[i]ncrease local food consumption, distribution, and production by 100%,” “[e]liminate food deserts in Cincinnati and create food sovereignty in all 52 neighborhoods,” and [i]ncrease quantity of jobs in food and agriculture sectors by 20% by 2028,” as described on pages 100 – 103 and 108 – 109 of the Green Cincinnati Plan (2023); and

WHEREAS, the City already has applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, this grant requires no matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, accepting the Greater Cincinnati Foundation grant to support the Urban Agriculture Program is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption” as described on pages 181-186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized 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.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant funds into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept grant resources in a timely manner.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202400022
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Cincinnati Fire Department: Monetary Donations

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

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.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept a donation of \$1,000 from the Rotary Foundation of Cincinnati and a donation of \$400 from the family of George-Ann Lawrence for the purpose of providing resources for Cincinnati Fire Department team building and promotional events. This Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the donated resources into General Fund revenue account 050x8571. Finally, this Emergency Ordinance authorizes 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.

The Rotary Foundation of Cincinnati donated \$1,000 in honor of the 2023 Fire Department Appreciation event hosted by the Cincinnati Rotary Club. The family of George-Ann Lawrence donated \$400 in honor of CFD's kindness and care during her illness. Both donations will be utilized to support team building and promotional events in the Cincinnati Fire Department.

These donations do not require additional FTEs/full time equivalents or matching funds.

Acceptance of these donations is in accordance with the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and the strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 209-212 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need for the Cincinnati Fire Department to timely accept and utilize the donated funds.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director



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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.

WHEREAS, the Rotary Foundation of Cincinnati generously donated \$1,000 to the City of Cincinnati in honor of the 2023 Fire Department Appreciation event hosted by the Cincinnati Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, the family of George-Ann Lawrence generously donated \$400 to the City of Cincinnati in honor of the Cincinnati Fire Department's ("CFD") kindness and care during her illness; and

WHEREAS, the \$1,400 in donated funds will be used by CFD for team building and promotional events; and

WHEREAS, there are no matching funds required to accept these donations, and there are no FTEs/full time equivalents associated with these donations; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of these donations is in accordance with the "Collaborate" goal to "[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community" and the strategy to "[u]nite our communities" as described on pages 209-212 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to accept a donation of \$1,000 from the Rotary Foundation of Cincinnati to provide resources for Fire Department team building and promotional events.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to accept a donation of \$400 from the family of George-Ann Lawrence to provide resources for Fire Department team building and promotional events.

Section 3. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the donated funds into General Fund 050 revenue account no. 050x8571.

Section 4. That 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 is authorized to provide resources for Fire Department team building and promotional events.

Section 5. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 4.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need for the Cincinnati Fire Department to timely accept and utilize the donated funds.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

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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.

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2023, Council approved Ordinance No. 159-2023, which authorized the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$6,250,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, FY 2023 COPS Hiring Program (ALN 16.710) to hire up to fifty entry-level police officers; and

WHEREAS, when Council approved Ordinance No. 159-2023, the Cincinnati Police Department expected to provide matching funds of up to \$7,964,532; and

WHEREAS, the grant agreement stipulates that the Cincinnati Police Department must provide matching funds of up to \$7,964,550, an \$18 increase; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 159-2023 must be amended to allow the City to provide the increased matching funds of up to \$7,964,550; now, therefore;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Section 3 of Ordinance No. 159-2023, approved by Council on May 17, 2023, is amended as follows:

Section 3. That the required local match of up to ~~\$7,964,532~~ \$7,964,550 will be funded from the Cincinnati Police Department's General Fund Operating Budget.

Section 2. That all terms of Ordinance No. 159-2023 not amended or repealed by this ordinance remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms

of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to comply with the grant acceptance deadline and the grant requirements.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

New language is underscored. Deleted language is struck through.

January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202400023

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Cincinnati Police Department:
Amending Ordinance No. 0159-2023**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

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.

This Emergency Ordinance would amend Ordinance No. 0159-2023 to increase the matching funds related to the FY 2023 COPS Hiring Program Grant to up to \$7,964,550.

On May 17, 2023, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0159-2023, which authorized the City Manger to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$6,250,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), FY 2023 COPS Hiring Program (ALN 16.710) to hire up to fifty entry-level police officers.

When the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0159-2023, the Cincinnati Police Department expected to provide matching funds of up to \$7,964,532. Instead, the grant agreement stipulates that the Cincinnati Police Department must provide matching funds of up to \$7,964,550, an \$18 increase. Ordinance No. 0159-2023 must be amended to allow the City to provide the increased matching funds of up to \$7,964,550.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to comply with the grant acceptance deadline and the grant requirements.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director

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January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202400024

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Funding for Cincinnati Works D-Lit Program Per City Council Motion #202302101**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

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.

On June 23, 2022, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0191-2022 to approve and adopt a Capital Improvement Program and Budget for Fiscal Year 2023, which included capital improvement program project account no. 980x091x230901, “Information Technology Equipment-GF” to provide resources for various information technology equipment needs and initiatives. Subsequently, the City Council, on January 11, 2023, approved Ordinance No. 0010-2023 to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Sunset Ordinance, which reallocated a portion of the funds for capital improvement program project account no. 980x091x230901, “Information Technology Equipment-GF” to new capital improvement program project account no. 980x091x230927, “Highspeed/Broadband Access – GF,” to provide resources for highspeed/broadband and digital equity initiatives.

On October 11, 2023, the City Council adopted Motion #202302101, which moved to allocate a portion of the remaining digital equity funds in capital improvement program project account no. 980x091x230927, “Highspeed/Broadband Access – GF,” to Cincinnati Works for their “D-Lit” program. This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and return to source Fund No. 050, “General Fund,” of \$87,350 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x091x230927, “Highspeed/Broadband Access – GF” and 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.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to allocate funds to Cincinnati Works to operate its D-Lit program.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director

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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.

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2022, Council passed Ordinance No. 191-2022 and approved and adopted a Capital Improvement Program and Budget for Fiscal Year 2023, which included capital improvement program project account no. 980x091x230901, “Information Technology Equipment-GF,” to provide resources for various information technology equipment needs and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2023, Council passed Ordinance No. 10-2023, the Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Sunset Ordinance, which reallocated a portion of the funds for capital improvement program project account no. 980x091x230901, “Information Technology Equipment-GF,” to new capital improvement program project account no. 980x091x230927, “Highspeed/Broadband Access – GF,” to provide resources for highspeed/broadband; and

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2023, Council adopted Motion No. 202302101, which moved to allocate a portion of the existing digital equity funds in capital improvement program project account no. 980x091x230927, “Highspeed/Broadband Access – GF,” to Cincinnati Works for its Digital Literacy (“D-Lit”) program; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to transfer and return \$87,350 to source Fund No. 050, “General Fund,” from existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x091x230927, “Highspeed/Broadband Access – GF,” and to transfer and appropriate \$87,350 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager’s Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget to support Cincinnati Works’ “D-Lit” program; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That \$87,350 is transferred and returned to source Fund No. 050, “General Fund,” from capital improvement program project account no. 980x091x230927, “Highspeed/Broadband Access – GF.”

Section 2. That \$87,350 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of Fund No. 050, “General Fund,” 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 (“D-Lit”) program.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to allocate funds to Cincinnati Works to operate its D-Lit program.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____

January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202400025
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance for Refunding General Obligation Bond Issues**

Transmitted herewith is an Emergency Ordinance captioned as follows:

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.

This ordinance allows for the option of refunding or defeasing bonds that have been previously issued. The purpose of refunding the bonds is to take advantage of lower interest rates or avoid additional costs that will result in savings to the City of Cincinnati.

The ordinance includes a threshold that the Finance Director will only move forward with the refunding, if the net present value of the resulting savings of any advance or current refunding is equal to at least three percent (3%) of the principal of the bonds. This savings requirement for a refunding may be waived by the Finance Director upon finding that such a restructuring is in the City's overall best financial interest. The ordinance includes possible candidates for refunding. Because the refunding is dependent upon interest rates, it will not be known which bonds will be refunded until closer to the date of sale. An emergency ordinance is necessary to take advantage of currently favorable interest rates.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: William "Billy" Weber, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

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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.

WHEREAS, the City previously authorized and issued certain general obligation bonds including, but not limited to, those listed on Attachment A, which were authorized and issued pursuant to the respective Ordinances and for the respective purposes set forth therein (collectively, the “Prior Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance projects that, in the current interest rate climate, the refunding and/or cash defeasance of all or a portion of the outstanding Prior Bonds will result in interest cost savings to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance, as fiscal officer of the City, at the time of the issuance of each series of the Prior Bonds, estimated that the life of the respective improvements financed with the proceeds of each series of the Prior Bonds was at least five years and provided certification as to the maximum maturity of each of the respective series of the Prior Bonds, which was at least five years (as further provided in the authorizing ordinance and related certifications in connection with each series of the Prior Bonds); and

WHEREAS, the maturity date of any refunding bonds will not exceed the weighted average remaining maximum maturity of any Prior Bonds to be refunded, to be set forth in the Fiscal Officer’s Certificate (as defined herein) following the determination as to which, if any, of the Prior Bonds will be refunded; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That it is necessary to (a) issue bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$200,000,000 and/or (b) provide for and authorize the cash defeasance, with monies available for such purpose, of all or a portion of the Prior Bonds (together the “Refunded/Defeased Prior Bonds”), which were originally issued to finance various improvements throughout the City, and pay legal, advertising, printing, and all expenses incidental to said improvements (as set forth in Attachment A hereto).

This Council determines that the refunding and/or defeasance of the Refunded/Defeased Prior Bonds will be for a proper public and municipal purpose and in the best interests of the City.

SECTION 2. That, with respect to any Prior Bonds to be refunded (the “Refunded Prior Bonds”), bonds be issued in the principal amount not to exceed \$200,000,000 for the purpose aforesaid. The bonds shall be designated “City of Cincinnati, Ohio Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds” (the “Series 2024A Bonds”) or as otherwise determined by the Director of Finance including the issuance of tax-exempt and/or taxable series of bonds as further provided in and set forth in the fiscal officer’s certificate (the “Fiscal Officer’s Certificate”). The final principal amount of the Series 2024A Bonds shall be established by the Director of Finance, provided that the Director of Finance has received written certification from Davenport & Company LLC, (the “Financial Advisor”) that the Refunding Savings Threshold (as defined below) has been met. “Refunding Savings Threshold” means, as a result of the refunding of the Refunded Prior Bonds with proceeds of the Series 2024A Bonds, an aggregate reduction in the debt service with respect to such Refunded Prior Bonds which has a present value at the time of sale of the Series 2024A Bonds equal to at least three percent of the refunded par amount of the Refunded Prior Bonds. Said Series 2024A Bonds shall be dated the date of delivery, be in the denomination of \$5,000 each, or any integral multiple thereof, designated as provided in the Fiscal Officer’s Certificate, and numbered sequentially, and shall bear interest at the rate or rates not in excess of six percent per year, payable December 1, 2024, and semiannually thereafter on June 1 and December 1 of each year until the principal sum is paid, all as determined by the Director of Finance and set forth in the Fiscal Officer’s Certificate to be executed by the Director of Finance. Provided, however, that if said Series 2024A Bonds are sold bearing a different rate or rates of interest from that hereinbefore specified, said Series 2024A Bonds shall bear such rate or rates of interest as may be accepted by the Director of Finance. Said Series 2024A Bonds shall mature or be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on December 1 or such other date of each year, at such times and in such amounts, all as determined by the Director of Finance, within the limitations set forth in Chapter 133 of the Ohio Revised Code, without further action by this Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio (the “Council”). The Director of Finance will determine whether the Series 2024A Bonds are callable (and associated call features) or non-callable at the time of financing, with such determination to be set forth in the Fiscal Officer’s Certificate to be executed by the Director of Finance.

Notice of the call for redemption of said Series 2024A Bonds, specifying the numbers of the Series 2024A Bonds to be redeemed, shall be sent by the Bond Registrar and Paying Agent (as defined below) by registered or certified mail to the registered holders thereof, not less than thirty days nor more than sixty days prior to the date of redemption, upon which date all interest upon said Series 2024A Bonds or portions thereof so called shall cease except those as to which default shall be made, upon presentation, in the payment of the redemption price. Prior to any notice of call for redemption, funds for such redemption shall be on deposit with the Bond Registrar and Paying Agent, and the City shall direct the Bond Registrar and Paying Agent in writing to make any notice of call for redemption.

The maturity date of the Series 2024A Bonds will not exceed the weighted average remaining maximum maturity of any Refunded Prior Bonds, to be set forth in the Fiscal Officer’s Certificate, following the determination as to which, if any, of the Prior Bonds will be refunded.

SECTION 3. That said Series 2024A Bonds shall express upon their face the purpose for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to this ordinance, Chapter 303 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, and Chapter 133 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Series 2024A Bonds

shall bear the facsimile signature of the Mayor and the facsimile signature of the Director of Finance, and shall bear the manual authenticating signature of an authorized representative of U.S. Bank, National Association (the “Bond Registrar and Paying Agent”), Cincinnati, Ohio, which is hereby designated to act as bond registrar, transfer agent and paying agent with respect to the Series 2024A Bonds. The Series 2024A Bonds shall also bear the corporate seal of the City or a facsimile thereof. The Series 2024A Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form. The Series 2024A Bonds shall be payable as to principal upon the presentment and surrender for cancellation of the Series 2024A Bonds, in lawful money of the United States of America at the Bond Registrar and Paying Agent, and the interest thereon shall be paid by the Bond Registrar and Paying Agent on each interest payment date to the person whose name appears on the bond registration records as the registered holder thereof, by check or draft mailed to such registered holder at the holder’s address as it appears on such registration records.

SECTION 4. That for the purpose of providing the necessary funds to pay the interest on the foregoing issue of Series 2024A Bonds promptly when and as the same falls due, and also to provide for the discharge of said Series 2024A Bonds at maturity and for the payment of mandatory sinking fund redemptions, there shall be and is hereby levied on all the taxable property in the City of Cincinnati, in addition to all other taxes, a direct tax annually during the period said Series 2024A Bonds are outstanding, outside of the limitations imposed by Article XII, Section 2, of the Constitution of Ohio and Section 5705.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, and by virtue of Section 4 of Article VIII of the Charter, in an amount sufficient to provide for the payment of said interest, when and as the same shall fall due, and also to discharge the principal of said Series 2024A Bonds at maturity and to pay mandatory sinking fund redemptions, which tax shall not be less than the interest and sinking fund tax required by Section 11 of Article XII of the Constitution of Ohio.

Said tax shall be and is hereby ordered computed, certified, levied, and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers, in the same manner and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of said years are certified, extended and collected. Said tax shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The funds derived from said tax levies hereby required shall be placed in a separate and distinct fund which, together with the interest collected on the same, shall be irrevocably pledged for the payment of principal of and interest on said Series 2024A Bonds when and as the same fall due; provided, however, that to the extent that funds from other sources are available and considered appropriated for such purpose, such tax need not be levied.

With respect to certain of the Series 2024A Bonds, in addition to the tax pledge contained above, this Council, for the City, covenants to appropriate annually from lawfully available municipal income taxes, and to continue to levy and collect such municipal income taxes in amounts necessary to meet debt service charges on the Series 2024A Bonds.

With respect to a portion of the Series 2024A Bonds, the City may covenant to annually appropriate Revenues, as defined and provided in the various ordinances identified below, as all such taxes and revenues, other than ad valorem property taxes, in amounts necessary to meet debt service charges on the Series 2024A Bonds.

SECTION 5. That said Series 2024A Bonds shall be first offered to the City Treasurer as the officer in charge of the Bond Retirement Fund of said City, and if not taken by the City

Treasurer, may be offered to the Treasury Investment Account for purchase, and, if not offered to or taken by such account, the Director of Finance is authorized to award and sell the Series 2024A Bonds at public or private sale, in his or her sound discretion without further action by this Council, at such price (but not less than 97 percent of par, excluding original issue discount) as is determined by the Director of Finance, plus accrued interest on the aggregate principal amount of the Series 2024A Bonds from their dates to the date of delivery and payment. The City Manager or Director of Finance is authorized to make arrangements for the delivery of the Series 2024A Bonds to, and payment therefore by, the purchaser or purchasers thereof at the price determined by the Director of Finance; and the City Manager or Director of Finance is authorized to execute a purchase agreement (including the certificate of award) for the Series 2024A Bonds without further action by this Council. The Director of Finance is expressly authorized to execute a purchase agreement for the Series 2024A Bonds provided that the true interest cost for the Series 2024A Bonds shall not exceed six percent per year.

The Director of Finance, in his or her discretion, is authorized to waive the requirements of Section 303-7 of the Municipal Code and to direct the sale of the Series 2024A Bonds in whatever manner he or she deems appropriate.

SECTION 6. That the City Manager and the Director of Finance are each separately authorized to execute and deliver a preliminary official statement and a final official statement on behalf of the City and authorized and directed to offer the bonds for sale and to execute and deliver a final official statement no later than seven business days from the date of sale of the bonds, with such changes therein from the preliminary official statement as shall be necessary to reflect any material change in the condition of the City from that set forth in the preliminary official statement; and that the preliminary and final official statement with respect to the bonds, and the distribution thereof on behalf of the City and furnished to the original purchaser(s) of the bonds for distribution to prospective purchasers of the bonds, are hereby approved and ratified in all respects. In addition, the City Manager and the Director of Finance are each separately authorized to (i) apply for a rating on the Series 2024A Bonds from one or more nationally recognized bond rating agencies; (ii) apply for and, if they deem it in the City's best interest, to purchase a policy of bond insurance from a company whose insurance of the issue will result in the bonds' receiving the highest rating from one or more nationally recognized bond rating agencies; and (iii) execute on a continuing disclosure certificate, in such form and containing such terms, covenants and conditions not inconsistent herewith, and to take such other actions as may be necessary to comply with the requirements of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12, as amended from time to time.

SECTION 7. That, pursuant to the provisions of Section 133.30 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Series 2024A Bonds may be consolidated into a single issue with other bond or notes which have been authorized by this Council as determined by the Director of Finance.

The Series 2024A Bonds shall be issued in such designations or series and shall have maturities or principal payments as are consistent with the aggregate of the series, periodic maturities or principal payments of the separate issues of bonds as set forth in the respective bond ordinances and as provided in the bond purchase agreement to be entered into by and between the City and an underwriter as determined by the Director of Finance as further provided in a certificate of award executed by the Director of Finance.

SECTION 8. That the Council determines to issue the bonds in Book-Entry-Only form through The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York. The Letter of Representations to The Depository Trust Company from the City, dated March 21, 1995, as supplemented from time to time, is ratified and confirmed.

So long as the bonds are in Book-Entry-Only form, the following covenants and agreements of the City shall be in effect:

(a) *Definitions.*

“Beneficial Owner” means the person in whose name a Bond is recorded as the beneficial owner of such Bond by the respective systems of DTC and each of the DTC Participants.

“CEDE & Co” means CEDE & Co, the nominee of DTC, and any successor nominee of DTC with respect to the bonds.

“DTC” means The Depository Trust Company, a limited purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York, and its successors and assigns.

“DTC Participant” means banks, brokers or dealers who are participants of DTC.

“Letter of Representations” means the Letter of Representations dated March 21, 1995, as supplemented from time to time, from the City and the Paying Agent and Registrar, as defined in the Bond Ordinances, to DTC with respect to the bonds, which shall be the binding obligation of the City and the Paying Agent and Registrar.

The bonds shall initially be issued in global book entry form registered in the name of CEDE & Co, as nominee for DTC.

While in book entry form, payment of interest for any Bond registered in the name of CEDE & Co shall be made by wire transfer or such other manner as permitted by the Letter of Representations, to the account of CEDE & Co on the Interest Payment Date or the redemption date at the address indicated for CEDE & Co in the bond register.

(b) *Book Entry Bonds.*

(i) Except as provided herein, the registered owner of all of the bonds shall be DTC and the bonds shall be registered in the name of CEDE & Co, as nominee for DTC. The City and the Paying Agent and Registrar shall supplement (with a description of the bonds) the Letter of Representations with DTC, and the provisions of such Letter of Representations shall be incorporated herein by reference.

(ii) The bonds shall be initially issued in the form of single fully registered global certificates in the amount of each separate stated maturity of the bonds. Upon initial issuance, the ownership of such bonds shall be registered in the City's bond register in the name of CEDE & Co, as nominee of DTC. The Paying Agent and Registrar and the City may treat DTC (or its nominee) as the sole and exclusive registered owner of the bonds registered in its name for the purposes of payment of the principal, or redemption price of or interest on the bonds, selecting the bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed, giving any notice permitted or required to be given to Bondholders under this Ordinance, registering the transfer of bonds, obtaining any consent or other action to be taken by Bondholders and for all other purposes whatsoever; and neither the Paying Agent and Registrar nor the City shall be affected by any notice to the contrary. Neither the Paying Agent and Registrar nor the City shall have any responsibility or obligation to any DTC Participant, any person claiming a beneficial ownership interest in the bonds under or through DTC or any DTC Participant, or any other person which is not shown on the registration books of the Paying Agent and Registrar as being a registered owner, with respect to the accuracy of any records maintained by DTC or any DTC Participant; the payment of DTC or any DTC Participant of any amount in respect of the principal or redemption price of or interest on the bonds; any notice which is permitted or required to be given to Bondholders under this Ordinance; the selection by DTC or any DTC Participant of any person to receive payment in the event of a partial redemption of the bonds; or any consent given or other action taken by DTC as Bondholder. The Paying Agent and Registrar shall pay from moneys available hereunder all principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on the bonds only to or "upon the order of" DTC (as that term is used in the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted in the State of Ohio), and all such payments shall be valid and effective to fully satisfy and discharge the City's obligations with respect to the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on the bonds to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. Except as otherwise provided herein, no person other than DTC shall receive an authenticated Bond certificate for each separate stated maturity evidencing the obligation of the City to make payments of principal of, and premium, if any, and interest pursuant to this Ordinance. Upon delivery by DTC to the Paying Agent and Registrar of written notice to the effect that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of CEDE & Co, and subject to the provisions of this Ordinance with respect to transfers of bonds, the word "CEDE & Co" in this Ordinance shall refer to such new nominee of DTC.

(c) *Delivery of Bond Certificates.* In the event the City determines that it is in the best interest of the Beneficial Owners that they be able to obtain Bond certificates, the City may notify DTC and the Paying Agent and Registrar, whereupon DTC will notify the DTC Participants of the availability through DTC of Bond certificates. In such event, the Paying Agent and Registrar shall issue, transfer and exchange, at the City's expense, Bond certificates as requested by DTC in appropriate amounts. DTC may determine to discontinue providing its services with respect to the bonds at any time by giving notice to the City and the Paying Agent and Registrar and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law. Under such circumstances (if there is no successor securities depository), the City and Paying Agent and Registrar shall be obligated to deliver

Bond certificates as described in this Ordinance, provided that the expense in connection therewith shall be paid by DTC. In the event Bond certificates are issued, the provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to, among other things, the transfer and exchange of such certificates and the method of payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such certificates. Whenever DTC requests the City and the Paying Agent and Registrar to do so, the Paying Agent and Registrar and the City will cooperate with DTC in taking appropriate action after reasonable notice (i) to make available one or more separate certificates evidencing the bonds to any DTC Participant having bonds credited to its DTC account, or (ii) to arrange for another securities depository to maintain custody of certificates evidencing the bonds.

