



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

2:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

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

ROLL CALL

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

In attendance were City Manager Sheryl Long, City Solicitor Emily Smart Woerner, and Clerk of Council Melissa Autry.

Council observed a moment of silence prayer and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

There being no objection, Minutes of the previous session of Council were Approved and Filed.

MS. KEARNEY

- 1. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **DECLARING** that Seymour Avenue at Reading Road in the Bond Hill neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Allen Temple AME Church Way" in honor of Allen Temple AME Church and in recognition of 200 years as an important part of the Cincinnati community and its service and contributions to the City of Cincinnati.

[202400836](#)

Referred to Healthy Neighborhoods Committee

MR. WALSH

- 2. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Councilmember Walsh, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **DECLARING** that 12th Street at Vine Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Theatre Row" in recognition of the theatres in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood and the arts and culture community in the City of Cincinnati.

[202400838](#)

Referred to Healthy Neighborhoods Committee

CITY MANAGER

3. **REPORT**, dated 3/6/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for ICON Concerts 2024. [202400730](#)
Filed
4. **REPORT**, dated 3/6/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Vampire Weekend - ICON Festival Stage. [202400731](#)
Filed
5. **REPORT**, dated 03/13/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager regarding Finance and Budget Monitoring Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2023. [202400818](#)
Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
6. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/13/2024, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 65-2022, as amended by Ordinance No. 226-2022, to increase the amount of a grant award from the Ohio Department of Education from \$1,096,596.87 to \$1,190,656.50; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate additional funds of up to \$94,059.63, effective FY 2024, from the Ohio Department of Education, for a total grant of up to \$1,190,656.50, to provide resources to fund the expansion of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission's Summer Learning and Afterschool Opportunities programs. [202400819](#)
Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
7. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/13/2024, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242376, "Wooster Road MRF Grant," to rehabilitate Wooster Road in the neighborhood of Linwood in the City of Cincinnati; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$200,000 from the Hamilton County Municipal Road Fund to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242376, "Wooster Road MRF Grant"; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242376, "Wooster Road MRF Grant"; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources. [202400820](#)
Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
8. **REPORT**, dated 3/13/2024 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 Millies Plughouse LLC, DBA Mint Millies in Town, 24 E. Sixth Street. (#60130550001, TREX, D5 D6) [Objections: Yes] [202400821](#)
Filed

9. **REPORT**, dated 3/13/2024 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 Cincinnati Park Board Burnet Woods, 3251 Brookline Avenue. (#1514087, Temp, F8) [Objections: None]

[202400824](#)

Filed

10. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/13/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$840,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Evanston Equivalent Fund 490 to the Department of Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account no. 490x162x7200 to provide resources to support The Bridge 8K, LLC's acquisition and redevelopment of 1740 Brewster Avenue, 3570 Montgomery Road, and 3604-3608 Montgomery Road (collectively, the "Properties"); and **DECLARING** that expenditures from the Department of Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account no. 490x162x7200 to develop the Properties are for a public purpose and constitute a "Housing Renovation" (as defined in Section 5709.40(A)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code) that will benefit and/or serve the District 11-Evanston District Incentive District, subject to compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>).

[202400825](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

11. **REPORT**, dated 3/13/2024 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 Fix Coffeehouse EWH LLC, 2835 Woodburn Avenue (#2748620, TREX, D1) [Objections: None]

[202400826](#)

Filed

12. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/13/2024, MODIFYING Chapter 507, "One-Way Streets," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by AMENDING Section 507-1-F, "Fifteenth Street, west from Vine Street to Central Parkway," to convert the portion of Fifteenth Street located between Walnut Street and Vine Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood from a two-way street to a westbound one-way street.

[202400828](#)

Referred to Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee

CLERK OF COUNCIL

13. **REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Ashley M. Ward, Esq., Attorney, 215 E. Ninth Street, Suite 601, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (OHIO JUSTICE & POLICY CENTER)

[202400839](#)

Filed

14. **REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Kevin Werner, Policy Director, 215 E. Ninth Street, Suite 601, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (OHIO JUSTICE & POLICY CENTER)

[202400840](#)

- Filed
15. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for William F Vedra III/City Manager's Office/ECC Director. [202400841](#)
- Filed
16. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Amanda Gabrielle Gray/MSD/Superintendent. [202400842](#)
- Filed
17. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Todd J Smith/GCWW/IT Manager. [202400843](#)
- Filed
18. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Joyce Ann Tate/Health Department/Assistant Health Commissioner. [202400844](#)
- Filed
19. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Matthew E. Shad/B&I/Division Manager. [202400845](#)
- Filed
20. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Rich C. Robins/Public Services.Superintendent. [202400846](#)
- Filed
21. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Tiffany Reece Stewart/CRC/Assistant Director. [202400847](#)
- Filed
22. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Jenny Mobley/Parks/Deputy Director. [202400848](#)
- Filed
23. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Mark A. Menkhaus Jr/Health Department/Division Manager. [202400849](#)
- Filed
24. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Eugene Lackey/Division Manager. [202400850](#)
- Filed
25. **STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of [202400854](#)
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the Financial Disclosure Statement for Natasha Sharee Hampton/Assistant City Manager.

Filed

- 26. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Michelle Daniels/Assistant Health Commissioner.

[202400860](#)

Filed

- 27. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Crystal Ann Courtney/Parks/Division Manager of Natural Resources.

[202400861](#)

Filed

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 28. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/6/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$135,030.86 from the FY 2023 Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund through the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services to provide resources for personnel costs related to investigations conducted pursuant to Title III of the Federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 24ODLE.

[202400699](#)

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Harris
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Enactment No: 0090-2024

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Harris
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Owens
 Enactment No: 0090-2024

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

[202400678](#)

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Harris
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Owens
 Enactment No: 0091-2024

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Harris
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Owens
 Enactment No: 0091-2024

30. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on

[202400679](#)

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

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Harris
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Enactment No: 0092-2024

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Harris
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Enactment No: 0092-2024

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

[202400680](#)

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Harris
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Owens
 Enactment No: 0093-2024

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Harris
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Owens
 Enactment No: 0093-2024

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

[202400729](#)

Passed Emergency

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

 Enactment No: 0094-2024

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Harris
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Owens
 Enactment No: 0094-2024

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Harris
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Owens
 Enactment No: 0094-2024

- 33. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/6/2024, **DECLARING** improvements to certain real property located at 221 E. Fourth Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, to be a public purpose and exempt from real property taxation for a period of thirty years pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.41; and **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 412-2002, passed on December 18, 2002, as amended, to remove such real property from the operation of that ordinance. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>).

[202400698](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Harris
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Enactment No: 0095-2024

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Harris
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Enactment No: 0095-2024

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Harris
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Enactment No: 0095-2024

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

[202400736](#)

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

Adopted

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

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 2:13 P.M.