SECTION 9. That this Council, for and on behalf of the City, covenants that it will restrict the use of the proceeds of the tax-exempt portion of the Series 2024A Bonds authorized in such manner and to such extent, if any, and take such other actions as may be necessary, after taking into account reasonable expectations at the time the debt is incurred, so that they will not constitute obligations the interest on which is subject to federal income taxation or that they will not constitute “arbitrage bonds” under Sections 103(b)(2) and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and the regulations prescribed thereunder. The Director of Finance or any other officer having responsibility with respect to the issuance of the Series 2024A Bonds is authorized and directed to give an appropriate certificate on behalf of the City, on the date of delivery of the Series 2024A Bonds for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, setting forth the facts, estimates and circumstances, and reasonable expectations pertaining to the use of the proceeds thereof and the provisions of said Sections 103(b)(2) and 148 and regulations thereunder.

These Series 2024A Bonds are not designated “qualified tax-exempt obligations” for the purposes set forth in Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

SECTION 10. That with respect to the funding of any escrow fund(s) necessary or appropriate in connection with any refunding of Prior Bonds with the proceeds of the Series 2024A Bonds, or any cash defeasance by the City (as further set forth herein) of Prior Bonds, the Director of Finance is authorized to take any and all appropriate action for the acquisition, at the appropriate time, of U.S. government obligations (“Escrow Securities”) for the credit of such escrow fund(s) and if necessary, to execute one or more escrow agreements (each an “Escrow Agreement”) with U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, in its capacity as escrow agent, for the refunding and/or cash defeasance of the Refunded/Defeased Prior Bonds. Such Escrow Securities may be in the form or forms recommended in writing by the Financial Advisor to the City and approved by Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, or other nationally recognized bond counsel. The Financial Advisor is specifically authorized to act as the bidding agent or to procure on behalf of the City a bidding agent, to purchase Escrow Securities such as open market treasuries and similar defeasance obligations for the credit of the escrow fund(s) as provided in any escrow agreement, as may be necessary, in order to fund, in part, any escrow fund(s) in connection with the refunding and/or cash defeasance of any Refunded/Defeased Prior Bonds. Any attorney with Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, or other nationally recognized bond counsel, is specifically authorized to execute and file on behalf of the City any subscriptions for Escrow Securities in the form of United States Treasury Obligations, State and Local Government Series, as may be necessary, in order to fund, in part, any escrow fund(s) in connection with the refunding and/or cash defeasance of any

Refunded/Defeased Prior Bonds. In addition, the Fiscal Officer is authorized to employ a verification agent with respect to the refunding and/or cash defeasance of any Refunded/Defeased Prior Bonds.

SECTION 11. The Director of Finance shall make a determination as to any Prior Bonds to be cash defeased (the “Defeased Prior Bonds”), based on the written advice of the Financial Advisor, which will enable the City to obtain net present value debt service savings with respect to such cash defeasance. Any such cash defeasance shall be effectuated by the deposit of monies available for such purpose, as cash and/or to be used to purchase Escrow Securities, into an escrow fund, as set forth in Section 10 above, in an amount sufficient to provide for all appurtenant principal and interest payments and all applicable redemption premiums, as the same shall become due thereon on the interest payment dates, maturity dates, or earlier redemption dates thereof, as further provided in an Escrow Agreement.

SECTION 12. To the extent the refunding of any of the Refunded Prior Bonds using the redemption provisions of the Refunded Prior Bonds would be treated as a taxable advance refunding under the Code, or in the case of Refunded Prior Bonds that are taxable bonds, a refunding using the redemption provisions of the Refunded Prior Bonds (as applicable) would not be advantageous to the City, the City may utilize a tender and exchange of Series 2024A Bonds of the appropriate tax status for one or more of the Refunded Prior Bonds (a “Tender and Exchange”) as a means of refunding such Refunded Prior Bonds if such Tender and Exchange is advantageous to the City. The Director of Finance is authorized and directed to execute and deliver one or more documents used to make a tender offer for the Refunded Prior Bonds, and the use thereof by any underwriter, dealer manager, or information agent is authorized and approved.

SECTION 13. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council; and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 14. The Director of Finance is authorized and directed to certify a copy of this ordinance to the County Auditor of Hamilton County, Ohio, according to law.

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SECTION 15. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is that the sale of the Series 2024A Bonds or notes authorized herein may be required within thirty days of passage of the ordinance in order to take advantage of currently favorable interest rates.

Passed _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk

ATTACHMENT A

THE PRIOR BONDS

Pursuant to the foregoing Ordinance, all or a portion of the outstanding general obligation bonds of the City, including, but not limited to, the outstanding general obligation bonds listed below (collectively, the “Prior Bonds”), may be (a) refunded with a portion of the proceeds of the City’s Series 2024A Bonds and/or (b) cash defeased with monies available for such purpose.

1. *Bond Issue:* \$13,165,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012C, dated June 7, 2012

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance No. 0142-2012

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Refunding a portion of the City’s Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004A, dated May 6, 2004, originally issued in the principal amount of \$44,365,000; and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$10,000.00

2. *Bond Issue:* \$22,210,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012F, dated December 20, 2012

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance No. 0142-2012

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Refunding a portion of the City’s Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005B (Additional Municipal Income Tax Pledge), dated June 1, 2005, originally issued in the principal amount of \$5,200,000; (ii) and paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$305,000.00

3. *Bond Issue:* \$116,595,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2014A, dated April 30, 2014

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance Nos. 0495-2012, 0186-2013, and 0055-2014

(B) *Purpose:* Financing (i) various improvements throughout the City, including, but not limited to street improvements including widening, opening, extending, realigning, grading, repaving, resurfacing, constructing sewers and drains or otherwise rehabilitating and improving streets, roads, thoroughfares, avenues, expressways, sidewalks, plazas, and other public ways, purchasing and/or installing street lights and equipment and boulevard or white way lights, and providing funding for the Cincinnati streetcar system; (ii) financing public building improvements including acquiring real estate or interests in same, constructing,

rehabilitating and equipping public buildings and other structures; (iii) financing various improvements associated with Madisonville Tax Increment District #19 including acquiring, assembling, and demolishing blighted structures on Madison Road in connection with the redevelopment and improvement of the Madisonville Business District; paying a portion of the City's share of the costs associated with the development and construction of a new Martin Luther King, Jr./I-71 Interchange, in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments; (iv) Refunding (a) the entire remaining outstanding principal amount of \$8,300,000 of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010C (Federally Taxable – Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds – Direct Payment to the City), dated July 29, 2010 originally issued in the principal amount of \$8,300,000; (b) the entire remaining outstanding principal amount of \$9,500,000 of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010D (Federally Taxable – Build America Bonds – Direct Payment to the City), dated July 29, 2010 originally issued in the principal amount of \$9,500,000; and (c) the entire remaining outstanding principal amount of \$6,430,000 of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010E (Additional Municipal Income Tax Pledge) (Federally Taxable – Build America Bonds – Direct Payment to the City), dated July 29, 2010 originally issued in the principal amount of \$6,430,000; and (v) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$225,000.00

4. *Bond Issue:* \$122,530,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A, dated August 20, 2015

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance Nos. 0125-2014, 0127-2014, 0015-2015, 0309-2013, 0009-2014, 0160-2015, 0290-2014, , 0297-2015, and 0159-2015

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Financing various improvements throughout the City, including, but not limited to (a) street improvements including widening, opening, extending, realigning, grading, repaving, resurfacing, constructing sewers and drains or otherwise rehabilitating and improving streets, roads, thoroughfares, avenues, expressways, sidewalks, plazas and other public ways; purchasing and/or installing street lights and equipment and boulevard lights, (b) public building improvements including acquiring real estate or interests in same, constructing, rehabilitating and equipping public buildings and other structures, (c) (various improvements associated with paying a portion of the City's share of the costs associated with the construction of a new parking garage in the Corryville Neighborhood Business District of Cincinnati, such bonds designated as Economic Development Revenue Bonds (VP3 Parking Garage); (ii) acquiring, installing and servicing energy cost-savings equipment and energy management building improvements for the purpose of achieving energy cost reductions and cost savings within various public buildings; (iii) acquiring, installing and servicing energy cost-

savings equipment and energy management building improvements for the purpose of achieving energy cost reductions and cost savings at the Duke Energy Convention Center; (iv) reimbursing the City for monies previously spent for improvements including certain urban redevelopment activities associated with the Streetcar Project; (v) refunding various outstanding general obligation bonds of the City; and (vi) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements and refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$13,915,000.00

5. *Bond Issue:* \$3,450,000 Unlimited Tax Energy Conservation General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015B (Federally Taxable - Qualified Energy Conservation Bond – Direct Payment to the Issuer), dated August 20, 2015

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance Nos. 0009-2014, as amended by Ordinance Nos. 0160-2015 and 0297-2015

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Acquiring, installing and servicing energy cost-savings equipment and energy management building improvements for the purpose of achieving energy cost reductions and cost savings within various public buildings; and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of May 31, 2022:* \$3,450,000.00

6. *Bond Issue:* \$14,690,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015C (Federally Taxable), dated August 20, 2015

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance No. 0159-2015

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Refunding (a) the entire outstanding amount of \$4,615,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Economic Development Bonds, Series 2004B, (Seventh and Broadway Project) (Taxable) dated May 6, 2004, originally issued in the principal amount of \$9,260,000 and (b) a portion in the amount of \$1,930,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Economic Development General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006C (Towne/Adams Village A Urban Renewal Project) (Taxable), dated June 8, 2006, originally issued in the principal amount of \$2,750,000 and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$1,000,000.00

7. *Bond Issue:* \$35,505,000 Unlimited Tax General Obligation Judgment Bonds, Series 2015D (Federally Taxable), dated December 22, 2015

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance Nos. 0157-2015 and 0350-2015

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Financing a payment under a settlement with the Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District related to litigation challenging the tax-exempt status of the City's convention center, and financing a payment under a settlement related to the Cincinnati Retirement System referred to as the Cincinnati Pension Collaborative; and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$2,345,000.00

8. *Bond Issue:* \$95,770,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A, dated February 4, 2016

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance Nos. 0230-2015 as amended by 0004-2016, 0208-2015, and 0366-2015

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Financing various improvements throughout the City, including, but not limited to (a) street improvements including widening, opening, extending, realigning, grading, repaving, resurfacing, constructing sewers and drains or otherwise rehabilitating and improving streets, roads, thoroughfares, avenues, expressways, sidewalks, plazas and other public ways; purchasing and/or installing street lights and equipment and boulevard lights, (b) public building improvements including acquiring real estate or interests in same, constructing, rehabilitating and equipping public buildings and other structures, (c) park improvements including acquiring real estate or interests in same, for parks, parkways, playgrounds and recreation centers, improving and equipping such real estate and also rehabilitating existing parks, parkways, playgrounds and recreation centers specifically the renovation and expansion of Ziegler Park, including renovating and expanding a children's playground, upgrading existing green space, and construction of a comfort station and (d) refunding various outstanding general obligation bond anticipation notes previously issued for the purpose of providing interim financing for all or a portion of the improvements described in items (a) through (c); (ii) refunding (1) a portion in the amount of \$13,075,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009A, dated July 22, 2009, originally issued in the principal amount of \$39,250,000, (2) a portion in the amount of \$11,770,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009B (Additional Municipal Income Tax Pledge), dated July 22, 2009, originally issued in the principal amount of \$25,000,000, (3) a portion in the amount of \$16,860,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011A, dated June 30, 2011, originally issued in the principal amount of \$34,000,000, (4) a portion in the amount of \$23,750,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012A, dated June 7, 2012, originally issued in the principal amount of \$46,155,000; and (iii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements and refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$51,285,000.00

9. *Bond Issue:* \$3,555,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016B (Federally Taxable), dated February 4, 2016

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance No. 0019-2016

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Refunding a portion in the amount of \$3,035,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Urban Development Improvement General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2009C, dated October 27, 2009, originally issued in the principal amount of \$5,080,000; and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$1,775,000.00

10. *Bond Issue:* \$54,915,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2016C, dated October 31, 2016

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance No. 0231-2015 as amended by 0192-2016, 0183-2016, 0184-2016, 0215-2015, 0189-2016, 0301-2015, 0194-2016, 0203-2016, 0204-2016, and 0197-2016

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Financing various improvements throughout the City, including, but not limited to (a) street improvements including widening, opening, extending, realigning, grading, repaving, resurfacing, constructing sewers and drains or otherwise rehabilitating and improving streets, roads, thoroughfares, avenues, expressways, sidewalks, plazas and other public ways; purchasing and/or installing street lights and equipment and boulevard lights, (b) public building improvements including acquiring real estate or interests in same, constructing, rehabilitating and equipping public buildings and other structures, (c) reimbursing the City for monies previously spent for improvements including certain urban redevelopment activities associated with the Streetcar Project, (d) paying the costs and expense of the 4th and Race Street Garage, which will include, among other things, the construction of a new parking garage in the downtown area, (e) providing funds to make improvements to Colledgevue Place in College Hill neighborhood by constructing an extension thereto and a new street intersecting said extension together with curbs, water mains, storm and sanitary sewers, and other related improvements, (f) providing funds to pay the cost of constructing and acquiring improvements to the stormwater system within the City, by providing for the safe and efficient capture and conveyance of stormwater runoff and the correction of stormwater problems, (g) providing funds to acquire real estate or interest in same, for parks, parkways, playgrounds and recreation centers, improving and equipping such real estate and also rehabilitating existing parks, parkways, playgrounds and recreation centers, specifically to design and construct a shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians running east-west from Avondale through Norwood near Xavier University to connect with the Little Miami Bike

Trail in Newtown, commonly known as the Wasson Way Trail, (h) providing funds to create public improvements at the intersection of Harrison, Urwiler, Epworth, Montana Avenues which costs may include acquisition, demolition, remediation, site preparation, streetscape, creation of community gathering space, landscaping and pedestrian and road improvements, commonly known as the Westwood Square Improvements Project, (i) providing funds to acquire real estate from National Church Residences (including the acquisition of certain property located at 3584 Alaska Avenue) for future development of permanent housing, commonly known as the Alaska Commons Project, which costs may include additional acquisition, demolition, remediation, site preparation, infrastructure and other public improvements in the Avondale neighborhood, and (j) refunding various outstanding general obligation bond anticipation notes previously issued for the purpose of providing interim financing for all or a portion of the improvements described in items (a) through (i) above; and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements and refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$34,900,000.00

11. *Bond Issue:* \$11,665,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016D (Federally Taxable), dated October 31, 2016

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance No. 0207-2016

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Refunding (a) a portion in the amount of \$2,950,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Economic Development General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010F (Seventh and Broadway Garage Expansion Project) (Federally Taxable) dated July 29, 2010, originally issued in the principal amount of \$5,000,000 and (b) a portion in the amount of \$4,200,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Economic Development General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011C (The Banks Project) (Federally Taxable) dated June 30, 2011, originally issued in the principal amount of \$7,000,000; and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$4,965,000.00

12. *Bond Issue:* \$82,200,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2017A, dated December 27, 2017

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance Nos. 0019-2016, 0207-2016, 0155-2017, 0156-2017, 0157-2017, 0158-2017, 0159-2017 and 0165-2017

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Financing various improvements throughout the City, including but not limited to (a) street improvements including widening, opening, extending, realigning, grading, repaving, resurfacing, constructing sewers and drains or otherwise rehabilitating and improving streets, roads, thoroughfares, avenues, expressways, sidewalks, plazas and other public ways; purchasing and/or installing street lights and equipment and boulevard lights, (b) public building

improvements including acquiring real estate or interests in same, constructing, rehabilitating and equipping public buildings and other structures, (c) purchasing motor vehicles, acquiring and improving City-wide communication system components and related improvements, computer related system upgrades and components and other necessary equipment, (d) providing funds to pay the cost of constructing and acquiring improvements to the stormwater system within the City, by providing for the safe and efficient capture and conveyance of stormwater runoff and the correction of stormwater problems, and (e) refunding various outstanding general obligation bond anticipation notes previously issued for the purpose of providing interim financing for all or a portion of the improvements described in items (a) through (d); (ii) refunding (1) a portion in the amount of \$1,400,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011B (Additional Municipal Income Tax Pledge), dated June 30, 2011, originally issued in the principal amount of \$6,000,000, (2) a portion in the amount of \$6,720,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Urban Redevelopment Improvement General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012D, dated December 20, 2012, originally issued in the principal amount of \$28,000,000, and (3) a portion in the amount \$52,940,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2014A, dated April 30, 2014, originally issued in the principal amount of \$116,595,000; and (iii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements and refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$61,475,000.00

13. *Bond Issue:* \$705,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017B (Federally Taxable), dated December 27, 2017

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance No. 0207-2016

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Refunding, on a taxable basis, a portion in the amount of \$650,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011D (Additional Municipal Income Tax Pledge) (Federally Taxable), dated June 30, 2011, originally issued in the principal amount of \$2,000,000; and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$380,000.00

14. *Bond Issue:* \$35,900,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2018, dated November 29, 2018

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance Nos. 0173-2018, 0174-2018, 0175-2018, 0176-2018 and 0184-2018

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Financing various improvements throughout the City, including but not limited to (a) street improvements including widening, opening,

extending, realigning, grading, repaving, resurfacing, constructing sewers and drains or otherwise rehabilitating and improving streets, roads, thoroughfares, avenues, expressways, sidewalks, plazas and other public ways; purchasing and/or installing street lights and equipment and boulevard lights, (b) public building improvements including acquiring real estate or interests in same, constructing, rehabilitating and equipping public buildings and other structures, (c) purchasing motor vehicles, acquiring and improving City-wide communication system components and related improvements, computer related system upgrades and components and other necessary equipment, (d) acquiring real estate or interest in same, for parks, parkways, playgrounds and recreation centers, and (e) constructing and acquiring improvements to the stormwater system within the City, which includes stormwater infrastructure improvements, stormwater infrastructure rehabilitation, pump station improvements, system development, local flood protection infrastructure improvements, stormwater equipment, and Barrier Dam improvements; by providing for the safe and efficient capture and conveyance of stormwater runoff and the correction of stormwater problems, (f) refunding various outstanding general obligation bond anticipation notes previously issued for the purpose of providing interim financing for all or a portion of the improvements described in items (a) through (e); and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$21,060,000.00

15. *Bond Issue:* \$99,905,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2019, dated December 20, 2019.

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance Nos. 0126-2019, 0223-2019, 0224-2019, 0226-2019, 0227-2019, 0235-2019, and 0457-2019

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Financing various improvements throughout the City, including but not limited to (a) street improvements including widening, opening, extending, realigning, grading, repaving, resurfacing, constructing sewers and drains or otherwise rehabilitating and improving streets, roads, thoroughfares, avenues, expressways, sidewalks, plazas and other public ways; purchasing and/or installing street lights and equipment and boulevard lights, (b) design, inspection, repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of retaining walls and appurtenances thereto, and providing funding for the design, construction, traffic mitigation, and engineering necessary to stabilize the hillside affecting Columbia Parkway, including labor, materials, tools, devices, and technology needed to plan, design, acquire easements, build, inspect, monitor, and maintain such hillside stabilization systems, (c) public building improvements including acquiring real estate or interests in same, constructing, rehabilitating and equipping public buildings and other structures, (d) purchasing motor vehicles, acquiring and improving City-wide communication system components and related improvements, computer related system upgrades and components and other necessary equipment, and (e) constructing and acquiring improvements to the stormwater system within the City, which includes stormwater infrastructure improvements, stormwater infrastructure

rehabilitation, pump station improvements, system development, local flood protection infrastructure improvements, stormwater equipment, and Barrier Dam improvements; by providing for the safe and efficient capture and conveyance of stormwater runoff and the correction of stormwater problems, (f) refunding various outstanding general obligation bond anticipation notes previously issued for the purpose of providing interim financing for all or a portion of the improvements described in items (a) through (e); (ii) refunding of certain outstanding general obligation bond anticipation notes of the City issued in connection with the City's Capital Acceleration Plan; and (iii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements and refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$72,190,000.00

16. *Bond Issue:* \$79,000,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A (Federally Taxable), dated March 19, 2020

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance No. 0059-2020

(B) *Purpose:* (i) refunding (1) a portion in the amount of \$3,515,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012B (Additional Municipal Income Tax Pledge) dated June 7, 2012 and originally issued in the principal amount of \$10,000,000, (2) a portion in the amount of \$10,080,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Urban Redevelopment Improvement General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012D dated December 20, 2012 and originally issued in the principal amount of \$28,000,000, (3) a portion in the amount of \$695,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Public Buildings Improvement General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014B dated April 30, 2014 and originally issued in the principal amount of \$2,045,000, and (4) a portion in the amount of \$51,295,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A dated August 20, 2015 and originally issued in the principal amount of \$122,530,000; and (ii) and paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements and refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$73,325,000.00

17. *Bond Issue:* \$34,410,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2020B, dated October 29, 2020

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance Nos. 0019-2020, 0212-2020, 0216-2020, 0217-2020, and 0218-2020

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Financing various improvements throughout the City, including but not limited to (a) street improvements including widening, opening, extending, realigning, grading, repaving, resurfacing, constructing sewers and drains or otherwise rehabilitating and improving streets, roads, thoroughfares,

avenues, expressways, sidewalks, plazas and other public ways; purchasing and/or installing street lights and equipment and boulevard lights, (b) public building improvements including acquiring real estate or interests in same, constructing, rehabilitating and equipping public buildings and other structures, (c) purchasing motor vehicles, acquiring and improving City-wide communication system components and related improvements, computer related system upgrades and components and other necessary equipment, and (d) constructing and acquiring improvements to the stormwater system within the City, which includes stormwater infrastructure improvements, stormwater infrastructure rehabilitation, pump station improvements, system development, local flood protection infrastructure improvements, stormwater equipment, and Barrier Dam improvements; by providing for the safe and efficient capture and conveyance of stormwater runoff and the correction of stormwater problems, (e) refunding various outstanding general obligation bond anticipation notes previously issued for the purpose of providing interim financing for all or a portion of the improvements described in items (a) through (d); and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements and refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$25,335,000.00

18. *Bond Issue:* \$30,055,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020C (Federally Taxable), dated October 29, 2020

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance No. 0219-2020

(B) *Purpose:* (i) refunding a portion in the amount of \$24,925,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax General Obligation Judgment Bonds, Series 2015D (Federally Taxable) dated December 22, 2015 and originally issued in the principal amount of \$35,505,000; and (ii) and paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements and refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$28,950,000.00

19. *Bond Issue:* \$60,635,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2021A, dated November 9, 2021

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance Nos. 0176-2021, 0249-2021, 0250-2021, 0251-2021, 0252-2021, and 0260-2021

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Financing various improvements throughout the City, including but not limited to (a) street improvements including widening, opening, extending, realigning, grading, repaving, resurfacing, constructing sewers and drains or otherwise rehabilitating and improving streets, roads, thoroughfares, avenues, expressways, sidewalks, plazas and other public ways; purchasing and/or installing street lights and equipment and boulevard lights, (b) public building improvements including acquiring real estate or interests in same, constructing, rehabilitating and equipping public buildings and other structures, (c) purchasing

motor vehicles, acquiring and improving City-wide communication system components and related improvements, computer related system upgrades and components and other necessary equipment, (d) constructing and acquiring improvements to the stormwater system within the City, which includes stormwater infrastructure improvements, stormwater infrastructure rehabilitation, pump station improvements, system development, local flood protection infrastructure improvements, stormwater equipment, and Barrier Dam improvements; by providing for the safe and efficient capture and conveyance of stormwater runoff and the correction of stormwater problems, (e) real estate or interest in same, for parks, parkways, playgrounds and recreation centers, improving and equipping such real estate and also rehabilitating existing parks, parkways, playgrounds and recreation centers, (f) paying a negotiated and court approved settlement of Ron Plush v. City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County Common Pleas Case Number A1903752, (g) refunding various outstanding general obligation bond anticipation notes previously issued for the purpose of providing interim financing for all or a portion of the improvements described in items (a) through (f); and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements and refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$48,275,000.00

20. *Bond Issue:* \$11,900,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021B, dated November 9, 2021

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance No. 0258-2021

(B) *Purpose:* (i) refunding (1) a portion in the amount of \$2,500,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Urban Redevelopment General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012E Bonds (Streetcar System) dated December 20, 2012 and originally issued in the principal amount of \$5,000,000, (2) a portion in the amount of \$8,170,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A dated February 4, 2016 and originally issued in the principal amount of \$95,770,000; and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements and refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$11,230,000.00

21. *Bond Issue:* \$22,800,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2022A, dated November 9, 2021

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance Nos. 0019-2020, 0099-2022, 0197-2022, 0204-2022, and 0205-2022

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Financing various improvements throughout the City, including but not limited to (a) street improvements including widening, opening, extending, realigning, grading, repaving, resurfacing, constructing sewers and

drains or otherwise rehabilitating and improving streets, roads, thoroughfares, avenues, expressways, sidewalks, plazas and other public ways; purchasing and/or installing street lights and equipment and boulevard lights, (b) public building improvements including acquiring real estate or interests in same, constructing, rehabilitating and equipping public buildings and other structures, (c) purchasing motor vehicles, acquiring and improving City-wide communication system components and related improvements, computer related system upgrades and components and other necessary equipment, (d) to pay the cost and expense of energy conservation measures and (e) refunding various outstanding general obligation bond anticipation notes previously issued for the purpose of providing interim financing for all or a portion of the improvements described in items (a) through (d); and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements and refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$20,005,000.00

ATTACHMENT A

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THE PRIOR BONDS

Pursuant to the foregoing Ordinance, all or a portion of the outstanding general obligation bonds of the City, including, but not limited to, the outstanding general obligation bonds listed below (collectively, the “Prior Bonds”), may be (a) refunded with a portion of the proceeds of the City’s Series 2024A Bonds and/or (b) cash defeased with monies available for such purpose.

1. *Bond Issue:* \$13,165,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012C, dated June 7, 2012

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance No. 0142-2012

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Refunding a portion of the City’s Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004A, dated May 6, 2004, originally issued in the principal amount of \$44,365,000; and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$10,000.00

2. *Bond Issue:* \$22,210,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012F, dated December 20, 2012

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance No. 0142-2012

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Refunding a portion of the City’s Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005B (Additional Municipal Income Tax Pledge), dated June 1, 2005, originally issued in the principal amount of \$5,200,000; (ii) and paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$305,000.00

3. *Bond Issue:* \$116,595,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2014A, dated April 30, 2014

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance Nos. 0495-2012, 0186-2013, and 0055-2014

(B) *Purpose:* Financing (i) various improvements throughout the City, including, but not limited to street improvements including widening, opening, extending, realigning, grading, repaving, resurfacing, constructing sewers and drains or otherwise rehabilitating and improving streets, roads, thoroughfares, avenues, expressways, sidewalks, plazas, and other public ways, purchasing and/or installing street lights and equipment and boulevard or white way lights, and providing funding for the Cincinnati streetcar system; (ii) financing public building improvements including acquiring real estate or interests in same, constructing,

rehabilitating and equipping public buildings and other structures; (iii) financing various improvements associated with Madisonville Tax Increment District #19 including acquiring, assembling, and demolishing blighted structures on Madison Road in connection with the redevelopment and improvement of the Madisonville Business District; paying a portion of the City's share of the costs associated with the development and construction of a new Martin Luther King, Jr./I-71 Interchange, in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments; (iv) Refunding (a) the entire remaining outstanding principal amount of \$8,300,000 of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010C (Federally Taxable – Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds – Direct Payment to the City), dated July 29, 2010 originally issued in the principal amount of \$8,300,000; (b) the entire remaining outstanding principal amount of \$9,500,000 of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010D (Federally Taxable – Build America Bonds – Direct Payment to the City), dated July 29, 2010 originally issued in the principal amount of \$9,500,000; and (c) the entire remaining outstanding principal amount of \$6,430,000 of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010E (Additional Municipal Income Tax Pledge) (Federally Taxable – Build America Bonds – Direct Payment to the City), dated July 29, 2010 originally issued in the principal amount of \$6,430,000; and (v) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$225,000.00

4. *Bond Issue:* \$122,530,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A, dated August 20, 2015

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance Nos. 0125-2014, 0127-2014, 0015-2015, 0309-2013, 0009-2014, 0160-2015, 0290-2014, , 0297-2015, and 0159-2015

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Financing various improvements throughout the City, including, but not limited to (a) street improvements including widening, opening, extending, realigning, grading, repaving, resurfacing, constructing sewers and drains or otherwise rehabilitating and improving streets, roads, thoroughfares, avenues, expressways, sidewalks, plazas and other public ways; purchasing and/or installing street lights and equipment and boulevard lights, (b) public building improvements including acquiring real estate or interests in same, constructing, rehabilitating and equipping public buildings and other structures, (c) (various improvements associated with paying a portion of the City's share of the costs associated with the construction of a new parking garage in the Corryville Neighborhood Business District of Cincinnati, such bonds designated as Economic Development Revenue Bonds (VP3 Parking Garage); (ii) acquiring, installing and servicing energy cost-savings equipment and energy management building improvements for the purpose of achieving energy cost reductions and cost savings within various public buildings; (iii) acquiring, installing and servicing energy cost-

savings equipment and energy management building improvements for the purpose of achieving energy cost reductions and cost savings at the Duke Energy Convention Center; (iv) reimbursing the City for monies previously spent for improvements including certain urban redevelopment activities associated with the Streetcar Project; (v) refunding various outstanding general obligation bonds of the City; and (vi) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements and refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$13,915,000.00

5. *Bond Issue:* \$3,450,000 Unlimited Tax Energy Conservation General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015B (Federally Taxable - Qualified Energy Conservation Bond – Direct Payment to the Issuer), dated August 20, 2015

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance Nos. 0009-2014, as amended by Ordinance Nos. 0160-2015 and 0297-2015

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Acquiring, installing and servicing energy cost-savings equipment and energy management building improvements for the purpose of achieving energy cost reductions and cost savings within various public buildings; and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of May 31, 2022:* \$3,450,000.00

6. *Bond Issue:* \$14,690,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015C (Federally Taxable), dated August 20, 2015

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance No. 0159-2015

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Refunding (a) the entire outstanding amount of \$4,615,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Economic Development Bonds, Series 2004B, (Seventh and Broadway Project) (Taxable) dated May 6, 2004, originally issued in the principal amount of \$9,260,000 and (b) a portion in the amount of \$1,930,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Economic Development General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006C (Towne/Adams Village A Urban Renewal Project) (Taxable), dated June 8, 2006, originally issued in the principal amount of \$2,750,000 and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$1,000,000.00

7. *Bond Issue:* \$35,505,000 Unlimited Tax General Obligation Judgment Bonds, Series 2015D (Federally Taxable), dated December 22, 2015

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance Nos. 0157-2015 and 0350-2015

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Financing a payment under a settlement with the Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District related to litigation challenging the tax-exempt status of the City's convention center, and financing a payment under a settlement related to the Cincinnati Retirement System referred to as the Cincinnati Pension Collaborative; and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$2,345,000.00

8. *Bond Issue:* \$95,770,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A, dated February 4, 2016

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance Nos. 0230-2015 as amended by 0004-2016, 0208-2015, and 0366-2015

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Financing various improvements throughout the City, including, but not limited to (a) street improvements including widening, opening, extending, realigning, grading, repaving, resurfacing, constructing sewers and drains or otherwise rehabilitating and improving streets, roads, thoroughfares, avenues, expressways, sidewalks, plazas and other public ways; purchasing and/or installing street lights and equipment and boulevard lights, (b) public building improvements including acquiring real estate or interests in same, constructing, rehabilitating and equipping public buildings and other structures, (c) park improvements including acquiring real estate or interests in same, for parks, parkways, playgrounds and recreation centers, improving and equipping such real estate and also rehabilitating existing parks, parkways, playgrounds and recreation centers specifically the renovation and expansion of Ziegler Park, including renovating and expanding a children's playground, upgrading existing green space, and construction of a comfort station and (d) refunding various outstanding general obligation bond anticipation notes previously issued for the purpose of providing interim financing for all or a portion of the improvements described in items (a) through (c); (ii) refunding (1) a portion in the amount of \$13,075,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009A, dated July 22, 2009, originally issued in the principal amount of \$39,250,000, (2) a portion in the amount of \$11,770,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009B (Additional Municipal Income Tax Pledge), dated July 22, 2009, originally issued in the principal amount of \$25,000,000, (3) a portion in the amount of \$16,860,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011A, dated June 30, 2011, originally issued in the principal amount of \$34,000,000, (4) a portion in the amount of \$23,750,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012A, dated June 7, 2012, originally issued in the principal amount of \$46,155,000; and (iii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements and refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$51,285,000.00

9. *Bond Issue:* \$3,555,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016B (Federally Taxable), dated February 4, 2016

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance No. 0019-2016

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Refunding a portion in the amount of \$3,035,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Urban Development Improvement General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2009C, dated October 27, 2009, originally issued in the principal amount of \$5,080,000; and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$1,775,000.00

10. *Bond Issue:* \$54,915,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2016C, dated October 31, 2016

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance No. 0231-2015 as amended by 0192-2016, 0183-2016, 0184-2016, 0215-2015, 0189-2016, 0301-2015, 0194-2016, 0203-2016, 0204-2016, and 0197-2016

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Financing various improvements throughout the City, including, but not limited to (a) street improvements including widening, opening, extending, realigning, grading, repaving, resurfacing, constructing sewers and drains or otherwise rehabilitating and improving streets, roads, thoroughfares, avenues, expressways, sidewalks, plazas and other public ways; purchasing and/or installing street lights and equipment and boulevard lights, (b) public building improvements including acquiring real estate or interests in same, constructing, rehabilitating and equipping public buildings and other structures, (c) reimbursing the City for monies previously spent for improvements including certain urban redevelopment activities associated with the Streetcar Project, (d) paying the costs and expense of the 4th and Race Street Garage, which will include, among other things, the construction of a new parking garage in the downtown area, (e) providing funds to make improvements to Colledgevue Place in College Hill neighborhood by constructing an extension thereto and a new street intersecting said extension together with curbs, water mains, storm and sanitary sewers, and other related improvements, (f) providing funds to pay the cost of constructing and acquiring improvements to the stormwater system within the City, by providing for the safe and efficient capture and conveyance of stormwater runoff and the correction of stormwater problems, (g) providing funds to acquire real estate or interest in same, for parks, parkways, playgrounds and recreation centers, improving and equipping such real estate and also rehabilitating existing parks, parkways, playgrounds and recreation centers, specifically to design and construct a shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians running east-west from Avondale through Norwood near Xavier University to connect with the Little Miami Bike

Trail in Newtown, commonly known as the Wasson Way Trail, (h) providing funds to create public improvements at the intersection of Harrison, Urwiler, Epworth, Montana Avenues which costs may include acquisition, demolition, remediation, site preparation, streetscape, creation of community gathering space, landscaping and pedestrian and road improvements, commonly known as the Westwood Square Improvements Project, (i) providing funds to acquire real estate from National Church Residences (including the acquisition of certain property located at 3584 Alaska Avenue) for future development of permanent housing, commonly known as the Alaska Commons Project, which costs may include additional acquisition, demolition, remediation, site preparation, infrastructure and other public improvements in the Avondale neighborhood, and (j) refunding various outstanding general obligation bond anticipation notes previously issued for the purpose of providing interim financing for all or a portion of the improvements described in items (a) through (i) above; and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements and refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023: \$34,900,000.00*

11. *Bond Issue: \$11,665,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016D (Federally Taxable), dated October 31, 2016*

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s): Ordinance No. 0207-2016*

(B) *Purpose: (i) Refunding (a) a portion in the amount of \$2,950,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Economic Development General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010F (Seventh and Broadway Garage Expansion Project) (Federally Taxable) dated July 29, 2010, originally issued in the principal amount of \$5,000,000 and (b) a portion in the amount of \$4,200,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Economic Development General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011C (The Banks Project) (Federally Taxable) dated June 30, 2011, originally issued in the principal amount of \$7,000,000; and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said refunding.*

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023: \$4,965,000.00*

12. *Bond Issue: \$82,200,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2017A, dated December 27, 2017*

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s): Ordinance Nos. 0019-2016, 0207-2016, 0155-2017, 0156-2017, 0157-2017, 0158-2017, 0159-2017 and 0165-2017*

(B) *Purpose: (i) Financing various improvements throughout the City, including but not limited to (a) street improvements including widening, opening, extending, realigning, grading, repaving, resurfacing, constructing sewers and drains or otherwise rehabilitating and improving streets, roads, thoroughfares, avenues, expressways, sidewalks, plazas and other public ways; purchasing and/or installing street lights and equipment and boulevard lights, (b) public building*

improvements including acquiring real estate or interests in same, constructing, rehabilitating and equipping public buildings and other structures, (c) purchasing motor vehicles, acquiring and improving City-wide communication system components and related improvements, computer related system upgrades and components and other necessary equipment, (d) providing funds to pay the cost of constructing and acquiring improvements to the stormwater system within the City, by providing for the safe and efficient capture and conveyance of stormwater runoff and the correction of stormwater problems, and (e) refunding various outstanding general obligation bond anticipation notes previously issued for the purpose of providing interim financing for all or a portion of the improvements described in items (a) through (d); (ii) refunding (1) a portion in the amount of \$1,400,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011B (Additional Municipal Income Tax Pledge), dated June 30, 2011, originally issued in the principal amount of \$6,000,000, (2) a portion in the amount of \$6,720,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Urban Redevelopment Improvement General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012D, dated December 20, 2012, originally issued in the principal amount of \$28,000,000, and (3) a portion in the amount \$52,940,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2014A, dated April 30, 2014, originally issued in the principal amount of \$116,595,000; and (iii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements and refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$61,475,000.00

13. *Bond Issue:* \$705,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017B (Federally Taxable), dated December 27, 2017

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance No. 0207-2016

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Refunding, on a taxable basis, a portion in the amount of \$650,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011D (Additional Municipal Income Tax Pledge) (Federally Taxable), dated June 30, 2011, originally issued in the principal amount of \$2,000,000; and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$380,000.00

14. *Bond Issue:* \$35,900,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2018, dated November 29, 2018

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance Nos. 0173-2018, 0174-2018, 0175-2018, 0176-2018 and 0184-2018

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Financing various improvements throughout the City, including but not limited to (a) street improvements including widening, opening,

extending, realigning, grading, repaving, resurfacing, constructing sewers and drains or otherwise rehabilitating and improving streets, roads, thoroughfares, avenues, expressways, sidewalks, plazas and other public ways; purchasing and/or installing street lights and equipment and boulevard lights, (b) public building improvements including acquiring real estate or interests in same, constructing, rehabilitating and equipping public buildings and other structures, (c) purchasing motor vehicles, acquiring and improving City-wide communication system components and related improvements, computer related system upgrades and components and other necessary equipment, (d) acquiring real estate or interest in same, for parks, parkways, playgrounds and recreation centers, and (e) constructing and acquiring improvements to the stormwater system within the City, which includes stormwater infrastructure improvements, stormwater infrastructure rehabilitation, pump station improvements, system development, local flood protection infrastructure improvements, stormwater equipment, and Barrier Dam improvements; by providing for the safe and efficient capture and conveyance of stormwater runoff and the correction of stormwater problems, (f) refunding various outstanding general obligation bond anticipation notes previously issued for the purpose of providing interim financing for all or a portion of the improvements described in items (a) through (e); and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$21,060,000.00

15. *Bond Issue:* \$99,905,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2019, dated December 20, 2019.

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance Nos. 0126-2019, 0223-2019, 0224-2019, 0226-2019, 0227-2019, 0235-2019, and 0457-2019

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Financing various improvements throughout the City, including but not limited to (a) street improvements including widening, opening, extending, realigning, grading, repaving, resurfacing, constructing sewers and drains or otherwise rehabilitating and improving streets, roads, thoroughfares, avenues, expressways, sidewalks, plazas and other public ways; purchasing and/or installing street lights and equipment and boulevard lights, (b) design, inspection, repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of retaining walls and appurtenances thereto, and providing funding for the design, construction, traffic mitigation, and engineering necessary to stabilize the hillside affecting Columbia Parkway, including labor, materials, tools, devices, and technology needed to plan, design, acquire easements, build, inspect, monitor, and maintain such hillside stabilization systems, (c) public building improvements including acquiring real estate or interests in same, constructing, rehabilitating and equipping public buildings and other structures, (d) purchasing motor vehicles, acquiring and improving City-wide communication system components and related improvements, computer related system upgrades and components and other necessary equipment, and (e) constructing and acquiring improvements to the stormwater system within the City, which includes stormwater infrastructure improvements, stormwater infrastructure

rehabilitation, pump station improvements, system development, local flood protection infrastructure improvements, stormwater equipment, and Barrier Dam improvements; by providing for the safe and efficient capture and conveyance of stormwater runoff and the correction of stormwater problems, (f) refunding various outstanding general obligation bond anticipation notes previously issued for the purpose of providing interim financing for all or a portion of the improvements described in items (a) through (e); (ii) refunding of certain outstanding general obligation bond anticipation notes of the City issued in connection with the City's Capital Acceleration Plan; and (iii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements and refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$72,190,000.00

16. *Bond Issue:* \$79,000,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A (Federally Taxable), dated March 19, 2020

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance No. 0059-2020

(B) *Purpose:* (i) refunding (1) a portion in the amount of \$3,515,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012B (Additional Municipal Income Tax Pledge) dated June 7, 2012 and originally issued in the principal amount of \$10,000,000, (2) a portion in the amount of \$10,080,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Urban Redevelopment Improvement General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012D dated December 20, 2012 and originally issued in the principal amount of \$28,000,000, (3) a portion in the amount of \$695,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Public Buildings Improvement General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014B dated April 30, 2014 and originally issued in the principal amount of \$2,045,000, and (4) a portion in the amount of \$51,295,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A dated August 20, 2015 and originally issued in the principal amount of \$122,530,000; and (ii) and paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements and refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$73,325,000.00

17. *Bond Issue:* \$34,410,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2020B, dated October 29, 2020

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance Nos. 0019-2020, 0212-2020, 0216-2020, 0217-2020, and 0218-2020

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Financing various improvements throughout the City, including but not limited to (a) street improvements including widening, opening, extending, realigning, grading, repaving, resurfacing, constructing sewers and drains or otherwise rehabilitating and improving streets, roads, thoroughfares,

avenues, expressways, sidewalks, plazas and other public ways; purchasing and/or installing street lights and equipment and boulevard lights, (b) public building improvements including acquiring real estate or interests in same, constructing, rehabilitating and equipping public buildings and other structures, (c) purchasing motor vehicles, acquiring and improving City-wide communication system components and related improvements, computer related system upgrades and components and other necessary equipment, and (d) constructing and acquiring improvements to the stormwater system within the City, which includes stormwater infrastructure improvements, stormwater infrastructure rehabilitation, pump station improvements, system development, local flood protection infrastructure improvements, stormwater equipment, and Barrier Dam improvements; by providing for the safe and efficient capture and conveyance of stormwater runoff and the correction of stormwater problems, (e) refunding various outstanding general obligation bond anticipation notes previously issued for the purpose of providing interim financing for all or a portion of the improvements described in items (a) through (d); and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements and refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$25,335,000.00

18. *Bond Issue:* \$30,055,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020C (Federally Taxable), dated October 29, 2020

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance No. 0219-2020

(B) *Purpose:* (i) refunding a portion in the amount of \$24,925,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax General Obligation Judgment Bonds, Series 2015D (Federally Taxable) dated December 22, 2015 and originally issued in the principal amount of \$35,505,000; and (ii) and paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements and refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$28,950,000.00

19. *Bond Issue:* \$60,635,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2021A, dated November 9, 2021

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance Nos. 0176-2021, 0249-2021, 0250-2021, 0251-2021, 0252-2021, and 0260-2021

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Financing various improvements throughout the City, including but not limited to (a) street improvements including widening, opening, extending, realigning, grading, repaving, resurfacing, constructing sewers and drains or otherwise rehabilitating and improving streets, roads, thoroughfares, avenues, expressways, sidewalks, plazas and other public ways; purchasing and/or installing street lights and equipment and boulevard lights, (b) public building improvements including acquiring real estate or interests in same, constructing, rehabilitating and equipping public buildings and other structures, (c) purchasing

motor vehicles, acquiring and improving City-wide communication system components and related improvements, computer related system upgrades and components and other necessary equipment, (d) constructing and acquiring improvements to the stormwater system within the City, which includes stormwater infrastructure improvements, stormwater infrastructure rehabilitation, pump station improvements, system development, local flood protection infrastructure improvements, stormwater equipment, and Barrier Dam improvements; by providing for the safe and efficient capture and conveyance of stormwater runoff and the correction of stormwater problems, (e) real estate or interest in same, for parks, parkways, playgrounds and recreation centers, improving and equipping such real estate and also rehabilitating existing parks, parkways, playgrounds and recreation centers, (f) paying a negotiated and court approved settlement of Ron Plush v. City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County Common Pleas Case Number A1903752, (g) refunding various outstanding general obligation bond anticipation notes previously issued for the purpose of providing interim financing for all or a portion of the improvements described in items (a) through (f); and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements and refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$48,275,000.00

20. *Bond Issue:* \$11,900,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021B, dated November 9, 2021

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance No. 0258-2021

(B) *Purpose:* (i) refunding (1) a portion in the amount of \$2,500,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Urban Redevelopment General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012E Bonds (Streetcar System) dated December 20, 2012 and originally issued in the principal amount of \$5,000,000, (2) a portion in the amount of \$8,170,000 of the remaining outstanding principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A dated February 4, 2016 and originally issued in the principal amount of \$95,770,000; and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements and refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023:* \$11,230,000.00

21. *Bond Issue:* \$22,800,000 Unlimited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2022A, dated November 9, 2021

(A) *Authorizing Ordinance(s):* Ordinance Nos. 0019-2020, 0099-2022, 0197-2022, 0204-2022, and 0205-2022

(B) *Purpose:* (i) Financing various improvements throughout the City, including but not limited to (a) street improvements including widening, opening, extending, realigning, grading, repaving, resurfacing, constructing sewers and

drains or otherwise rehabilitating and improving streets, roads, thoroughfares, avenues, expressways, sidewalks, plazas and other public ways; purchasing and/or installing street lights and equipment and boulevard lights, (b) public building improvements including acquiring real estate or interests in same, constructing, rehabilitating and equipping public buildings and other structures, (c) purchasing motor vehicles, acquiring and improving City-wide communication system components and related improvements, computer related system upgrades and components and other necessary equipment, (d) to pay the cost and expense of energy conservation measures and (e) refunding various outstanding general obligation bond anticipation notes previously issued for the purpose of providing interim financing for all or a portion of the improvements described in items (a) through (d); and (ii) paying legal, advertising, printing and all expenses incidental to said improvements and refunding.

(C) *Outstanding Balance as of December 1, 2023: \$20,005,000.00*

January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202400026

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – Health: Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

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.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources of up to \$150,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency’s (OEPA) Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) for the purpose of providing financial aid to Cincinnati homeowners with defective household sewage treatment systems. This Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

No additional FTEs/full time equivalents or local matching funds are required to accept this grant.

The City applied for the OEPA WPCLF grant on August 31, 2023, but no funds will be accepted without the approval of the City Council.

Acceptance of the OEPA WPCLF grant is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” as described on pages 181-192 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment

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.

WHEREAS, a grant is available from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency’s (“OEPA”) Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (“WPCLF”) in an amount of up to \$150,000, and funding from the OEPA WPCLF grant will assist Cincinnati homeowners with expenses associated with defective household sewage treatment systems; and

WHEREAS, there is no local match required and no FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the OEPA WPCLF grant; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Health Department applied for the OEPA WPCLF grant on August 31, 2023, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval from Council; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the OEPA WPCLF grant is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” as described on pages 181-192 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized 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 assistance to Cincinnati homeowners with defective household sewage treatment systems.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the terms of this grant and Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202400027

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Police: Acceptance of Monetary Donation from Lieutenant Colonel Maurice A. Robinson**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and 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.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of \$1,000 from Lieutenant Colonel Maurice A. Robinson to be used to operate the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) Youth Services Program. This Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the donation into Public Safety Special Projects Fund 456.

Lieutenant Colonel Maurice A. Robinson, a City employee, has generously offered to donate \$1,000 to support the operation of the CPD Youth Services Program. The CPD Youth Services Program operates multiple programs, including the Summer Cadet Program, Children in Trauma Intervention (C.I.T.I.) Camp, and the Public Safety Cadet Program.

This donation does not require additional FTEs/full time equivalents or matching funds.

Acceptance of this donation is in accordance with the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and the strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 209-212 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the need to ensure timely acceptance of the donation from Lieutenant Colonel Maurice A. Robinson.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director



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AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and 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.

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Maurice A. Robinson, a City employee, has generously offered to donate \$1,000 to support the operation of the Cincinnati Police Department (“CPD”) Youth Services Program; and

WHEREAS, the CPD Youth Services Program operates multiple programs, including the Summer Cadet Program, Children in Trauma Intervention (C.I.T.I.) Camp, and the Public Safety Cadet Program; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this donation requires no matching funds, and no FTEs/full time equivalents are associated with this donation; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this donation is in accordance with the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and the strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 209-212 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to accept and appropriate a donation of \$1,000 from Lieutenant Colonel Maurice A. Robinson to provide resources for operation of the Cincinnati Police Department Youth Services Program.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the donated funds into Public Safety Special Projects Fund 456.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms

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of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the need to ensure timely acceptance of the donation from Lieutenant Colonel Maurice A. Robinson.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202400028

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Ordinance – Health: Ohio Department of Health (ODH) - Ohio Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (OLPPP) Grant**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

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.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes 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. This Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

No additional FTEs/full time equivalents or local matching funds are required to accept this grant.

The City has already applied for this grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Acceptance of this grant is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” as described on pages 181-192 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment

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.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$25,000 is available 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

WHEREAS, the Ohio Lead Poisoning Prevention Program grant will assist the Cincinnati Health Department in increasing education and outreach activities in Cincinnati for children at risk for lead exposure; and

WHEREAS, the City has already applied for this grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without the approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, this grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” as described on pages 181-192 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized 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.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Police: Officer Olivia Zick Memorial Fund Grant**

202400029

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

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.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes 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 (CPD). This Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 23OZMF.

The grant was offered to CPD by the Officer Olivia Zick Memorial Fund. The Officer Olivia Zick Memorial Fund was established by the family and friends of Officer Olivia Zick to support mental health initiatives that benefit first responders. Officer Olivia Zick was a dedicated Cincinnati Police Officer who passed away in 2023.

The grant was awarded to the Cincinnati Police Department on December 12, 2023, but no grant funds will be accepted without City Council approval.

There are no FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant, and no matching funds are required.

Acceptance of this grant is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” as described on pages 156-163 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is to ensure timely acceptance of the grant funds.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director

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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.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$10,461 has been offered by the Officer Olivia Zick Memorial Fund, administered by Commonwealth Charitable Management, to support mental health initiatives for the Cincinnati Police Department (“CPD”); and

WHEREAS, the Officer Olivia Zick Memorial Fund was established by the family and friends of Officer Olivia Zick to support mental health initiatives that benefit first responders; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the grant requires no matching funds, and there are no FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant was awarded to CPD on December 12, 2023, but no grant funds will be accepted without Council approval; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” as described on pages 156-163 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized 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.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 23OZMF.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is to ensure timely acceptance of the grant funds.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202400030

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – Parks: 3rd Quarter In-Kind Donations

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

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.

Approval of this Ordinance will authorize the City Manager to accept in-kind donations and contributions from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation valued at approximately \$23,328.12 to benefit and improve various City parks. An attachment is provided with a detailed list of all the in-kind donations and contributions summarized in the chart below, including date of donation, donor’s name, a brief description of the donation, and assessed value.

Donated Items	Amount
Artwork	\$18,823.12
Horticultural Supplies	\$917.50
Professional Services	\$3,587.50
Total:	\$23,328.12

Acceptance of these in-kind donations and contributions does not require new FTEs/full time equivalents or matching funds.

Acceptance of in-kind donations and contributions to benefit various City parks is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” and the strategy to “[p]rotect our natural resources” as described on pages 193-198 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
 Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachments

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.

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Parks Foundation intends to donate artwork, horticultural supplies, and professional services to the City of Cincinnati to benefit and improve various City parks; and

WHEREAS, the value of the in-kind donations is approximately \$23,328.12; and

WHEREAS, there are no matching funds required to accept this donation, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this donation; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of in-kind donations and contributions to benefit various City parks is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” and the strategy to “[p]rotect our natural resources” as set forth on pages 193-198 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to accept in-kind donations from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation of artwork, horticultural supplies, and professional services valued at approximately \$23,328.12 to benefit and improve various City parks, as outlined in Attachment A hereto.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Section 1.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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Parks Foundation In-Kind Donations - 3rd Quarter 2023

Date	Name	Memo	Expense Type	Amount
08/28/2023	Kestner Waggoner Group	Stabilize stone wall, repair stone Mirror Lake	Professional Service	3,000.00
07/21/2023	Joe Mastruserio	For foundry in Florence - shipping of 2 versions of Lupa	Artwork	5,884.87
08/31/2023	Joe Mastruserio	reimbursement for consultant fee to Valentin, replace 15256	Artwork	4,569.91
08/15/2023	Dietl International	Inv DTL-803641-001 customs, ISF, bond etc.	Artwork	933.72
08/07/2023	Dietl International	DTL-803493-OI customs clearance isf fee	Artwork	909.71
08/31/2023	COUNTRY CASUAL	Inv 9907 3 monarch 6 ft benches	Artwork	5,759.45
09/30/2023	NATORP LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	Inv 132846, trees for alms, TJC, French	Horticultural Supplies	662.00
08/28/2023	E C SHAW COMPANY	Inv 841843,4,5 Belzley (2), Blackmore	Artwork	579.46
07/31/2023	NATORP LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	Inv 124204 replacement memorial trees	Horticultural Supplies	255.50
09/30/2023	E C SHAW COMPANY	Inv 842558 Jacob Meyer	Artwork	186.00
07/17/2023	Baron Identification Products	Inv 49775 Earl Ross, Harv	Professional Service	39.00
09/30/2023	Baron Identification Products	Inv 50066 Medley	Professional Service	33.50
09/14/2023	Baron Identification Products	Inv 50002 Linnett	Professional Service	20.00
07/31/2023	Bethany Dye	Inv 1005 interpreting services nature camp Mt Airy 7/31-8/4	Professional Service	495.00
			Total	23,328.12

January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202400031

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – OES: USDN Grant for Higher-Education Sustainability Cohort by Last Mile Food Rescue

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

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.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$15,000 from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (“USDN”) to create a Higher-Education Sustainability Cohort implemented by Last Mile Food Rescue. The Higher-Education Sustainability Cohort will convene a dialogue regarding sustainability efforts and best practices among regional higher education institutions and their student bodies. The cohort will also be tasked with developing a project to decrease student food insecurity and divert food waste from landfills.

The City served as the lead applicant on the grant application as a member of USDN. However, Last Mile Food Rescue will receive the grant resources directly from the USDN. As the designated project partner and fiscal agent, Last Mile Food Rescue will execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the USDN. The City will execute a MOU with the USDN to administer the grant. The USDN grant does not require new FTEs/full time equivalents or local matching resources. However, the City will provide in-kind staff time toward the project.

Creating the Higher-Education Sustainability Cohort is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption” and the “Collaborate” goal to “[s]peak in a unified voice with other entities to reach regional goals” and strategy to “[a]ctively coordinate our regional efforts” as described on pages 181-186 and 213-216 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to create the Higher-Education Sustainability Cohort within the established project timeline.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director



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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.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$15,000 is available from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (“USDN”) to create a Higher-Education Sustainability Cohort that will convene a dialogue regarding sustainability efforts and best practices among regional higher education institutions and their student bodies; and

WHEREAS, the cohort will be tasked with developing a project to decrease student food insecurity and divert food waste from landfills; and

WHEREAS, because the City is a member of USDN, it served as the lead applicant on the USDN grant application, but Last Mile Food Rescue will receive the grant resources directly from USDN; and

WHEREAS, Last Mile Food Rescue will be the designated project partner and fiscal agent of the USDN grant resources and will execute an MOU with USDN; and

WHEREAS, the City, as the grant applicant, will execute an MOU with USDN in order to administer the grant; and

WHEREAS, this grant does not require matching resources, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant, however, the City will provide in-kind staff time toward the project; and

WHEREAS, the City already applied for the USDN grant, but the Office of Environment and Sustainability will not take further action to implement the grant and will not enter into an agreement with USDN to administer the grant to create a Higher-Education Sustainability Cohort without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, creating the Higher-Education Sustainability Cohort is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption” and the “Collaborate” goal to “[s]peak in a unified voice with other entities to reach regional goals” and strategy to “[a]ctively coordinate our regional efforts” as described on pages 181-186 and 213-216 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for a grant of up to \$15,000 from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network for the purpose of creating a Higher-Education Sustainability Cohort.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the terms of the grant and Section 1.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to create the Higher-Education Sustainability Cohort within the established project timeline.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Date: January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202400032

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: ORDINANCE – BLAIR AVENUE BRIDGE MAINTENANCE PROJECT

Attached is an ordinance captioned as follows:

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.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has identified the need to perform maintenance activities for the bridge which carries Blair Avenue over Interstate 71, in connection with ODOT’s bridge maintenance project PID No. 112983, located in the City of Cincinnati, community of Avondale.

No City right-of-way is required for the Project other than for temporary access and there is no change in use to City streets arising from the Project. The State of Ohio has requested that all necessary right-of-way in the Project area be made available for the Project in accordance with current state and federal regulations.

The State of Ohio will provide 100% of the eligible cost of the work.

The City’s Department of Transportation & Engineering has reviewed and approves of the proposed project. Any changes to the street layout or right-of-way are subject to review and approval by the City Planning Commission, but no such changes have been identified at this stage of the Project.

The State of Ohio and the City desire for the City to continue its existing maintenance responsibilities of the right-of-way in the Project area for public highway purposes, as applicable, and other duties required by applicable state and federal law, upon completion of the Project.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached ordinance.

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering

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.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) has identified the need to perform bridge maintenance activities as part of its maintenance project for the bridge that carries Blair Avenue over Interstate 71 (HAM-71-0427) located in the City of Cincinnati, which may include replacing the expansion joints, sealing the deck and substructure, painting the structural steel, and improving the drainage (PID No. 112983) (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, except as needed for temporary access, no transfer of City right-of-way is required for the Project, and no change in the use of City streets is expected to arise from the Project; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio shall provide 100% of the eligible cost of the Project; and

WHEREAS, ODOT has requested that all necessary rights of way in the Project area be made available for the Project in accordance with current state and federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Department of Transportation & Engineering has reviewed and approved the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, the extent of City streets and changes in their use are subject to review and approval by the City Planning Commission, but no changes requiring the commission’s review have been identified at this stage of the Project; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the Project, ODOT and the City desire for the City to continue its existing maintenance responsibilities for the right of way in the Project area, as applicable, and other duties required by applicable state and federal law; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City of Cincinnati consents to and shall cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”), on behalf of the State of Ohio, to facilitate the performance of maintenance activities as part of ODOT’s maintenance project for the bridge that carries Blair Avenue over Interstate 71 (HAM-71-0427) located in the City of Cincinnati,

which may include replacing the expansion joints, sealing the deck and substructure, painting the structural steel, and improving the drainage (PID No. 112983) (“Project”).

Section 2. That the State of Ohio will assume and bear 100% of the cost of the improvements proposed as part of the Project.

Section 3. That the City shall bear 100% of the cost of those features, if any, requested by the City that ODOT and the Federal Highway Administration determine to be unnecessary for the Project; as of the date of this ordinance, no such features have been identified.

Section 4. That the City agrees to make available to ODOT all City rights-of-way required for the Project, including utility relocation, in accordance with current state and federal regulations and subject to any additional City approvals required for the encumbrance or acquisition of City property or change in use of City streets. The City acknowledges that all utility accommodation, relocation, and reimbursement in connection with the Project will comply with the current provisions of 23 C.F.R. 645 and the ODOT Utilities Manual.

Section 5. That, from time to time, change orders and extra-work contracts may be required to fulfill the Project, and ODOT shall provide written notice to the City, which shall process such as needed and contribute the City’s share of the costs of those items; as of the date of this ordinance, no such costs have been identified.

Section 6. That, to the extent applicable and unless otherwise agreed, the City upon completion of the Project shall: (1) provide adequate maintenance for the Project in accordance with all applicable state and federal law, including, but not limited to, 23 U.S.C. Section 116; (2) provide ample financial provisions, as necessary, for any City maintenance responsibilities in connection with the Project; (3) to the extent required by state and federal law, maintain the

right of way and keep it free of obstructions; and (4) hold said right of way inviolate for public highway purposes.

Section 7. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements and process any change orders or extra-work orders connected thereto with the Director of ODOT, or ODOT-prequalified consultants, as necessary to complete the Project in accordance with the terms of this ordinance.

Section 8. That the City Manager is further authorized to execute any documents, upon the request of ODOT, necessary to allow ODOT to recover damages or exercise its rights and remedies under any contracts arising from any errors or omissions of any contractors or consultants.

Section 9. That the City Manager and the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to facilitate the Project.

Section 10. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
202400033

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – CRC: Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association (OCCRRA) Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to 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.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to 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, through the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association (OCCRRA) and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS). Additionally, the ordinance authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources, if awarded, into Recreational Federal Grant Projects Fund 324.

The grant does not require matching funds. CRC has already applied for this grant but will not accept any grant resources without City Council approval.

Utilizing grant resources to support CRC’s licensed neighborhood childcare programs is in accordance with the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 209-212 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the need to ensure the rapid deployment of grant resources that must be utilized by June 30, 2024.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director

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AUTHORIZING the City Manager to 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.

WHEREAS, grant resources of up to \$760,620 are available 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; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (“CRC”) will use these resources, if awarded, to offset the cost of providing licensed childcare programs in various Cincinnati neighborhoods, such as Bond Hill, Corryville, Evanston, Madisonville, Millvale, Northside, Pleasant Ridge, Walnut Hills/East Walnut Hills, Sayler Park, Price Hill, the West End, and Winton Hills; and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline is January 12, 2024, and the City already applied for the grant, but no grant resources will be accepted without Council approval; and

WHEREAS, the deadline to utilize these grant resources is June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, this grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, utilizing grant resources to support CRC’s licensed neighborhood childcare programs is in accordance with the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 209-212 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to 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.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant resources, if awarded, into Recreational Federal Grant Projects Fund 324.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the need to ensure the rapid deployment of grant resources that must be utilized by June 30, 2024.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

202400037

Subject: Long-Term Upgrades for the Yard Waste Removal Program

Reference Document #202300958

The City Council, at its session on March 29, 2023, referred the following item for review and report:

MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Cramerding, WE MOVE that the Administration prepare a second report that outlines the cost, feasibility, and timeline for long-term solutions to improve the City's yard waste program. The report should, at a minimum, address the program constraints as listed on page 3 of Item No. 2023-00558. Additional solutions to be considered should include but not be limited to:

- The potential for alternative waste providers to accept yard waste.
- Combining the natural collections with the City's yard waste program with the biochar pilot program, thereby using residents' yard waste to create biochar and supplement the ongoing efforts of the Parks Department.
- In addition, the report should include the types of third-party end users that may benefit from use of the compost created by Rumpke, including whether the City would be able to request having compost be delivered back for use in City operations such as Parks or Recreation outdoor greenspaces.
- Any other recommendation to improve the program.

Yard Trimmings Program Background

The City's source separated yard trimming program was started in the 1990s, initiated to comply with Ohio Law HB 592. The program's history, status, challenges, and opportunities are outlined in recent reports to Council (2023-00558, 2023-02409). Key aspects of these reports are summarized here.

Currently, the City has a contract to deliver yard trimmings collected from residents to the Rumpke Sanitary Landfill in Colerain Township. The City provides curbside yard trimmings collection bi-weekly from April to January to respective solid waste customers. The current agreement for yard trimmings disposal with Rumpke has an initial term that expired at the end of February 2023, with three one-year renewal periods extending as late as February 2026.

Rumpke currently meets State requirements for collecting, separating, and disposing of yard trimmings. Rumpke uses the City's curbside collected yard waste as daily cover in the sanitary landfill which is helpful in odor control at the facility. This practice is compliant with State law but

diverges from the City's current environmental sustainability goals outlined in the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan (GCP). The GCP includes goals to divert organics from landfills, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing landfill capacity, and creating a circular economy.

Program Constraints

The current yard trimmings program has constraints identified below (from page 3 of Document No. 202300558) that point to the need for long term solutions. Some practices that could be implemented to align City sustainability goals with the yard trimmings program were previously explored in Document Nos. 202300558 and 202302409. Additional long-term solutions to these constraints are presented in the following section.

- 1) *Participation in the City's yard waste collection program is not mandatory although commingled yard waste is prohibited; however, residents are still not completely separating out yard waste from curbside garbage collection.*
- 2) *Ohio law allows Rumpke to accept in some instances yard waste at their sanitary landfill, and Rumpke is permitted by the Ohio EPA to use compost as alternative daily cover at the landfill.*
- 3) *Ohio law does not expressly provide the Ohio EPA authority to regulate transporters of yard waste or require generators of yard waste to source-separate for delivery to a particular facility.*
- 4) *The contract between the City and Rumpke does not restrict yard waste or compost from being placed in their sanitary landfill including as alternative daily cover.*
- 5) *Rumpke does not have a third-party end user for the yard waste that it composts. The City has not identified potential third-party end users of the compost. The City as a potential end user has not requested the compost be delivered back for use in City operations.*

Potential Long-Term Solutions

A. Solicitation for Solutions

The City has recently issued a Request for Proposals (RFP RFP019_2024) to solicit yard trimming collection, processing, and mid- and end-market solutions. As part of this solicitation, 1) bidding venders have been notified that they will be prohibited from landfilling collected yard waste or compost including as daily cover, and 2) processors and mid- and end-users of yard trimmings and compost have been requested to propose sustainable service solutions that support a circular economy.

The RFP is hoped to provide details on the local market options available, including collection, processing, and cost information for yard trimmings. The Administration believes that this next step coupled with the County's organics management planning, described below, will help to better understand best options for aligning the yard trimming program with the environmental sustainability goals of the City. The RFP is open for responses until January 11, 2024. A new yard trimmings contract is anticipated to be in place by August 2024.

B. Organics Management Planning

In alignment with the Hamilton County Solid Waste District Plan, Hamilton County R3Source, Recycling, and Solid Waste District has recently solicited for professional services to prepare an Organics Processing Feasibility Study. The District has awarded the project to GT Environmental with the anticipation that the study will be completed in 2024. The Administration believes this study will complement the results of the Recycling RFP described previously.

As part of the organics management study, the consultant will evaluate:

- 1) Potential organics diversion from Hamilton County and the surrounding region including processing needs, generation estimates, infrastructure landscape, and mass balance.
- 2) Recommend the best processes and infrastructure or combination of opportunities to effectively manage organic material including existing facilities and infrastructure with a

footprint analysis, technical evaluation, case studies, and sample public-private-partnership models.

- 3) Research and recommend available potential locations for facility(s) with siting criteria, siting recommendation, and probable cost estimate.

C. Anaerobic Digestion

Anaerobic digestion is a proven technology to sustainably manage organic waste used around the world. This process uses bacteria to break down organic matter in the absence of oxygen, producing renewable gas and digestate as byproducts. Two anaerobic digestors are in the design-build stage locally. The first will be located in St. Bernard and plans to accept organic waste from industrial food processors. It will not accept organic material from residential sources. This will make recoverable gas although there is no diversion plan for the digestate, which will be landfilled at a reduced volume of about 90%. The second will be located within the City at the Little Miami Wastewater Plant to process sewage, operated by the Metropolitan Sewer District. Siting and permitting for anaerobic digestors is complex, and the timing for these digestors to enter operation is unknown.

Neither of these anaerobic digestors is currently planning to receive yard trimmings as a feedstock, but they help build new solutions and end markets for organic waste. An anaerobic digester solution to process residential and commercial yard trimmings and food waste can be designed and built according to specific feed stocks or carbon-nitrogen ratios; however, one has not yet been brought forward locally. This regional solution to yard trimmings and food waste management could be funded through the various partnership models or potentially through federal funding.

D. Composting & Mulching

Ohio law defines composting as a method of solid waste disposal using controlled biological decomposition. The state's solid waste composting regulations require that a facility obtain a registration, license and/or permit. The law regulates the types of wastes that can be accepted for composting, operational requirements of the facility, and testing requirements for the finished product prior to distribution. The City and County do not currently operate a registered composting facility. However, there are privately operated registered composting facilities in the region.

Composting activities occurring at a residence and those activities using less than 500 square feet at a non-residential location are not subject to Ohio's composting regulations. A network of small-scale composting facilities is locally feasible, and this model has been successfully orchestrated in Cleveland. However, a facilitator, outreach, resources, and end-markets for such a public-private partnership have not been locally developed.

Hamilton County operates yard trimmings drop-off locations from March to December each year, located at Oakdale Elementary School in Green Township, Bzak Landscaping in Anderson Township, and Rumpke Sanitary Landfill in Colerain Township. The County reports that all material dropped off at these sites is composted.

Mulching is another environmentally acceptable application of yard trimmings, and it is not subject to the same regulatory restrictions as compost. Woody content that is often included in yard trimming collections works well as a feedstock for mulch. There are several private mulch producing facilities located in the County that currently provide a volume-limited solution for some of the regions woody yard trimmings.

The Organics Management Study and the Recycling RFP described previously are the next steps in evaluating feasibility of composting and how yard trimmings along with food waste may be best managed. This may include technologies such as in-vessel composting, tunnel reactor composting, bunkered compost-covered aerated static pile, and agitated bed composting.

E. Biochar

The Park's Department is currently in the site-design phase of a municipal scale biochar production facility. This pilot project is in its infancy with the goal of repurposing wood debris generated through municipal tree care into a soil amendment used to increase the growth rate and survivability of the City's urban forest. Upon approval of the Board of Park Commissioners, the production facility will be located at Warder Nursery and operated by a third party under the oversight of the Division of Natural Resources. The proposed operations model is to sell the majority of the biochar in bulk, to pay for the cost of annual operations and maintenance of the machine as needed.

In addition to the Park Board of Commissioners, Great Parks of Hamilton County have substantially invested in this pilot project with the intention of addressing the manure waste generated at Parkey's Farm. Therefore, the supply of compost needed to charge the biochar with nutrients for tree planting objectives and sales is not currently necessary. The City yard trimmings program could be modeled to provide one or more roles in the biochar supply chain within the current project scope, but this would require designated drop off locations for brush and wood waste and funding for chipping, collection, and transport of the material.

Future applications for biochar creation should model and complement this pilot. Therefore, further assessment of facility siting, compost processing, and/or compost transportation could be part of the operations model in the future. The Recycling RFP and Organics Management Plan previously described are anticipated to provide needed market information to support next steps such as these.

F. Volume-Based Pricing Incentives - Pay As You Throw

Many communities incentivize responsible disposal of waste, organics, and recyclables by implementing Volume-Based Pricing, commonly called pay-as-you-throw (PAYT). PAYT is a variable-rate pricing structure that charges households based on the amount of trash they produce. This model reflects the true cost of waste generation and incentivizes recycling and composting practices at the household level. There are more than 7,000 thousand PAYT communities in the US, and over 200 PAYT programs in Ohio.

PAYT is considered a best management practice for waste diversion and has consistently delivered significant reductions to average household landfilled waste in communities where implemented. It has the added benefit of generating revenue to help offset the cost of waste collection and fund implementation of waste diversion solutions. Revenue from a PAYT model could be used to support the siting and operation of a community composting facility as an example of scaling up yard trimming collection and processing infrastructure locally.

Implementation of volume-based pricing may require changes to the City's Charter Article XVI which states:

"The City, including its various Boards, agencies and departments, shall not assess, levy or collect any tax or general assessment on real properties, or against the owners or occupants thereof, for the collection, transportation or disposal of trash, garbage, waste, rubbish or refuse."

G. State and Local Law Compliance

State and local regulations provide constraints and opportunities in aligning yard trimmings management with sustainability goals. State yard trimmings and composting law can be found under Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-27-19 and 3745-560, respectively, and are not directly within the control of the City.

As described above, State law affects source-separation, transportation, and landfilling of yard trimmings. State law permits Rumpke to use the City's yard debris as alternative daily cover, although this is not aligned with the City's environmental priorities.

Within this context of state law, the City could consider 1) policies to require specific practices in disposing of yard trimmings; 2) support environmentally sound practices in the development of state regulations and regional waste plans; and 3) amend city administrative regulations to require specific practices in procurement and contracting for city services and operations.

The City's Municipal Code (CMC) Chapter 729-88 states: "*Yard waste materials from a dwelling shall not be co-mingled with other waste if the city provides separate yard waste collection.*"

Without strong end-market options for yard trimmings, near-term enforcement of the yard trimmings separation requirement presents an administrative burden with limited benefit. When strong end-markets for this material are established, enforcement then becomes important for minimizing contamination and maximizing landfill diversion.

The previously described City Recycling RFP and County Organics Management Plan are mechanisms the Administration is using to evaluate potential long-term end-market yard trimmings collection and compost solutions. In concert with potentially identified solutions, the Administration may also consider programmatic revisions to provide operational reliability and technical support, resident education, confidence, and compliance support, and administration management and enforcement support.

H. Federal Funding

The Investment in Infrastructure & Jobs Act (IIJA) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) mark significant federal investment in infrastructure, clean technology, and climate solutions. The reduction of methane emissions driven by organic waste production are one of the priorities receiving funding. The City is actively pursuing funding opportunities that support long-term organic waste solutions, including grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the U.S. Dairy Association (USDA). The Investment Tax Credits of the IRA are reshaping the financing options for clean energy projects, including the biochar and anaerobic digestion projects.

cc: Virginia Tallent, Assistant City Manager
Natasha S. Hampton, Assistant City Manager
Jason Barron, Director, Parks
Ollie Kroner, Director, Office of Environment & Sustainability
Jerry Wilkerson, Director, Department of Public Services

January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager
Subject: Report on the Department of Buildings & Inspections Code Enforcement Process and Chronic Offenders

202400012

REFERENCE DOCUMENT #202301979

On September 13, 2023, the Council referred the following for a report:

MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Cramerding and Councilmember Jeffrey, WE MOVE that the City 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 caseload, including but not limited to the percentage of complaints that result in orders. WE FURTHER MOVE that the report outline the feasibility of compiling a report focused on chronic problematic properties and owners, with potential Top 10 compilations including: Property with Most Number of Orders; Property Owner with the Most Number of Orders; Property Owner with the Most Number of Properties with Orders, and; Property Owner being the Most Untimely in Resolving Order. (Balance of motion on file).

REPORT

The following reports (A) the background of the City' agencies with responsibility for property maintenance; (B) an overview of the property maintenance complaint process; and (C) statistical information on complaints, cases, and chronic offenders.

A. Property Maintenance Enforcement Agencies

The City has extensive property maintenance enforcement responsibilities ranging from building and housing code enforcement, tall grass and weeds, junk vehicles and scrap tires, to air quality standard. Enforcement obligations span various offices, departments, and agencies. Most complaints are routed to three departments: the Department of Buildings and Inspections, the Health Department, and the Fire Department. While the Health and Fire Departments serve critical roles, the Department of Buildings and Inspections (B&I) carries the highest volume of property maintenance enforcement matters for the City. Due

to resource and staffing constraints over the last several years all B&I inspectors have had to handle both permit and property maintenance enforcement duties. This arrangement did not allow for the level of desired service delivery. However, Council approved an additional 10 FTEs in B&I in FY24, which will allow for significantly more dedicated staffing time and energy for addressing code compliance in our City.

B&I enforces two bodies of safety codes: (1) the basic Ohio building construction standards and (2) the various City building and housing code standards. This includes the Private Lot Abatement Program (PLAP), the vacant building maintenance license program, the vacant foreclosed property registration program, the hazard abatement program, and the façade and fire escape inspection programs. Due to its breadth, B&I utilizes case tracking software, which enables the department to produce comprehensive reports.

B. Complaint Process & Enforcement

The City's code enforcement processes are primarily complaint driven. Cases begin with the public: community members, adjacent property owners, neighbors, and/or tenants. The City engages in proactively seeking out hazardous conditions in limited circumstances. For example, inspections and enforcement related to permits and licensing are initiated by the applicant. In addition, the City conducts inspections of a property through B&I's Residential Rental Inspection Program (RRI) when a particular property or owner qualifies because of a chronic failure to comply with property maintenance requirements. The total number of RRI cases initiated by the City is a fraction of B&I cases.

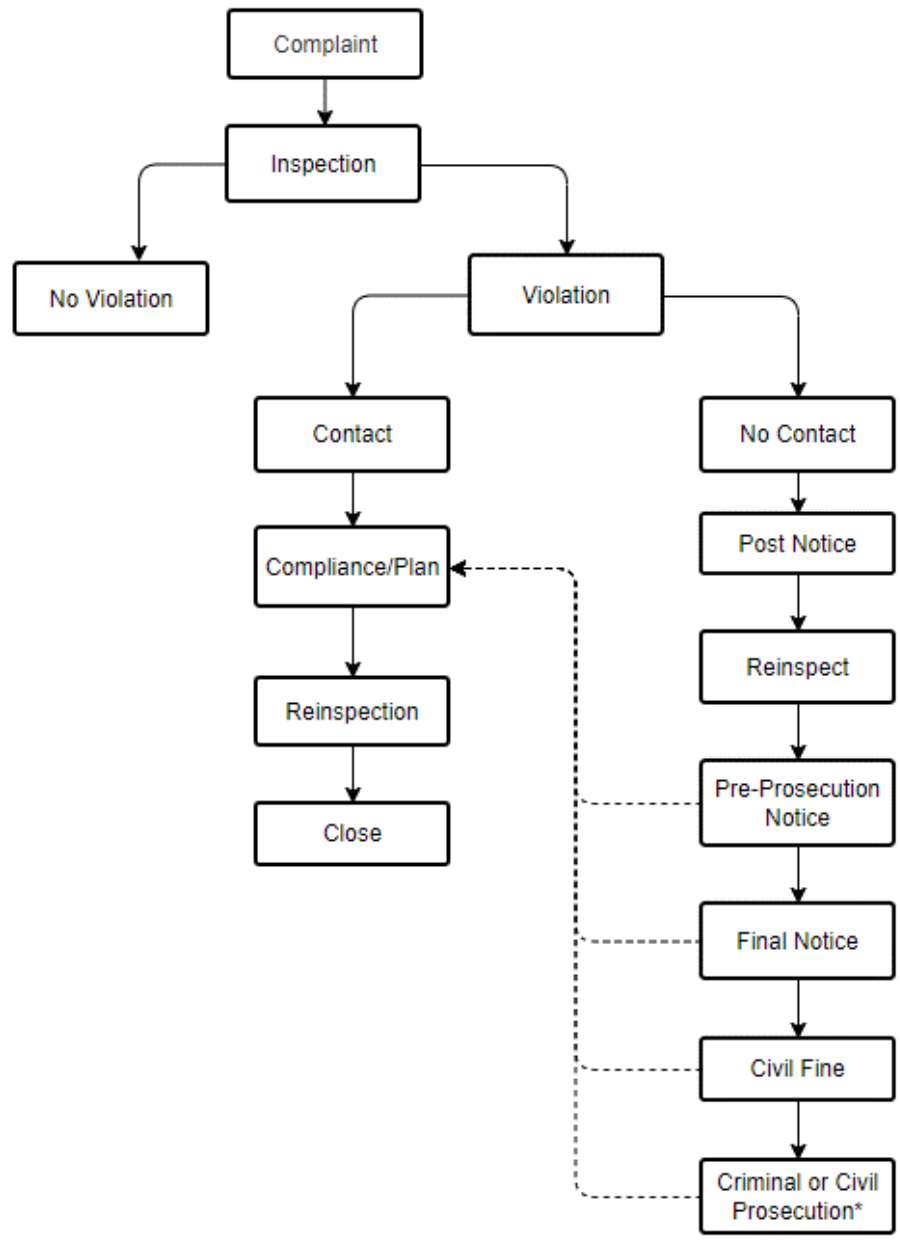
Except for PLAP cases, property maintenance cases follow a standard route: complaint, inspection, notice, and, if necessary, enforcement. Complaints can be submitted to B&I through several channels: telephone, electronic mail, the City's website, an app or in person. However, the City's general help line (3-1-1) or website (<https://cagis.hamilton-co.org/311/>) are used the most. PLAP cases have a distinct process because the City abates the violation if the owner does not.

Once a complaint is made, it is routed to the inspector assigned to the area. The inspector will verify the hazardous condition and issue orders directing the owner to contact the inspector and abate the condition. If there is no contact the orders are posted at the premises to ensure the owner receives notice.

If the owner fails to abate the identified violations, the case progresses to enforcement. An inspector will reinspect after the compliance period lapses. If the issue remains outstanding, the inspector sends a letter to the owner requesting a pre-prosecution meeting to discuss the case. If the letter and meeting do not successfully resolve the violation, a final notice is issued before punitive action begins. B&I may issue escalating civil citations to the owner or advance a matter to hazard abatement, depending on the urgency and severity of the underlying violation. If citations are not successful in achieving compliance, B&I may refer the case for civil or criminal prosecution. At any time in the process, if the owner abates the violation or communicates a reasonable work plan, B&I pauses punitive action and seeks to achieve compliance with the owner. In limited circumstances, the City will pursue civil or

criminal prosecution on an expedited basis to address emergency life-safety hazards like no water or no heat.

The following flow chart helps to illustrate the general enforcement process.



* Civil or criminal prosecution must be approved by both the Director of B&I and the Chief of Quality of Life in the Law Department prior to filing

NOTE: This chart does not reflect the process for PLAP cases which have a distinct process for litter and weed violations.

C. Complaint and Case Tracking Reporting

In a typical year, B&I manages around 18,000 cases and conducts 57,000 code enforcement inspections. B&I also conducts an additional 64,000 permit inspections each year. The total caseload is based on cases already open and new complaints received. The public submits approximately 7,400 complaints each year. Sixty percent of complaints can be verified and result in the City issuing an order to correct the violation. Complaints that cannot be verified by an inspector are closed. The forty percent of complaints that cannot be substantiated are often the result of the inspector's inability to gain access to review the condition or it has been abated by the time the inspection occurs.

The following data is from January 1, 2020 to December 6, 2023. The results do not aggregate related persons or entities. Potential connections necessitate investigation and every B&I code enforcement case would require verification to ensure equal results for ranking. Finally, the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation is not included in these results since the nature of its mission is to hold and rehabilitate very distressed structures.

Top Ten Addresses with Most Orders (Person in Control/Owner is in Parentheses)

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| 1. 200 W. Galbraith Road (RRE Williamsburg Holdings LLC) | 6. 835 Poplar Street (Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority) |
| 2. 1035 Parkson Place (H&E Enterprise LLC) | 7. 2000 Westwood Northern Boulevard (Shelton Gardens 2018 LLC) |
| 3. 2830 Harrison Avenue (H&E Enterprise LLC) | 8. 1120 Garden Street (Yossef Haver & Haver Lital) |
| 4. 2026 Eleanor Place (Mt. Auburn Housing Inc.) | 9. 1990 Westwood Northern Boulevard (Reids Valley 2018 LLC) |
| 5. 3030 Forest Avenue (Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority) | 10. 924 Hawthorne Avenue (Avi Ohad) |

Top Ten Individuals with Most Open Orders (Number of Addresses with Open Orders in Parentheses)

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| 1. Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (162) | 6. Vision and Beyond (44) |
| 2. Avi Ohad (140) | 7. Fay Limited Partnership (43) |
| 3. RRE Williamsburg Holdings LLC (119) | 8. Candlewood-Renata (34) |
| 4. Wallick Communities (62) | 9. Glen Meadows Apartments Limited Partnership (32) |
| 5. Model Management (52) | 10. JKV Workforce I LLC (32) |

Top Ten Individuals with Most Addresses with Open Orders

(Number of Open Orders in Parentheses)

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| 1. Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (131) | 6. Fay Limited Partnership (28) |
| 2. Avi Ohad (50) | 7. OTR Holdings Inc. (24) |
| 3. RRE Williamsburg Holdings LLC (41) | 7. Vision and Beyond (24) |
| 4. Model Management (40) | 9. Cincinnati Webb I LLC (19) |
| 5. JKV Workforce I LLC (29) | 10. Wallick Communities (17) |

Top Ten Individuals with Longest Average Days to Compliance

(Average Number of Days to Compliance in Parentheses)

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| 1. Vision and Beyond (350) | 7. Vinebrook Homes (188) |
| 2. Fay Limited Partnership (313) | 8. Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (164) |
| 3. Candlewood-Renata (311) | 9. Cutter Historic Apartments LLC (105) |
| 4. NREA VB VI LLC (275) | 10. Wallick Communities (105) |
| 5. RRE Williamsburg Holdings LLC (248) | |
| 6. Avi Ohad (201) | |

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January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Re: Financial Freedom Initiatives – Recommendations

Reference Documents #202302108

The Council at its session on October 11, 2023, referred the following item for review and report:

MOTION, dated, September 26, 2023, submitted by Councilmember Harris, WE MOVE, that the administration produces a report within thirty (30) days on program recommendations for the \$2,125,000 set aside to implement the Cities for Financial Empowerment’s “Financial Freedom” blueprint. This should include any relevant updates on partnerships or other work being done to prepare implementation of the program(s).

Financial Freedom Blueprint - Overview

This memo provides a summary of the Financial Freedom Blueprint and background and updates for proposed Financial Freedom Initiatives. On July 17th, 2023, the City of Cincinnati released its Financial Freedom Blueprint (“the Blueprint”), the culmination of a yearlong research project to identify local strategies to address the racial wealth gap in Cincinnati. In response, Council set aside a \$2,125,000 allocation in a General Fund reserve account for future Financial Freedom Initiatives. The Mayor and Council identified that they would make a final determination on which Financial Freedom initiatives to fund and at what amounts during FY 2024.

The goal of the Blueprint is to ensure every resident can achieve financial freedom through asset ownership. There is a stark racial wealth gap in Cincinnati. Black Cincinnati residents own proportionally fewer homes and businesses and have less savings and investments. Systemic barriers hold many residents back from obtaining higher paying jobs and securing financial assets. As the City encourages long-term economic growth in the region, it acknowledges the importance of ensuring all residents are included.

<i>Median Net Worth (total assets minus total debt)ⁱ</i>			
	Cincinnati	Ohio	National
Overall Population	\$20,895	\$94,767	\$125,966
Black Residents	\$1,573	\$4,559	\$15,499
White Residents	\$77,820	\$125,182	\$194,043

In 2022, the City of Cincinnati applied for and received a \$75,000 grant from the national nonprofit, Cities for Financial Empowerment (CFE), to help the City build a Blueprint for all its residents, with a focus on Black residents to minimize demonstrated racial wealth gaps. The goal of the Blueprint was to

lay out evidence-based interventions that the City will pursue to address this inequity, particularly gaps in asset ownership.

The City conducted a representative sample survey¹ of over 1,000 residents, including 500 Black residents, and uncovered statistically significant² findings related to barriers around banking access, job mobility, student loans, debt and consumer protection, and housing. These findings informed the interventions and recommendations made in the Blueprint. The results are available in detail on Cincy Insights: <https://insights.cincinnati-oh.gov/stories/s/c7mg-cfw8>.

Financial Freedom Initiatives – Project Proposals

I. Medical Debt Forgiveness

Operational funding requirement: \$1,500,000 (one time cost)

What: Medical debt relief to qualifying individuals + connection to insurance coverage and primary care home.

Why: *The Blueprint survey insights:* 1 in 3 (~30%) of residents are behind on medical debt; 1 in 10 residents lack health insurance or medical coverage; 1 in 10 residents cannot afford their prescription; 10% of Cincinnatians do not have a way to get to and from medical appointments; 5% of residents do not see a doctor given their existing debt; residents struggle to afford doctor visits; screenings, tests, and deductibles. *Other supporting research:* Many families in the US sacrifice other household necessities (food, rent, medication, utilities) in order to pay medical bills and stop seeking further medical care.^{ii,iii} Medical debt is the number one cause of bankruptcy in the US, and it disproportionately impacts communities of color, perpetuating and exacerbating the racial wealth gap by draining cash flow that other households without medical debt can save or invest.^{iv}

Impact and Outcomes: Primary outcomes: Immediate debt relief; credit Score improvement; assistance signing up for medical coverage and connecting to a medical home to prevent future medical debt and provide preventative health care. Secondary outcomes: improved housing stability and food security (thus improved physical and mental health).^v With a budget of \$1.3M, RIP Medical Debt could cancel approximately \$130 million of medical debt.

Estimated Reach: Approximately 50,000 individuals.

Operations: City partnership with RIP Medical Debt³ to identify eligible medical debt accounts within participating hospitals and process debt forgiveness. RIP Medical Debt will ensure that City funds are used for the accounts of City residents. The City is developing a one-page insert provided to encourage connection with the Cincinnati Health Department's support to access health insurance coverage and a medical home (incentive provided to those who opt in and call the City).

Project Development Status:

- The City administration has partnered with The Health Collaborative regarding recruitment of area hospital partners. UC Health and Mercy Health Systems have committed to participating

¹ The research design included gathering survey responses from a representative sample of two populations in Cincinnati ('All Residents' and 'Black/ AA residents') balanced on race, age, gender, income, and neighborhood zone. With the sample sizes achieved, the results from the survey are projectable to the target populations with a margin of error of 3.042% at the 95% confidence level for All Residents and 4.245% at the 95% confidence level for Black/African American Residents, meaning that if the survey were replicated, we could expect close to the same results.

² A statistically significant difference means that one group's answers are meaningfully different from another group's answer.

³ <https://ripmedicaldebt.org/>

in the project. The City administration and The Health Collaborative are still in ongoing discussion with Christ Hospital and TriHealth (Good Samaritan Hospital) about their potential participation.

- The City administration meets regularly with RIP Medical Debt to discuss and refine data collection so that the City can glean details relevant to the overarching goal of wealth and racial equity because of medical debt forgiveness (if funded, the City will enter into a data sharing agreement).
- The Cincinnati Health Department has developed a staffing plan for connecting patients with forgiven debt to wraparound services including connections to Medicaid insurance, other health insurance coverage, and a primary medical home to prevent future medical debt by ensuring linkages to medical coverage and preventative health care.
- The Cincinnati Health Department has worked with the Hamilton County Department of Job & Family Services to streamline the Medicaid applications of patients with whom we connect through wraparound care.
- The City administration has met with the only other municipality (Muskegon County, MI) that included wraparound services with medical debt forgiveness (via RIP Medical Debt) to learn about what worked and what didn't during their intervention.

Considerations:

- The intervention provides one-time funding for medical debt forgiveness.
- Residents will not be able to apply for medical debt forgiveness; strategic external communication will need to emphasize selection methodology/ account identification.
- Since the publication of the Blueprint, the City of Cleveland has acted to erase \$181 million of medical debt for residents.⁴ And the City of Toledo has similarly acted to erase \$7.22 million of debt for its residents.

II. Children Savings Accounts

Operational funding requirement: \$375,000 City funds (one time), and equivalent annual match from third-party banking partner or private philanthropy (ongoing).

What: Seed funding for post-secondary education costs to qualifying low-income children.

Why: *The Blueprint focus group insights:* general lack of understanding regarding the difference between public and private student loans; *The Blueprint survey insights:* 20+% of all residents said they would benefit from financial coaching re: saving for child's education; Black residents value financial education more, especially for youth (24% Black; 14% all residents); Limitations in education or experience and the cost of student loans are the biggest barriers for residents in getting a better job with higher wages and better benefits (~20%); Private student loans are the most common and expensive form of debt delinquency (30+%); Black residents have higher private student loan amounts; Black residents prioritize tuition assistance/ student debt assistance from employers (43%). *Other supporting research:* The Chronicle of Higher Education released a study that found that just \$300 can be the sole factor preventing a low-income college student from graduating (car repair, broken laptop, unexpected costs, etc.).^{vi}

Impact and Outcomes: CSAs are intended to influence behavioral change (increased likelihood of attending and graduating from college) versus the actual dollar amount: exposure to financial literacy, setting up the idea, belief, and expectation of going to college from a young age (thus motivation for academic and social preparation), the importance of savings, opening bank accounts, etc. Some programs

⁴ See <https://www.clevelandohio.gov/news/program-set-erase-estimated-181-million-clevelanders-medical-debts>; see also <https://www.toledoblade.com/local/city/2023/10/06/medical-debt-relief-2/stories/20231006133>

go hand in hand with college tours, financial literacy, and empowerment courses. Research shows that low-and moderate-income children (households earning below \$50K/annually) with small dollar savings (\$1-\$499) prior to being 18 years old are 3x more likely to enroll in and 4x more likely to graduate from a postsecondary degree or certificate program than children with no account.^{vii} Even with savings of less than \$500, a child is 25% more likely to enroll in college and 64% more likely to graduate than a child with no savings.^{viii} Other studies found higher parental involvement and expectations of college attendance in addition to an increase in the student's self-perception and expectations around school performance and college attendance.^{ix}

Estimated Reach: Approximately 1,200+ children and families annually.

Operations: City partnership with Cincinnati Preschool Promise and local Bank to provide seed funding and third-party management of accounts (529 Plan or Custodial account), as well as financial education to support post-secondary tuition and/ or associated costs. Accessible by student at age 18; qualifying expenses; account and residential parameters.

Project Development Status:

- The City administration has researched best practices and met with other municipalities that have implemented CSAs (or “Baby Bonds” programs).
- The City administration has met with project leadership in Lansing, Michigan and the Upper Midwest CSA Consortium who have years of experience in CSA work; received copies of work plans and contracts with schools, banking, and financial literacy partners. Project leaders have been accessible to field our technical questions related to banking.
- The City administration has engaged in continued meetings with Preschool Promise to map out next steps for getting preschool children enrolled in CSAs. Preschool Promise works with 230 local preschools serving 2,600 area children. Their close connections and rapport with the leaders in these programs will provide a vital bridge to getting preschoolers enrolled in savings accounts.
- City Human Services Director Deanna White traveled to San Antonio, Texas at the invitation of Preschool Promise and 4C for Children teams to attend the Children’s Funding Institute national conference to network and learn more about other cities’ successful fundraising campaigns for issues that impact children.
- The City administration has met with several potential banking institution partners for the project. These discussions have included conversation about the need for ongoing financial commitment from banking institution partner, and financial literacy for family as part of the intervention. Emphasis in planning has been on a dual generational approach: programming for children and their parents, and an approach that surpasses a basic budgeting 101 course to include financial literacy information that is relevant to low- and middle-income families.

Additional Considerations:

- Ability to sustain program funding post-pilot - private philanthropic fundraising.
- Will not see long term impact until 13+ years from now when students are 18-22+ years old.
- Will need to work with Law Department to define account parameters and qualifying expenses.

III. Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) - Pilot

Operational funding requirement for 2-year pilot program: City leverage/seed funding of \$250,000 (one time cost). Additional fundraising or private philanthropy commitment would be needed to reach a pilot budget of \$2.4 million.

What: Regular cash payments to qualifying individuals/ households, with no barriers or limitations.

Why: *The Blueprint survey insights:* Approximately a quarter of all residents have experienced unexpected/ emergency expenses; Black residents are less likely than all residents and the national average to have 3 months in emergency savings (62% vs. 44%); 40% of residents want better wages and benefits; Over half of all residents reported having tight budgets, with no money leftover after expenses (~50%), followed by fluctuating income (30%), and debt (30%) as biggest barriers to savings; Residents reported difficulty in getting credit card and loan approvals (40% Black residents; 30% all residents) due to poor credit and debt to income ratio; Rising rent is the top issue facing all residents who are renters (40+%); *The Blueprint focus group insights:* residents' wages are too low for cost of living. *Other supporting research:* debt and financial insecurity is associated with higher rates of depression and poor health (housing, energy, and food insecurity, high blood pressure); financial health is often considered a social determinant of health^{x,xi}

Impact and Outcomes: For example, the Stockton, California SEED pilot involving 125 families found that the guaranteed basic income program reduced month-to-month income fluctuations that households faced; unconditional cash enabled recipients to find full-time employment compared to control group; recipients had improved mental health and general wellbeing compared to control group, including self-determination and improved family and social relationships. Consistently, the largest spending category each month was food, followed by food purchases at wholesale clubs and larger department stores like Walmart. Other leading categories each month were utilities and auto care or transportation. Less than 1% of tracked purchases were for tobacco and alcohol.^{xii}

Estimated Reach of Pilot: Approximately 100 – 125 Cincinnati families for two-year period.

Operations: City partnership TBD to provide a regular cash payment, no strings attached to qualifying participants; eligibility requirements to be explored; optional wrap-around support services may include financial education and connection to self-identified/ desired services.

Project Development Status:

- The City administration has convened the Urban League of Greater Southwest Ohio, Up Together, and United Way of Greater Cincinnati to discuss a Logic Model.
- The City administration has researched guaranteed basic income projects implemented in other cities and learnings about project outcomes, including socio-economic impact, overall wellbeing, and how participants utilized the additional income.
- Convened with Shriver Center on Poverty Law (“Shriver”) and Cook County Promise to discuss the GBI project in Chicago.
- Engaged in a strategy session with Shriver attorneys to identify potential ways to assist Cincinnati GBI participants avoid the loss of other income-based programs (such as SNAP, Medicaid, and housing subsidies), sometimes referred to as the Benefits Cliff.
- A meeting is scheduled with stakeholders from Congressman Landsman’s Office, Hamilton County JFS, Greater Cincinnati Foundation, and Councilmember Harris’ office to further explore the GBI program concept.

Additional considerations:

- Ability to sustain program funding post-pilot period.
- Concerns about inability to privately fundraise for the pilot.
- Contribution to existing research showing that providing families with extra income leads to positive outcomes – but little evidence about sustained guaranteed basic income policies or programs nationwide that are solely supported.

IV. Improve Access to Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) Childcare Services

Operational funding requirement: \$2,125,000.

What: Expand CRC before and after school childcare services and hours of operation. Increase CRC Staff childcare training and salaries; increase community awareness of CRC before and after school programming; and identify ways to eliminate barriers to program enrollment in order to fill 291 vacant spaces across CRC before and after school programs.

Why: *The Blueprint Survey insights:* When asked about barriers to employment and obtaining a higher paying/better benefits job: Approximately 1 in 10 residents experience a childcare related difficulty (11% all residents; 12% Black residents); 3% of residents need afterschool care for their school-aged children; Approximately 5% of residents said that they work non-traditional hours (<7am;>6pm; weekends) and can't find childcare during their shifts; 3% of all residents and 2% of Black residents cannot find childcare that they can afford; 2% of residents struggle to find childcare that is close to their home or workplace. *Other supporting research:* Public schools meet for only 6 hours per day, 180 days per year. The gap between parents' and children's schedules may amount to 1,000 hours per year; an estimated 35% of 12-year-olds care for themselves regularly during after-school hours while parents are working^{xiii}; Nearly one-fifth (18%) of violent offenses committed by youth occur in the 4 hours between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on school days.^{xiv}

Current CRC Before and After School Programming – Operational Status:

The total capacity of CRC's before and after school program is 1,277 seats. The current total enrollment in CRC before and after school care is 986, leaving 291 open spaces in the program. One hundred and six families are currently on the waitlist for before and after school care at five of the CRC locations where care is offered: Clifton (10); Hyde Park (77); McKie (Northside) (6); Pleasant Ridge Montessori (9); and Sands Montessori (4). The greatest need exists in Hyde Park, where the wait accounts for 73% of the total waitlist. Of note, Hyde Park, Pleasant Ridge, and Sands Montessori programming are limited to students who attend those schools. Despite openings across the City, families are inclined to stay within their neighborhoods and community; some parents are not aware or are disinterested in the availability of vouchers to assist with cost; and others are unaware that CRC offers before and after school programming. Please refer to Appendix A for detailed information regarding CRC before and after school programming enrollment, capacity, openings, and waitlists.

CRC Total Programming Capacity	CRC Total Enrollment	Current	Total Available Spaces	Total Waitlist
1277	986		291	106

Impact and Outcomes: High-quality afterschool programs (programs using evidence-based procedures, operated by skills-trained staff and that include intentional and quality programming^{xv,xvi}) promote positive youth development and offer a safe space for youth to socialize including: social, emotional, cognitive, and academic development, physical health, and reduction in risky behaviors; ^{ibid} Regular participation in these programs has been shown to lower dropout rates and narrow academic achievement gaps, particularly among low-income students.^{xvii}

Estimated Reach: 100 youth/ students.

Operations: The CRC access project would focus on scaling before and after school care.

Project Development Status:

- The City administration conducted current landscape analysis with CRC to gain an understanding of current before and after school programming capacity, enrollment, and waitlists across the City.
- The City administration determined based upon its findings that the current capacity of CRC-led before and after school care was high, and therefore did not require further analysis.
- Cincinnati Recreation Commission will continue to explore how to facilitate its resources to maximize the already existing capacity of its childcare programming.
- The City administration is continuing its FY24-FY25 \$2 million City-funded pilot with 4C for Children in the “Childcare Workforce and Supply Expansion” project.
 - The pilot project will seek to increase the number of family-based and commercial daycare centers (and seats available to children) and expand the pipeline of early childhood workers to staff the new centers throughout the City that meet high quality care and early childhood education (ECE) requirements.
 - The outcomes for this pilot with 4C for Children are projected at:
 - 75 new staff finished the Child Development Associate coursework and obtained credentialing.
 - 7 new childcare centers with 250 new seats for children.
 - 65 new family childcare (home-based) centers with 390 seats for children.

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***Appendix A: CRC Before and After School Programming**

CRC Before/After School Programming at ODJFS LICENSED SITES						
Neighborhood	Elementary School(s)	Rec Center	Current Enrollment	Capacity	Spaces Available	Waitlist
Bond Hill	Bond Hill, Horizon	Bond Hill (After School)	10	45	35	
Walnut Hills	Douglass, Spencer	Bush (After School)	28	45	17	
Corryville	Corryville Catholic	Corryville (After School)	30	40	10	
Evanston	Evanston Academy	Evanston (After School)	35	35	0	
Avondale	South Avondale	Hirsch (After School)	24	30	6	
West End	Hays Porter, CCPA	Lincoln (After School)	23	45	22	
Madisonville	JP Parker	Madisonville (After School)	21	45	24	
Northside	Chase, Parker Woods, St. Boniface	Mckie (After School)	50	50	0	6
Millvale	Ethel M Taylor	Millvale (After School)	36	36	0	
East Price Hill	Rees E Price, Holy Family	Price Hill (After School)	13	30	17	
Pleasant Ridge	PRM	PRM (After School)	65	65	0	9
Sayler Park	Sayler Park	Sayler Park (After School)	15	30	15	
Winton Hills	Winton Hills	Winton Hills (After School)	36	45	9	
TOTAL			386	541	155	15
CRC Before/After School Programming at non-licensed sites (Cash pay)						
Neighborhood	Elementary School(s)	Rec Center	Current Enrollment	Capacity	Spaces Available	Waitlist
Clifton	Fairview, CANS	Clifton (Before School)	67	75	8	
Clifton	Fairview, CANS	Clifton (After School)	105	105	0	10
College Hill	CH Fundamental	College Hill (After School)	8	25	17	
West Price Hill	Carson, Covedale, St. Teresa	Dunham (After School)	21	30	9	
Hartwell	Hartwell, Carthage	Hartwell (After School)	9	30	21	
Hyde Park	Hyde Park	Hyde Park School (After School)	90	90	0	77
North Avondale	North Avondale	North Avondale (After School)	46	60	14	
Pleasant Ridge	PRM, Nativity	Pleasant Ridge (After School)	32	50	18	
Mt. Washington	Sands	Sands Montessori (Before School)	52	50	(2)	4
Mt. Washington	Sands	Sands Montessori (After School)	60	60	0	
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January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202400015

Re: Financial Freedom Initiatives – Recommendations

Reference Documents #202302230

The Council at its session on November 1, 2023, referred the following item for review and report:

MOTION, dated, October 19, 2023, submitted by Councilmember Keating, WE MOVE, that the administration provide a report detailing all childcare programs facilitated by the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, including but not limited to day camps, mini camps, and CRC-led before and after school care at Cincinnati Public Schools. These reports should include how many students are currently enrolled, how many were waitlisted and/or denied, which locations and age groups have the highest demand, and how many could be potentially accepted given certain investments such as increased staffing and supplies.

WE FURTHER MOVE that this report includes detailed costs to expand CRC-led childcare programs, on-going operating costs, recruitment and retention bonuses to meet staffing requirements, and other costs related to maintaining capacity levels to meet the existing and anticipated future demand.

WE FURTHER MOVE that this report is released at the same time as the report requested in Motion 202302108 and the funding appropriated for the Financial Freedom program is used as the source for expanding access to CRC-led childcare programs. Childcare is one of the most vulnerable industries and is the gateway to employment for Cincinnati families while supporting financial stability and revenue generation for the City.

Financial Freedom Blueprint - Overview

This memo provides a summary of the Financial Freedom Blueprint and background and updates for proposed Financial Freedom Initiatives. On July 17th, 2023, the City of Cincinnati released its Financial Freedom Blueprint (“the Blueprint”), the culmination of a yearlong research project to identify local strategies to address the racial wealth gap in Cincinnati. In response, Council set aside a \$2,125,000 allocation in a General Fund reserve account for future Financial Freedom Initiatives. The Mayor and Council identified that they would make a final determination on which Financial Freedom initiatives to fund and at what amounts during FY 2024.

The goal of the Blueprint is to ensure every resident can achieve financial freedom through asset ownership. There is a stark racial wealth gap in Cincinnati. Black Cincinnati residents own

proportionally fewer homes and businesses and have less savings and investments. Systemic barriers hold many residents back from obtaining higher paying jobs and securing financial assets. As the City encourages long-term economic growth in the region, it acknowledges the importance of ensuring all residents are included.

<i>Median Net Worth (total assets minus total debt)ⁱ</i>			
	Cincinnati	Ohio	National
Overall Population	\$20,895	\$94,767	\$125,966
Black Residents	\$1,573	\$4,559	\$15,499
White Residents	\$77,820	\$125,182	\$194,043

In 2022, the City of Cincinnati applied for and received a \$75,000 grant from the national nonprofit, Cities for Financial Empowerment (CFE), to help the City build a Blueprint for all its residents, with a focus on Black residents to minimize demonstrated racial wealth gaps. The goal of the Blueprint was to lay out evidence-based interventions that the City will pursue to address this inequity, particularly gaps in asset ownership.

The City conducted a representative sample survey¹ of over 1,000 residents, including 500 Black residents, and uncovered statistically significant² findings related to barriers around banking access, job mobility, student loans, debt and consumer protection, and housing. These findings informed the interventions and recommendations made in the Blueprint. The results are available in detail on Cincy Insights: <https://insights.cincinnati-oh.gov/stories/s/c7mg-cfw8>.

Financial Freedom Initiatives – Project Proposals

I. Medical Debt Forgiveness

Operational funding requirement: \$1,500,000 (one time cost)

What: Medical debt relief to qualifying individuals + connection to insurance coverage and primary care home.

Why: *The Blueprint survey insights:* 1 in 3 (~30%) of residents are behind on medical debt; 1 in 10 residents lack health insurance or medical coverage; 1 in 10 residents cannot afford their prescription; 10% of Cincinnatians do not have a way to get to and from medical appointments; 5% of residents do not see a doctor given their existing debt; residents struggle to afford doctor visits; screenings, tests, and deductibles. *Other supporting research:* Many families in the US sacrifice other household necessities (food, rent, medication, utilities) in order to pay medical bills and stop seeking further medical care.^{ii,iii} Medical debt is the number one cause of bankruptcy in the US, and it disproportionately impacts communities of color, perpetuating and exacerbating the racial wealth gap by draining cash flow that other households without medical debt can save or invest.^{iv}

Impact and Outcomes: Primary outcomes: Immediate debt relief; credit Score improvement; assistance signing up for medical coverage and connecting to a medical home to prevent future medical debt and provide preventative health care. Secondary outcomes: improved housing stability and food

¹ The research design included gathering survey responses from a representative sample of two populations in Cincinnati ('All Residents' and 'Black/ AA residents') balanced on race, age, gender, income, and neighborhood zone. With the sample sizes achieved, the results from the survey are projectable to the target populations with a margin of error of 3.042% at the 95% confidence level for All Residents and 4.245% at the 95% confidence level for Black/African American Residents, meaning that if the survey were replicated, we could expect close to the same results.

² A statistically significant difference means that one group's answers are meaningfully different from another group's answer.

security (thus improved physical and mental health).^v With a budget of \$1.3M, RIP Medical Debt could cancel approximately \$130 million of medical debt.

Estimated Reach: Approximately 50,000 individuals.

Operations: City partnership with RIP Medical Debt³ to identify eligible medical debt accounts within participating hospitals and process debt forgiveness. RIP Medical Debt will ensure that City funds are used for the accounts of City residents. The City is developing a one-page insert provided to encourage connection with the Cincinnati Health Department's support to access health insurance coverage and a medical home (incentive provided to those who opt in and call the City).

Project Development Status:

- The City administration has partnered with The Health Collaborative regarding recruitment of area hospital partners. UC Health and Mercy Health Systems have committed to participating in the project. The City administration and The Health Collaborative are still in ongoing discussion with Christ Hospital and TriHealth (Good Samaritan Hospital) about their potential participation.
- The City administration meets regularly with RIP Medical Debt to discuss and refine data collection so that the City can glean details relevant to the overarching goal of wealth and racial equity because of medical debt forgiveness (if funded, the City will enter into a data sharing agreement).
- The Cincinnati Health Department has developed a staffing plan for connecting patients with forgiven debt to wraparound services including connections to Medicaid insurance, other health insurance coverage, and a primary medical home to prevent future medical debt by ensuring linkages to medical coverage and preventative health care.
- The Cincinnati Health Department has worked with the Hamilton County Department of Job & Family Services to streamline the Medicaid applications of patients with whom we connect through wraparound care.
- The City administration has met with the only other municipality (Muskegon County, MI) that included wraparound services with medical debt forgiveness (via RIP Medical Debt) to learn about what worked and what didn't during their intervention.

Considerations:

- The intervention provides one-time funding for medical debt forgiveness.
- Residents will not be able to apply for medical debt forgiveness; strategic external communication will need to emphasize selection methodology/ account identification.
- Since the publication of the Blueprint, the City of Cleveland has acted to erase \$181 million of medical debt for residents.⁴ And the City of Toledo has similarly acted to erase \$7.22 million of debt for its residents.

II. Children Savings Accounts

Operational funding requirement: \$375,000 City funds (one time), and equivalent annual match from third-party banking partner or private philanthropy (ongoing).

What: Seed funding for post-secondary education costs to qualifying low-income children.

³ <https://ripmedicaldebt.org/>

⁴ See <https://www.clevelandohio.gov/news/program-set-erase-estimated-181-million-clevelanders-medical-debts>; see also <https://www.toledoblade.com/local/city/2023/10/06/medical-debt-relief-2/stories/20231006133>

Why: *The Blueprint focus group insights:* general lack of understanding regarding the difference between public and private student loans; *The Blueprint survey insights:* 20+% of all residents said they would benefit from financial coaching re: saving for child's education; Black residents value financial education more, especially for youth (24% Black; 14% all residents); Limitations in education or experience and the cost of student loans are the biggest barriers for residents in getting a better job with higher wages and better benefits (~20%); Private student loans are the most common and expensive form of debt delinquency (30+%); Black residents have higher private student loan amounts; Black residents prioritize tuition assistance/ student debt assistance from employers (43%). *Other supporting research:* The Chronicle of Higher Education released a study that found that just \$300 can be the sole factor preventing a low-income college student from graduating (car repair, broken laptop, unexpected costs, etc.).^{vi}

Impact and Outcomes: CSAs are intended to influence behavioral change (increased likelihood of attending and graduating from college) versus the actual dollar amount: exposure to financial literacy, setting up the idea, belief, and expectation of going to college from a young age (thus motivation for academic and social preparation), the importance of savings, opening bank accounts, etc. Some programs go hand in hand with college tours, financial literacy, and empowerment courses. Research shows that low-and moderate-income children (households earning below \$50K/annually) with small dollar savings (\$1-\$499) prior to being 18 years old are 3x more likely to enroll in and 4x more likely to graduate from a postsecondary degree or certificate program than children with no account.^{vii} Even with savings of less than \$500, a child is 25% more likely to enroll in college and 64% more likely to graduate than a child with no savings.^{viii} Other studies found higher parental involvement and expectations of college attendance in addition to an increase in the student's self-perception and expectations around school performance and college attendance.^{ix}

Estimated Reach: Approximately 1,200+ children and families annually.

Operations: City partnership with Cincinnati Preschool Promise and local Bank to provide seed funding and third-party management of accounts (529 Plan or Custodial account), as well as financial education to support post-secondary tuition and/ or associated costs. Accessible by student at age 18; qualifying expenses; account and residential parameters.

Project Development Status:

- The City administration has researched best practices and met with other municipalities that have implemented CSAs (or "Baby Bonds" programs).
- The City administration has met with project leadership in Lansing, Michigan and the Upper Midwest CSA Consortium who have years of experience in CSA work; received copies of work plans and contracts with schools, banking, and financial literacy partners. Project leaders have been accessible to field our technical questions related to banking.
- The City administration has engaged in continued meetings with Preschool Promise to map out next steps for getting preschool children enrolled in CSAs. Preschool Promise works with 230 local preschools serving 2,600 area children. Their close connections and rapport with the leaders in these programs will provide a vital bridge to getting preschoolers enrolled in savings accounts.
- City Human Services Director Deanna White traveled to San Antonio, Texas at the invitation of Preschool Promise and 4C for Children teams to attend the Children's Funding Institute national conference to network and learn more about other cities' successful fundraising campaigns for issues that impact children.
- The City administration has met with several potential banking institution partners for the project. These discussions have included conversation about the need for ongoing financial commitment from banking institution partner, and financial literacy for family as part of the intervention. Emphasis in planning has been on a dual generational approach: programming for

children and their parents, and an approach that surpasses a basic budgeting 101 course to include financial literacy information that is relevant to low- and middle-income families.

Additional Considerations:

- Ability to sustain program funding post-pilot - private philanthropic fundraising.
- Will not see long term impact until 13+ years from now when students are 18-22+ years old.
- Will need to work with Law Department to define account parameters and qualifying expenses.

III. Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) - Pilot

Operational funding requirement for 2-year pilot program: City leverage/seed funding of \$250,000 (one time cost). Additional fundraising or private philanthropy commitment would be needed to reach a pilot budget of \$2.4 million.

What: Regular cash payments to qualifying individuals/ households, with no barriers or limitations.

Why: *The Blueprint survey insights:* Approximately a quarter of all residents have experienced unexpected/ emergency expenses; Black residents are less likely than all residents and the national average to have 3 months in emergency savings (62% vs. 44%); 40% of residents want better wages and benefits; Over half of all residents reported having tight budgets, with no money leftover after expenses (~50%), followed by fluctuating income (30%), and debt (30%) as biggest barriers to savings; Residents reported difficulty in getting credit card and loan approvals (40% Black residents; 30% all residents) due to poor credit and debt to income ratio; Rising rent is the top issue facing all residents who are renters (40+%); *The Blueprint focus group insights:* residents' wages are too low for cost of living. *Other supporting research:* debt and financial insecurity is associated with higher rates of depression and poor health (housing, energy, and food insecurity, high blood pressure); financial health is often considered a social determinant of health^{x,xi}

Impact and Outcomes: For example, the Stockton, California SEED pilot involving 125 families found that the guaranteed basic income program reduced month-to-month income fluctuations that households faced; unconditional cash enabled recipients to find full-time employment compared to control group; recipients had improved mental health and general wellbeing compared to control group, including self-determination and improved family and social relationships. Consistently, the largest spending category each month was food, followed by food purchases at wholesale clubs and larger department stores like Walmart. Other leading categories each month were utilities and auto care or transportation. Less than 1% of tracked purchases were for tobacco and alcohol.^{xiii}

Estimated Reach of Pilot: Approximately 100 – 125 Cincinnati families for two-year period.

Operations: City partnership TBD to provide a regular cash payment, no strings attached to qualifying participants; eligibility requirements to be explored; optional wrap-around support services may include financial education and connection to self-identified/ desired services.

Project Development Status:

- The City administration has convened the Urban League of Greater Southwest Ohio, Up Together, and United Way of Greater Cincinnati to discuss a Logic Model.
- The City administration has researched guaranteed basic income projects implemented in other cities and learnings about project outcomes, including socio-economic impact, overall wellbeing, and how participants utilized the additional income.

- Convened with Shriver Center on Poverty Law (“Shriver”) and Cook County Promise to discuss the GBI project in Chicago.
- Engaged in a strategy session with Shriver attorneys to identify potential ways to assist Cincinnati GBI participants avoid the loss of other income-based programs (such as SNAP, Medicaid, and housing subsidies), sometimes referred to as the Benefits Cliff.
- A meeting is scheduled with stakeholders from Congressman Landsman’s Office, Hamilton County JFS, Greater Cincinnati Foundation, and Councilmember Harris’ office to further explore the GBI program concept.

Additional considerations:

- Ability to sustain program funding post-pilot period.
- Concerns about inability to privately fundraise for the pilot.
- Contribution to existing research showing that providing families with extra income leads to positive outcomes – but little evidence about sustained guaranteed basic income policies or programs nationwide that are solely supported.

IV. Improve Access to Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) Childcare Services

Operational funding requirement: \$2,125,000.

What: Expand CRC before and after school childcare services and hours of operation. Increase CRC Staff childcare training and salaries; increase community awareness of CRC before and after school programming; and identify ways to eliminate barriers to program enrollment in order to fill 291 vacant spaces across CRC before and after school programs.

Why: *The Blueprint Survey insights:* When asked about barriers to employment and obtaining a higher paying/better benefits job: Approximately 1 in 10 residents experience a childcare related difficulty (11% all residents; 12% Black residents); 3% of residents need afterschool care for their school-aged children; Approximately 5% of residents said that they work non-traditional hours (<7am;>6pm; weekends) and can’t find childcare during their shifts; 3% of all residents and 2% of Black residents cannot find childcare that they can afford; 2% of residents struggle to find childcare that is close to their home or workplace. *Other supporting research:* Public schools meet for only 6 hours per day, 180 days per year. The gap between parents’ and children’s schedules may amount to 1,000 hours per year; an estimated 35% of 12-year-olds care for themselves regularly during after-school hours while parents are working^{xiii}; Nearly one-fifth (18%) of violent offenses committed by youth occur in the 4 hours between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on school days.^{xiv}

Current CRC Before and After School Programming – Operational Status:

The total capacity of CRC’s before and after school program is 1,277 seats. The current total enrollment in CRC before and after school care is 986, leaving 291 open spaces in the program. One hundred and six families are currently on the waitlist for before and after school care at five of the CRC locations where care is offered: Clifton (10); Hyde Park (77); McKie (Northside) (6); Pleasant Ridge Montessori (9); and Sands Montessori (4). The greatest need exists in Hyde Park, where the wait accounts for 73% of the total waitlist. Of note, Hyde Park, Pleasant Ridge, and Sands Montessori programming are limited to students who attend those schools. Despite openings across the City, families are inclined to stay within their neighborhoods and community; some parents are not aware or are disinterested in the availability of vouchers to assist with cost; and others are unaware that CRC offers before and after school programming. Please refer to Appendix A for detailed information regarding CRC before and after school programming enrollment, capacity, openings, and waitlists.

CRC Total Programming Capacity	CRC Total Current Enrollment	Total Available Spaces	Total Waitlist
1277	986	291	106

Impact and Outcomes: High-quality afterschool programs (programs using evidence-based procedures, operated by skills-trained staff and that include intentional and quality programming^{xv,xvi}) promote positive youth development and offer a safe space for youth to socialize including: social, emotional, cognitive, and academic development, physical health, and reduction in risky behaviors; ^{ibid} Regular participation in these programs has been shown to lower dropout rates and narrow academic achievement gaps, particularly among low-income students.^{xvii}

Estimated Reach: 100 youth/ students.

Operations: The CRC access project would focus on scaling before and after school care.

Project Development Status:

- The City administration conducted current landscape analysis with CRC to gain an understanding of current before and after school programming capacity, enrollment, and waitlists across the City.
- The City administration determined based upon its findings that the current capacity of CRC-led before and after school care was high, and therefore did not require further analysis.
- Cincinnati Recreation Commission will continue to explore how to facilitate its resources to maximize the already existing capacity of its childcare programming.
- The City administration is continuing its FY24-FY25 \$2 million City-funded pilot with 4C for Children in the “Childcare Workforce and Supply Expansion” project.
 - The pilot project will seek to increase the number of family-based and commercial daycare centers (and seats available to children) and expand the pipeline of early childhood workers to staff the new centers throughout the City that meet high quality care and early childhood education (ECE) requirements.
 - The outcomes for this pilot with 4C for Children are projected at:
 - 75 new staff finished the Child Development Associate coursework and obtained credentialing.
 - 7 new childcare centers with 250 new seats for children.
 - 65 new family childcare (home-based) centers with 390 seats for children.

cc: Virginia Tallent, Assistant City Manager
 Deanna White, Director, Human Services
 Maryse Amin, Assistant Health Commissioner, Cincinnati Health Department
 Monica Pepple, Senior Management Analyst, Office of Performance and Data Analytics

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Appendix A: CRC Before and After School Programming

CRC Before/After School Programming at ODJFS LICENSED SITES						
Neighborhood	Elementary School(s)	Rec Center	Current Enrollment	Capacity	Spaces Available	Waitlist
Bond Hill	Bond Hill, Horizon	Bond Hill (After School)	10	45	35	
Walnut Hills	Douglass, Spencer	Bush (After School)	28	45	17	
Corryville	Corryville Catholic	Corryville (After School)	30	40	10	
Evanston	Evanston Academy	Evanston (After School)	35	35	0	
Avondale	South Avondale	Hirsch (After School)	24	30	6	
West End	Hays Porter, CCPA	Lincoln (After School)	23	45	22	
Madisonville	JP Parker	Madisonville (After School)	21	45	24	
Northside	Chase, Parker Woods, St. Boniface	Mckie (After School)	50	50	0	6
Millvale	Ethel M Taylor	Millvale (After School)	36	36	0	
East Price Hill	Rees E Price, Holy Family	Price Hill (After School)	13	30	17	
Pleasant Ridge	PRM	PRM (After School)	65	65	0	9
Sayler Park	Sayler Park	Sayler Park (After School)	15	30	15	
Winton Hills	Winton Hills	Winton Hills (After School)	36	45	9	
TOTAL			386	541	155	15
CRC Before/After School Programming at non-licensed sites (Cash pay)						
Neighborhood	Elementary School(s)	Rec Center	Current Enrollment	Capacity	Spaces Available	Waitlist
Clifton	Fairview, CANS	Clifton (Before School)	67	75	8	
Clifton	Fairview, CANS	Clifton (After School)	105	105	0	10
College Hill	CH Fundamental	College Hill (After School)	8	25	17	
West Price Hill	Carson, Covedale, St. Teresa	Dunham (After School)	21	30	9	
Hartwell	Hartwell, Carthage	Hartwell (After School)	9	30	21	
Hyde Park	Hyde Park	Hyde Park School (After School)	90	90	0	77
North Avondale	North Avondale	North Avondale (After School)	46	60	14	
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January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202400016
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: **City Hall Feminine Hygiene Dispenser Installation**

Reference Document # 202300380

The Healthy Neighborhoods Committee, at its session on January 19, 2023, referred the following motion for a report:

MOTION, dated October 4, 2023, submitted by President Pro Tempore Parks, **WE MOVE** that the administration prepare a report within sixty (60) days outlining the costs of supplying period products in the restrooms of city facilities. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that the administration begins supplying period products in at least one restroom per floor of City Hall.

The City Facility Management Division of the Department of Public Services assessed and completed the installation of feminine hygiene dispensers in all City Hall female restrooms. Installation cost is provided below.

Carpenters – 32 hours at 51.55 per hour = \$1,649.60
10 dispensers = \$7,787.70
1 case of 250 napkins = \$54.90
1 case of 500 Tampons = \$76.20
Grand total = **\$9,568.40**

Ongoing Maintenance:

1 case of 250 napkins = \$54.90
1 case of 500 Tampons = \$76.20

**Replenishment costs may fluctuate based on use*

City public female facilities that may have a wider community impact for installation of feminine hygiene dispensers would include those managed by the Department of Recreation, Department of Parks, and the Department of Health. Costs associated with installation and maintenance of dispensers at these facilities have not been determined.

cc: Natasha S. Hampton, Assistant City Manager
Jerry L. Wilkerson, Jr., Director of the Department of Public Services

January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202400017

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Communication response re Councilmember Motion on City Plans for a New Disparity Study

Reference Document #202302220

The City Council at its session on October 25, 2023, referred the following item for review and report:

MOTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, WE MOVE that the Administration prepare a report within the next thirty (30 days) on plans for a new disparity study ("Croson Study") for the City of Cincinnati including the timeline for issuing a new Request for Proposal from vendors through the targeted completion date for the study, as well as the proposed scope of the new disparity study.

Background

The City of Cincinnati's Department of Economic Inclusion ("DEI"), which administers and oversees the City's inclusion programs, was established in 2015. Before that, responsibility for administration of the City's race-and-gender-neutral inclusion program was vested in the Office of Contract Compliance under the City Manager's Office. To ensure economic opportunity and inclusion for all citizens seeking to do business with the City of Cincinnati and to serve as a catalyst for the growth of minority, women, and small businesses in the city and throughout the region, a disparity study was conducted in February 2015. Disparity studies are required for government agencies to stand up an MBE/WBE program. A disparity Study determines whether there is a statistically significant disparity in the percentage of dollars received by minority- and women-owned businesses under government contracts and the availability of those firms in the relevant geographic market area that cannot be explained by factors unrelated to race/ethnicity and gender.

The 2015 study analyzed the City's contracting for the period January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2013, and it analyzed the data by contract type, contract size, prime vs. subcontract spend, race, and gender. A copy of the July 2015 City of Cincinnati, Ohio Disparity Study Final Report can be found on DEI's website at www.cincinnati-oh.gov/inclusion/economic-inclusion-advocacy-accountability-board/ for reference.

To maintain the City's inclusion program, a new disparity study must be conducted every 5 to 7 years. Thus, staff embarked on a new disparity study with Griffin & Strong, PC (GSPC) in June 2021 and concluded in February 2023. GSPC performed a comprehensive review of the City's procurement and contracting processes and of City dollars spent with minority-owned and women-owned businesses as prime contractors and subcontractors. GSPC's methodology did not include non-certified MBE and WBE businesses in their calculation of availability. While GSPC found that disparities by race, ethnicity, or gender status of the firm owners remained, the subset used to determine these findings were limited to only certified firms. This inadvertently excluded non-certified minority and women owned firms; a large subgroup which was not analyzed.

In response to these findings and recommendations, effective September 30th, 2023, the previous Chapter 324 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, Minority and Woman Business Enterprise Program, was repealed in its entirety. It was replaced with the new Chapter 324 Minority and Woman Business Enterprise Program. Effective October 1, 2023, the previous inclusion program was replaced with a new one due to GSPC’s disparity study findings.

Under the current programs, there is no option for Minority Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) Certification. All minority women (defined by race) are represented in the MBE category and are no longer eligible for WBE certification. The industry categories included in the 2023 disparity study are Construction, A&E (or Architecture and Engineering), Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods.

Under the City’s MBE/WBE Program, which was narrowly tailored to address the specific findings of the previous disparity study, the new program removes Asian Americans and African Americans from the goods category. Only women of non-color are included in the goods category. The inclusion program now also includes Hispanic-owned businesses in construction, A&E, professional services, and other services.

Pursuant to CMC § 324-15, each contract valued at \$50,000.00 or more is reviewed by DEI, in consultation with the Chief Procurement Officer, to determine the appropriateness for inclusion in the City’s MBE/WBE Program. For those contracts included within the program, DEI recommends specific mandatory subcontracting goals for the participation of City-certified MBE and WBE firms. Solicitations are advertised with MBE/WBE goals, SBE goals, or no goals as approved by the City Manager. Only those firms that have completed the application process, been individually vetted by DEI, and approved for certification by the City as an MBE or as a WBE may be counted toward the attainment of the established MBE/WBE contract goals. The following chart outlines the changes in eligibility criteria for different program categories from the previous program to the new program effective October 1, 2023. DEI will continue to monitor inclusion spending and generate quarterly reports.

Program Category	Previous Eligibility	New Eligibility
Construction	All Women-owned and African American-owned firms	African American-owned, Hispanic American-owned, and Non-minority Woman-owned firms
Professional Services	All Women-owned and African American-owned firms	African American-owned, Hispanic American-owned, and Non-minority Woman-owned firms
Architecture and Engineering	-	African American-owned, Hispanic American-owned, and Non-minority Woman-owned firms
Non-professional Services	All Women-owned, African American-owned, and Asian American-owned firms	African American-owned, Asian American-owned, Hispanic American-owned, and Non-minority Woman-owned firms
Goods	All Women, African American, Asian American	Non-minority Women

Recommendation

To ensure the city’s inclusion program eligibility is reflective of all available businesses in the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County respectfully, staff recommends a new disparity study be conducted. The new disparity Study should review and analyze the City’s contracting over a 5-year period that includes January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2023. The new study should capture availability beyond certification status to ensure a holistic representation of MBE and WBE firms within the City’s geographic market area.

Summary of Proposed Scope of Services

The selected Consultant will evaluate the total number of minority-owned-and-controlled business enterprises, women-owned-and-controlled business enterprises, and non-minority/non-women-owned-and-controlled business enterprises within the City’s market area that are ready, willing, and able to do business with the city. The Consultant will also generate statistical data regarding the City’s utilization of contractors within each group to determine whether any statistically significant disparity exists. The analysis must include results disaggregated by gender and by racial/ethnic groups, including African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, and Native Americans. The analysis also should evaluate the data by contract type (Construction, Professional Services, Non-Professional Services, and Supplies/Goods) and by contract value. In its determination of market area, the Consultant should be aware that it is common in the Greater Cincinnati area for firms and individuals located outside the geographic boundaries of the City of Cincinnati, including those located in villages, townships, and smaller municipalities, to utilize “Cincinnati” in their mailing addresses. Moreover, the selected Consultant shall conduct a comparative analysis examining Cincinnati’s inclusion spend compared to cities of a comparable size.

Proposed Timeline

1. Preparation Phase (December 2023 – April 2024):
 - Compile and review City payment data
 - **Data migration updates
 - Finalize Request for Proposals (RFP) for firms to conduct the study.
 - Develop, review and finalize the RFP.
2. RFP Release and Firm Selection (April 2024 – June 2024):
 - Release the RFP to solicit bids from qualified firms.
 - Evaluate proposals and select a firm based on qualifications and cost-effectiveness.
3. Study Preparation (June 2024 – August 2024):
 - Contract negotiation with the selected firm.
 - Develop a detailed plan and methodology for the study.
4. Study Implementation (August 2024- June 2025):
 - Provide necessary data and information to the firm.
 - Commence the disparity study as outlined and agreed upon in the prepared plan.
 - Kick off meeting and presentation to City Council
 - Regular check-ins with the study committee and selected firm for progress updates.
 - Mid-point
5. Data Analysis and Reporting (June 2025 – September 2025):
 - Analyze collected data and information.
 - Compile findings and draft a comprehensive report.
6. Review and Presentation (September 2025 – November 2025)
 - Review the draft report internally for accuracy and completeness.
 - Prepare a presentation to the City Council summarizing the findings.
 - Present the final report to the City Council for review and discussion.

*****Challenges***

DEI is dedicating resources to improving the current data migration process. The data migration exports contract payments and PO payments from CFS to B2GNow by using Microsoft Access. DEI has been facilitating data migration over the past two years and has recently seen issues with payments not posting to the contract. The City’s Enterprise Technology Solutions department is investigating the issue as payment data will be a major component analyzed in the proposed disparity study.

Anticipated Fiscal Impact

Based on the proposed scope of services and previous proposal submissions, staff anticipates a total cost of \$900,000-\$1,000,000 to conduct a new unlimiting and comprehensive disparity study.

c:/ Natasha S. Hampton, Assistant City Manager
 Laura Castillo, Interim Director, Department of Economic Inclusion

SCOPE OF SERVICES/SPECIFICATIONS

A. Project Management Plan

The Consultant shall develop a project management plan that sets forth, among other things, a timeline for the initiation, progress and completion of each component of the disparity study; including the provision of periodic drafts of the disparity study report and the submission of a written final disparity study report; identifies the project management team that will be the city's primary contact throughout the disparity study, delineating the specific component(s) of the disparity study for which each member of the team shall be the primary contact; includes details regarding a project initiation meeting and regular progress and status update meetings with and reporting to the city, including DEI, to ensure any potential obstacle to the completion of the disparity study and submission of the final disparity study report on-time and within budget is identified at the earliest possible date; identifies records and data sources the Consultant will need to review in connection with the disparity study data collection and analyses; specifies plans the design and implementation of community engagement that is direct, meaningful and sets forth plans for participation in public hearings, and presentations to City leadership.

B. Legal Review and Analysis

The Consultant shall design and conduct a disparity study that meets the requirements of existing law, including the *Croson* decision and subsequent case law, with a specific, although not exclusive, consideration of cases from the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, and any other relevant jurisprudence. Within a legal review section of the final disparity study report, the Consultant will provide an analysis of relevant law and will set forth both the requirements for a legally sound study and for the implementation of legally defensible remedies that will meet the applicable standard for judicial scrutiny if challenged. The legal section of the disparity report shall make clear how the disparity study and recommended remedies satisfy those requirements.

C. Availability Review and Analysis

The Consultant shall perform an appropriate review and analysis to determine the availability within the relevant market area of minority-owned-and-controlled and women-owned-and-controlled businesses, disaggregated by racial/ethnic group and gender, that are qualified, ready, willing, and able to do business with the City of Cincinnati, broken down by Construction, Architecture and Engineering, Professional Services, Other Services, and Supplies contracts.

1. The Consultant shall conduct an appropriate review and analysis to determine the relevant market area considering relevant jurisprudence, instructive caselaw, and the geographic distribution of city contracts during the study period. The final disparity study report shall identify the relevant market area, discuss the manner in which the Consultant made its determination, and include the summary data that supports the market area determination.
2. The final disparity study report shall discuss the manner in which the Consultant determined availability, specifically (although not necessarily exclusively) as it relates to how the Consultant (a) made its determination that a contractor is ready to do business with the city; (b) made its determination that a contractor is willing to do business with the city; and (c) made its determination that a contractor has the capacity/is able to do business with the city. To the extent to which the Consultant utilized the directories or other lists maintained by government agencies, chambers of commerce, or other organizations as a resource in determining availability, the final disparity study report shall specify each specific directory or list the Consultant determined was a credible and reliable source of such information and upon which it relied. In its determination of availability, the Consultant shall utilize, among other resources,

the City of Cincinnati's directory of city-certified SBE, SLBE, ELBE, MBE and WBE firms.

3. The Consultant shall categorize each minority-owned-and-controlled and women-owned-and-controlled businesses identified by the Consultant to be available ("ready, willing, and able to do business with the city") as a prime contractor or as a subcontractor and located within the relevant market area by race/ethnicity, gender, primary classification/contract type (Construction, Professional Services, Non-Professional Services, and Supplies/Services), and the primary North American Industry Classification System ("NAICS") code the Consultant determines is most appropriate for the nature of the work performed by the firm. If there is no appropriate NAICS code for the work, the Consultant shall identify the primary National Institute of Government Purchasing ("NIGP") code applicable to the firm.
4. The final disparity study report shall include summary information that indicates the number (disaggregated by racial/ethnic group and gender) and fractional proportion of those minority-owned-and-controlled and women-owned-and-controlled firms by classification/contract type and in total.
5. A detailed list of those firms included in the summary information shall be provided to the City of Cincinnati in an acceptable database format accessible by the City of Cincinnati and from which the city can filter, sort and export data and generate reports and visualizations. The information contained in the database detail shall include the name of the firm; any contact information (address, email, telephone number, etc.) provided to or culled from other resources by the Consultant; the primary NAICS code the Consultant determined was most appropriate for the nature of the work performed by the firm or, if there is no appropriate NAICS code for the work, the primary NIGP code applicable to the firm; the race/ethnicity and gender of the interests representing majority ownership of the business; the Consultant's determination as to the contract category in which the firm was included for purposes of the study; the source from which the firm was identified; and any other demographic information upon which the Consultant relied in its analysis.
6. The Consultant should determine, and the final disparity study report should address, whether there is evidence that private marketplace conditions and/or racial/ethnic or gender discrimination exists which may cause an imbalance in the availability and capacity of minority-owned-and-controlled and women-owned-and-controlled firms in the relevant market area.

D. Utilization Review and Analysis

The Consultant shall perform an appropriate review and analysis to determine the actual utilization of minority-owned-and-controlled and women-owned-and-controlled firms within the relevant market area as prime contractors and as subcontractors on city contracts during the identified study period, disaggregated by race/ethnicity and gender, by contract type, and by contract size.

1. The Consultant shall collect and review prime contractor payment data maintained by the City of Cincinnati in the City's financial system ("CFS"), the prime and subcontractor payment and award data exported to or directly entered into the B2Gnow third-party vendor system for contracts subject to subcontracting inclusion goals, the award data maintained by the City's Department of Economic Inclusion for contracts valued at \$50,000.00 or more that were approved by the City Manager through the Procurement Review process and were awarded to MBE or WBE firms and/or were subject to mandatory MBE/WBE inclusion goals, and all other project files, documents, databases, surveys, questionnaires or other information relevant to a determination of prime and subcontract awards and payments during the study period. To the extent there may be gaps in the city subcontract data, the Consultant shall reach out to

prime contractors to ascertain any necessary information.

2. The final disparity study report shall identify all sources from which the Consultant extracted prime utilization data and all sources from which it extracted subcontract utilization data.
3. All contracts valued at \$5,000.00 or above are to be included in the utilization analysis.
4. If the volume of purchases under \$5,000.00 makes it cost-prohibitive to include each of those individual purchases in the disparity study, the Consultant may utilize a statistically significant random sample of appropriate sample size and methodology for those purchases. The proposal should identify the sample methodology likely to be utilized, and the final disparity study report shall describe in greater detail the methodology utilized for selecting its representative sample.
5. The Consultant shall organize the utilization data using contract value ranges that, at a minimum, mirror the thresholds for the various procurement processes set forth in the relevant City ordinances and administrative regulations, i.e, \$5,000.00 and under, \$5,000.01 to \$49,999.99, \$50,000.00 to \$249,999.99, and \$250,000.00 or more. The Consultant may further subdivide that utilization data into smaller subsets if the Consultant believes useful and appropriate.
6. The final disparity study report will provide summary data for prime contractor utilization within each contract value range, disaggregated by contract type and further disaggregated by race/ethnicity and gender, indicating the number and relative percentage of total contracts and the dollar value and relative percentage of total dollar value of all contracts of that type for each racial/ethnic and gender group.
7. The Consultant separately shall provide to the city the underlying data identifying the specific prime contractors included in the summary information in an acceptable database format accessible by the City of Cincinnati and from which the city can filter, sort and export data and generate reports and visualizations. The information contained in the database detail shall include the name of the prime contractor; the contract number; the contract name (if applicable); the awarded value of the contract, including amendments and change orders; the award date; the primary NAICS code the Consultant determined was most applicable to the contract or, if there is no appropriate NAICS code for the contract, the primary NIGP code applicable to the contract; the race/ethnicity and gender of the prime contractor as considered by the Consultant in its utilization analysis; the Consultant's determination as to the contract category (Construction, Professional Services or Supplies/Services); the total payments made to the prime contractor under the contract; the Retained Payments (payments made by the City less payments made to subcontractors); and any other information upon which the Consultant relied in its utilization analysis.

E. Disparity Review and Analysis

The Consultant shall use the information from its Availability Review and Analysis and the information from its Utilization Review and Analysis to determine whether a statistically significant disparity exists between the expected utilization of minority-owned-and-controlled firms and women-owned-and-controlled firms (based on their availability in the relevant market area) and the actual utilization of those firms on City contracts during the study period.

1. The statistical analysis shall be conducted separately for prime contract utilization and for subcontract utilization within each contract dollar value range determined in the Utilization Review and Analysis.

2. Within each such prime contract and subcontract analysis, the Consultant shall determine and report whether there is a statistically significant disparity in the utilization of contractors by contract type (Construction, Professional Services, and Supplies/Services), with the information specifically disaggregated by race/ethnicity and by gender. The reported information included in the final disparity study report shall include the dollar value of the utilization, the percentage of utilization, the determined percentage of availability, the expected dollar value of utilization based on availability, and the identified disparity between the expected utilization and the actual utilization, if any.
3. The final disparity study report shall identify and generally discuss the statistical model and methodologies utilized to determine whether a statistically significant disparity in utilization exists within each group.
4. If the Consultant determines that a disparity exists in any category or group, the Consultant shall determine whether evidence exists, including but not limited to anecdotal evidence, that the disparity is the result of active or passive discrimination. That analysis also shall include a review of the city's relevant procurement ordinances, policies, regulations, and practices to determine whether there are any barriers to full participation in city contracting by minority-owned-and-controlled and by women-owned-and-controlled firms. The final disparity study report shall address those findings with specificity and shall discuss the existence or non-existence of such evidence. The information collected from interviews, surveys, questionnaires and other means during the disparity study shall be the property of and made available to the City at the end of the contract, or earlier if requested.

F. Recommendations and Remedies

The Consultant shall formulate and present recommendations for both race-and-gender-neutral and race-and-gender-conscious remedies, including amendments or modifications to existing programs, designed to address any identified statistically significant disparities in the utilization of minority-owned-and-controlled and women-owned-and-controlled firms in the relevant market area that are ready, willing and able to do business with the city.

1. Recommendations for race-and-gender-conscious remedies must be designed to meet the evidentiary requirements for the level of judicial scrutiny applicable to each such remedy if challenged. Such recommendations also should consider the effectiveness of the existing MBE/WBE Program and related procurement rules in achieving more inclusive and proportionate contracting with minority-owned-and-controlled and women-owned-and-controlled firms when compared to their availability in the market area.
2. Recommendations for race-and-gender-neutral remedies should take into consideration the effectiveness of the existing SBE Program and existing race-and-gender-neutral procurement rules in achieving more inclusive and proportionate contracting with minority-owned-and-controlled and women-owned-and-controlled firms when compared to their availability in the market area.
3. In the event any race- and/or gender-conscious remedies implemented by the city in accordance with the recommendations of the Consultant are challenged through litigation, the Consultant, if requested, shall serve as an expert witness to defend the disparity study and the recommendations of the final disparity study report, and the Consultant shall cooperate with the City in its preparation and presentation of a defense against such action.

G. Periodic Project Deliverables

1. Within 14 days of receiving notice to proceed with the disparity study, the Consultant shall have completed its initiation meeting with the city.
2. Within 30 days of receiving notice to proceed with the disparity study, the Consultant shall provide the DEI with a preliminary outline of the proposed final disparity study report, identifying the main section headings and any anticipated sub-section headings with a general description of the type of information that will be included within each heading and sub-heading.
3. Beginning 30 days after receiving notice to proceed with the disparity study, and continuing every 30 days throughout the contract period, the Consultant shall provide written progress reports to DEI that set forth, at a minimum:
 - a. A description of the specific activities conducted since the date of the last report;
 - b. The to-date progress toward completion on each component of the disparity study delineated in the approved Project Management Plan;
 - c. A description of the specific activities the Consultant plans to conduct within the next 30 days;
 - d. An indication as to whether any potential obstacles or issues have arisen or are foreseen but were not originally anticipated that may create a delay or cost overrun in the completion of any component of the disparity study; quantification of the projected resulting delay and/or cost overrun; the efforts made to-date to resolve those matters; and the proposed plan for moving forward; and
 - e. Any other information the Consultant believes may be relevant or the city, acting through DEI, may request.
4. At the midpoint in the established disparity study timeline, the Consultant's report for that month shall include the following additional information:
 - a. Provision to the city of access to all preliminary database information that has been collected to-date relative to the Availability Review and Analysis and the Utilization Review and Analysis;
 - b. Preliminary observations made from the data reviewed and analyzed to-date, including any assumptions made by the Consultant and any identified conditions that may impact the disparity study;
 - c. A list of all of the data sources reviewed by the Consultant to-date;
 - d. A supplemental outline of the draft final disparity study report with additional detail regarding the information to be included within each heading and sub-heading and the identification of any additional sub-headings; and
 - e. Any additional information that may be requested by the city.
5. No later than 60 days before the scheduled date for the submission of the final disparity study report, the Consultant shall submit a preliminary rough draft of the report in electronic form to DEI for the City Administration's review and comment. At the time of the submission of the preliminary rough draft, the services and analyses required by the scope of work under the contract may not be complete. However, the preliminary rough draft must be complete for any component of the disparity study for which the timeline for completion of review and analysis has passed without agreed amendment and must be substantially complete for any component of the disparity study for which additional time remains for completion of the review and analysis. If preliminary rough drafts of individual sections of the final disparity study report

are completed earlier than 60 days prior to the scheduled date for the submission of the final disparity study report, those individual sections can and should be submitted to DEI for review and comment as soon as they are available.

6. Within 14 days of receipt from DEI of the City Administration's comments, the Consultant shall revise the report to provide any clarification or supplementation DEI identifies as necessary to the provision of a clear, thorough, comprehensive, and legally defensible report, and the Consultant shall submit the revised draft to DEI for a final review.
7. Once finally approved by DEI as complete without the need for further clarification or supplementation, the final Disparity study report shall be provided to DEI in pdf form along with 12 bound paper copies.
8. At the conclusion of the contract, the Consultant shall provide the city with all notes, working papers, underlying records and analyses that may be helpful in defending the disparity study or any final disparity study report recommendations implemented by the city if the same were to be challenged by the initiation of any legal proceeding. A presentation shall be given in person to the City Council by the consultant summarizing the findings.

January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202400018
From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager
Subject: CFD's Preparedness to Treat Electric Vehicle (EV) Fires

Reference Document #202301910

The Public Safety and Governance Committee, at its session on October 3, 2023, referred to the following item for review and report:

MOTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the Administration provide a report within 60 days on our Cincinnati Fire Department's preparedness to treat electric vehicle fires. The report should include whether we can transport sufficient amounts of water and what alternative treatments we have, as well as what we need to acquire. (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

The Cincinnati Fire Department (CFD) received reference document #202301910 on October 3, 2023, requesting that we provide a report regarding our preparedness to fight electric vehicle (EV) and hybrid electric vehicle (HEV) fires as well as our ability to transport the large amounts of water needed to extinguish these fires. Additionally, we recognize the need for specialized equipment for these types of fires and are in the process of testing, examining, and procuring this equipment.

Challenges Faced with Electric Vehicle Fires

All fires are dangerous, however fires involving lithium-ion batteries can be extremely dangerous, particularly those in electric and hybrid electric vehicles. When vehicles with lithium-ion batteries catch fire, they burn hotter, faster and require extraordinary amounts of water to reach final extinguishment.

The CFD has established procedures for securing water sources at structure fires from multiple hydrants and would do the same for any EV fire. Accessing adequate water could become a major challenge depending on where the vehicle is located at the time of the fire. On a highway or undeveloped roadway, the CFD may have to let

the vehicle burn and simply seek to protect and limit exposures. If copious amounts of water are not readily available, this would be the likely course of action to mitigate the hazard.

Current Response

CFD fire engines carry 500 gallons of water. The department has three apparatus that carry larger quantities of water for airport operations consisting of Tanker 18 (1250 gallons), ARFF 18 (1585 gallons), and ARFF 218 (3000 gallons). With approval from Lunken airport, these resources could be used where there is no water source available.

According to the Cincinnati Fire Prevention Code, hydrants for firefighting purposes shall be located anywhere from 300 – 500 feet from the structure. On our fire engines we carry 1200 feet of 5” supply hose to connect hydrants to pumpers, ensuring an uninterrupted supply of water in areas serviced by hydrants. If extended distances are required, an additional fire engine can be added to relay water. **In short, the CFD has procedures and sufficient hydrants throughout the city to establish water supplies to provide copious amounts of water for EV fires.**

Future Planning and Education

In addition to extinguishing EV fires with water, the CFD is in the process of purchasing EV fire blankets that will be carried on both of our Heavy Rescue units if an EV fire is in an area not easily accessed by a fire engine (e.g., in a parking garage). These will assist in containing the fire and will help to extinguish the materials that do require oxygen to burn (interior finishing products of the vehicle). Studies have shown that these blankets can be draped over a burning electric vehicle, thereby reducing the amount of oxygen available for combustion which in turn helps extinguish the fire.

There are various resources that recommend actions in response to EV vehicle fires, like submerging the vehicle, burying the vehicle, or even letting it burn and focus on protecting exposures. While these are all things to consider, the surrounding environment and conditions will determine if any of these are viable courses of action for extinguishment.

The CFD will continue to research the development of technologies regarding EV fires. There are several nozzles designed to penetrate battery compartments and flood them with water. However, they are currently very costly and there is opposing research regarding their effectiveness. CFD will continue to evaluate best practices, so we can be best prepared to fight these types of fires. An EV fire class is being offered by the county to the CFD on December 12, 2023, in which we will be sending members.

If beneficial, the Cincinnati Fire Department is committed to further explaining these new procedures and technology to any requesting body, including Council's Public Safety and Governance Committee.

cc: Frank C. McKinley, Fire Chief
Virginia Tallent, Assistant City Manager

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Over-the-Rhine South Special Improvement District 2025-2028 Services Plan & Budget

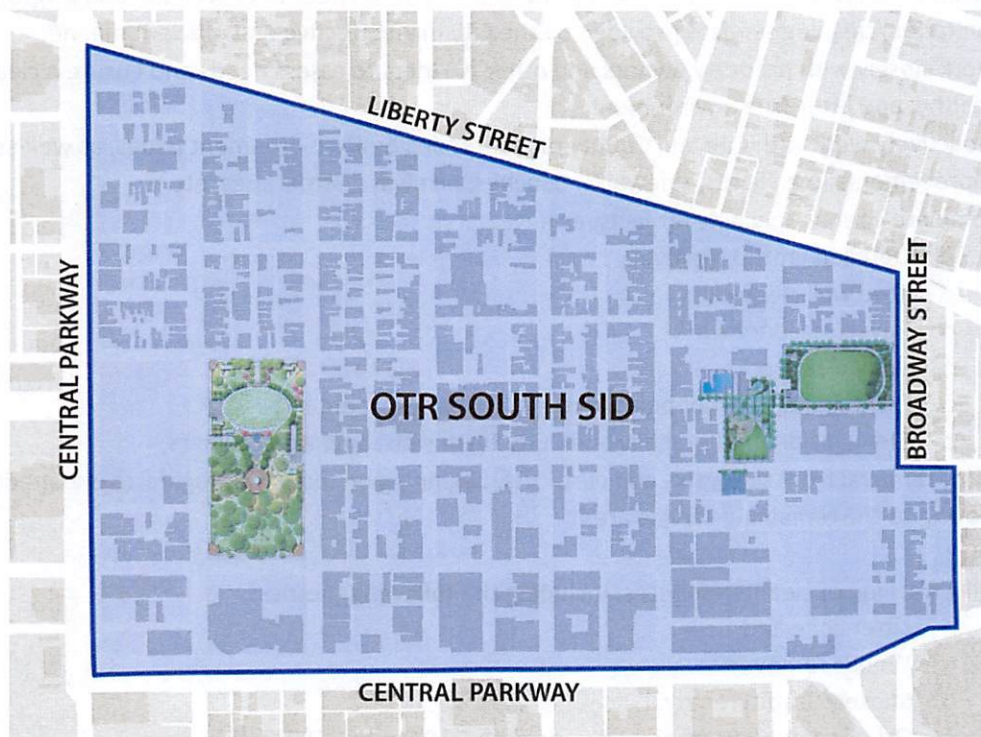
Overview

This brochure is designed to provide information about the Over-the-Rhine South Special Improvement District (OTR South SID), and the 2025-2028 Services Plan and Budget. For the Services Plan and Budget to be approved, state statute requires signatures from property owners representing at least 60% of the front footage **OR** 75% of the assessed value inside the Over-the-Rhine South Improvement District.

The District includes all property within the following boundaries:

- South of Liberty Street
- East of Central Parkway
- North of Central Parkway
- West of Broadway Street

Note: The boundary also extends east of Broadway Street, to Spring Street, from Central Parkway to E 13th Street.



The SID provides funds that are used to carry out a Services Plan, which is executed by a contractor selected to provide the services. In its first term (2021-2024), the SID contracted with Cincinnati Center City Development Corp. (3CDC) to carry out the Services Plan. 3CDC provided employees of the SID a

living wage, covered their benefits at 100%, provided additional support tools such as financial literacy classes and worked with various job readiness programs, placing an emphasis on fair chance hires and hiring individuals in recovery.

Services

The following services will be provided as part of the Over-the-Rhine South Special Improvement District Services Plan.

Goal: Enhance Appearance of Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Spaces

Approach

- Deliver Ambassador Services to maintain and enhance the appearance of sidewalks, curbs, and right-of-way via the following detail cleaning services:
 - Litter abatement
 - Weed abatement
 - Leaf and debris removal
 - Graffiti and sticker removal
 - Short-dump garbage removal
 - Trash bag removal/trash receptacle cleaning
 - Pressure washing/hosing
- Partner with City of Cincinnati's Department of Public Services to coordinate and leverage sanitation/cleaning services provided by the City in an effective and efficient manner
- Work closely with property owners and other partners to assess needs and ensure a clean, healthy, and litter-free environment
- Proactively work with City and County on addressing built-environment issues, as well as making improvements (e.g., lights, sidewalks, benches, bikeways, streateries, etc.)
- Complete various specialty projects, as necessary:
 - Detailed graffiti removal
 - Tree well clean-outs
 - Paver/masonry work
 - Alley cleanup
 - Painting (e.g., street poles, meters, utility boxes, etc.)
 - Clean inside, under and around City trash cans, and replace liners
- Snow removal from sidewalks and curb cuts, beginning on main thoroughfares and gradually moving to the remaining service area

Evaluation:

- Daily tracking of cleaning services, including the following metrics:
 - Litter collected
 - Weeds removed
 - Sticker/Graffiti removal
 - Other categories, as agreed upon with OTR South SID Board
- Specialty projects – time to complete, before/after pictures, and total projects completed
- Snow removal – daily tracking of snow removal by block

Goal: Improve Safety and the Perception of Safety in Over-the-Rhine South

Approach

- Provide extra eyes and ears for the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) by strategically deploying trained Ambassador staff to serve as a highly visible street presence throughout the District; ensure Ambassadors are properly trained to intervene when safety concerns arise, escalating issues to CPD when needed
- Support the Ambassador program and CPD by coordinating and attending meetings of key stakeholders in the District, sending out Virtual Block Watch email communications, partnering with property owners and managers, and creating other programs to maintain a positive environment for OTR South SID workers, visitors and residents
- Maintain regular communication with key community groups, including the OTR Community Council, Pendleton Community Council, OTR Chamber of Commerce, and Downtown Residents Council to ensure ongoing coordination in efforts to improve safety.
- Partner with the [GeneroCity 513](#) initiative to deliver coordinated outreach to individuals who have been driven to panhandling, including those facing unfortunate circumstances like homelessness, addiction and mental illness. Utilizing a multi-faceted approach, help connect panhandlers to social service agencies, and provide strategic case management to the most visible homeless persons in OTR South.
- Address safety issues such as lighting, blighted buildings, etc. through partnerships with the City of Cincinnati, Duke Energy, Hamilton County, and others, handling tasks if possible and advocating in cases where another entity must complete the task (e.g., streetlight replacement)
- Develop various communications to inform key stakeholders about the safety of OTR South (e.g., regular status reports, marketing campaigns)

Evaluation:

- Crime statistics, as provided by the Cincinnati Police Department
- Regular coordination with City's Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) on lights out in the OTR South SID and tracking of progress on repairs/improvements
- Regular tracking of number of safety/business checks by ambassadors
- Regular outreach updates, including numbers of encounters and outcomes

Goal: Encourage Pride in Location and Space

Approach

- Facilitate partnerships among retailers, restaurants, and property owners to enhance and optimize storefronts, lighting, and maintenance
- Lead beautification efforts in collaboration with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, City of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Park Board, Urban Forestry, and other partners to increase tree canopy, maintain landscape areas, assist with streetcar shelter maintenance, etc.
- Help improve front-line hospitality through briefings and other information on features and benefits of OTR South SID for visitors and residents
- Organize volunteer groups for beautification projects, including litter pickup, landscaping and painting on available walls throughout the District.

Evaluation:

- Tracking total number of planters maintained in OTR South District

- Tracking number of trees/plantings added to District
- Tracking number of beautification projects closed out

Goal: Community Engagement and Stakeholder Relations

Approach

- Deliver additional Ambassador Services to connect with the general public and business owners in OTR South, including:
 - Engage the public with friendly greetings and respond to opportunities to provide directions, recommendations or other assistance.
 - Check in with four to eight businesses per shift to engage business managers
 - Act as public safety escorts by meeting district workers, residents or visitors at their location and escorting them to their destination.
- Provide free events, such as movie nights and grill outs, to engage community members and stakeholders and create a positive environment throughout the District.

Evaluation:

- Tracking of ambassador trainings, including customer service classes, certified tourism ambassador certification, safety/de-escalation classes, and new business/district training
- Tracking of:
 - Stakeholder service requests
 - Safety escorts and public interactions
 - Safety/business checks by ambassadors

Budget

The total annual budget to provide the services as outlined in the proposed Plan is \$991,116, with a 3% increase in expenses budgeted in each year of the Services Plan, which concludes in 2028. The allocation of these resources, subject to annual review and adjustment by the OTR South SID Board, is currently projected below.

The total assessment, which begins at \$750,000 in 2025 and increases by \$25,000 each year of the services plan, is comprised of contributions from both private and public property owners. Property assessments will be supplemented by a 3CDC contribution of \$100,000 in 2025, which increases 3% each year. The budget is also supplemented by Community Partner contributions, and additional income sources secured by 3CDC, including event revenues, grants, and cleaning contracts from third parties. With the supplemental revenues provided by 3CDC and its Community partners, total revenues generated in 2025 are budgeted at \$991,116.

	2025	2026	2027	2028
REVENUE				
Special Improvement District Assessment	\$ 750,000	\$ 775,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 825,000
3CDC Contributions	100,000	102,500	105,000	107,500
Event Revenues, Grants, Cleaning Contracts, Etc.	141,116	144,450	147,883	151,420
TOTAL	\$ 991,116	\$ 1,021,950	\$ 1,052,883	\$ 1,083,920
EXPENSES				
Environment: Clean & Safe	\$ 772,921	\$ 799,973	\$ 827,972	\$ 856,951
Environment: Beautification	79,944	82,343	84,813	87,357
Environment: GeneroCity 513	35,000	36,750	38,588	40,517
Stakeholder Services	515	530	546	563
Marketing	525	541	557	574
Events	29,704	30,595	31,513	32,459
Personnel: Non-Clean & Safe	20,931	21,559	22,205	22,871
Overhead	32,207	35,322	34,460	41,260
Reserve	19,369	14,337	12,229	1,368
TOTAL	\$ 991,116	\$ 1,021,950	\$ 1,052,883	\$ 1,083,920

Personnel expenses include support staff that are needed to carry out various Accounting, Human Resources and Communications tasks related to the services performed in the SID. Overhead expenses include Hamilton County's collection fee, insurance, legal services, and accounting services (including preparing an annual 990 tax return and submitting annual reporting of financial information to the Ohio Auditor of State (OAS), which is reviewed by the OAS biennially).

FAQs

What is a Special Improvement District (SID)?

A Special Improvement District (SID) is a private, not-for-profit organization established under state law. A SID is a mechanism through which property owners assess themselves to provide funding for extended services aimed at the economic enhancement of the area. The need for such services has arisen as traditional U.S. cities have faced competition from shopping malls, out-of-town business/shopping centers and other new business districts. The experience of more than 1,000 existing SIDs throughout the United States has demonstrated the effectiveness of this mechanism in addressing the present economic and social challenges of urban development.

What is the SID Services Plan?

The OTR South SID Services Plan outlines the services and activities to be funded by the assessment paid by the property owners in the District. These services can be changed at each new term to meet the changing needs of the District.

Does everyone in the District have to pay the assessment?

If the owners representing 60% of the front footage in the District sign the enclosed petition, then everyone owning private property in the District will receive an assessment for their required portion. Public property – including any church property, or property of the federal or state government or a county, township, or municipal corporation – is exempt, unless the entity specifically requests that the property be included within the district, or unless the church is a member of the existing qualified nonprofit corporation creating the district at the time the district is created.

How will I pay the assessment?

District assessments will be collected by the Hamilton County Auditor's Office. Notification that your assessment is due will appear as part of your semi-annual property tax bill.

What safeguards exist to ensure property owners benefit from the services?

The assessment term is four years and its renewal is determined by the property owners of the District.

The property owners of the District elect their own board of trustees, individuals who own property or represent property owners within the District. Elections are held every four years to coincide with the start of a new Services Plan. This elected board of trustees is responsible for the governance of the OTR South SID – more specifically, for ensuring the Services Plan is being executed by the Service Provider. Owners may appeal to their board of trustees regarding any issue in the District. The board will make every effort to address the legitimate concerns of all property owners. In the event that a majority of property owners believe the District is not providing sufficient benefit, state statute provides a mechanism for the District to be terminated at any time.

How is the assessment calculated?

By state statute, the special improvement district assessment must be apportioned equitably among all property owners within the service delivery area. Within the OTR South SID, plans call for 75% of the cost to be based upon the assessed value of your property, and 25% according to its front footage. Front footage, as defined by Ohio Revised Code 1710.01, is all real property located in the District that abuts

upon any street, alley, public road, place, boulevard, parkway, park entrance, easement, or other existing public improvement within the District. The formula equally distributes the burden among large and small properties.

Property Owner Assessed Value	X	Total District Budget	X	75%	=	Assessed Value Charged to Property Owner
Total OTR SSID Contributors Assessed Value						
Property Owner Front Footage	X	Total District Budget	X	25%	=	Front Footage Charged to Property Owner
Total OTR SSID Contributors Front Footage						

TOTAL Charge to Prop. Owner