



# City of Cincinnati

## Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Jeff Cramerding  
Vice Chair Evan Nolan  
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys  
Councilmember Anna Albi  
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney  
Councilmember Meeka Owens  
Councilmember Scotty Johnson  
Councilmember Seth Walsh  
Councilmember Ryan James

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**Monday, June 8, 2026**

**1:00 PM**

**Council Chambers, Room 300**

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#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** Jeff Cramerding  
Vice Chair Evan Nolan  
Anna Albi  
Ryan James  
Mark Jeffreys  
Scotty Johnson  
Jan-Michele Kearney  
Meeka Owens  
Seth Walsh

#### PRESENTATIONS

#### Capital Planning, Debt Capacity & Debt Affordability Part II

**Davenport & Company**

**Kyle Laux, Senior Vice-President**

**Roland Kooch, Senior Vice-President**

**A.J. Allen, Associate Vice-President**

#### AGENDA

#### COMMUNICATION

1. COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Owens, regarding the Ohio Department of Taxation pause on the consideration of any new data

center tax exemption requests.

This Communication was Filed

### **TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS**

2. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of \$14,044 from Councilmember Kearney's General Fund personnel services operating budget account no. 050x029x7100 to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 effective immediately; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$5,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2581, "Reserve for Special Events Support" effective immediately; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$5,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2581, "Reserve for Special Events Support," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 effective July 1, 2026; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$5,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Office of the City Manager non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to provide resources for the Cincinnati Metro Athletic Conference ("CMAC") Leadership Conference, which is a transformative one-day event uniting players, coaches, and community leaders across the CMAC football program, effective July 1, 2026; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$4,522 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Recreation Special Activities Fund 323 effective immediately; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$4,522 from the unappropriated surplus of Recreation Special Activities Fund 323 to Cincinnati Recreation Commission personnel operating budget account no. 323x199x7100 to provide resources for youth employment effective July 1, 2026; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$4,522 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, "Discretionary Reserve," to preserve resources for commitments made in FY 2026 that will be fulfilled in FY 2027 effective immediately; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$4,522 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, "Discretionary Reserve," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 effective July 1, 2026; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$4,522 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Department of Opportunity and Resident Services non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x161x7200 to provide resources for the Mobile Market Project effective July 1, 2026.

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3. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$5,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2581, "Reserve for Special Events Support," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050, effective July 1, 2026; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$5,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Office of the City Manager non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to provide resources for the Cincinnati Metro Athletic Conference Leadership Conference, effective July 1, 2026.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

4. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney and Councilmember Walsh, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$7,557 within the General Fund from and to various City Council General Fund operating budget accounts, according to the attached Schedule of Transfer, to realign the office budgets of various City Councilmembers.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

5. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/3/2026, AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$116,627.30 from the unappropriated surplus of Miscellaneous Permanent Improvement Fund 757 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x981x262534, "Fleet Replacements - Obsolete," to acquire automotive and motorized equipment using proceeds from the sale and subrogation of obsolete automotive and motorized equipment.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

6. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/8/2026, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to appropriate resources generated by interest earnings in the amount of up to \$3,700,000 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x243x252400, "Convention Center District Development Grant," to provide resources for the redevelopment of the Convention Center District, pursuant to Agreement No. 55x112, "Grant Agreement Between the Office of Budget and Management and the City of Cincinnati"; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit certain interest earnings associated with the "Convention Center District Development"

grant project into capital improvement program project account no. 980x243x252400, "Convention Center District Development Grant."

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

### **HUD ENTITLEMENT GRANTS**

7. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/3/2026, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$10,925,956 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Program (ALN 14.218) to various newly established Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 project accounts, in accordance with the attached Appropriation Schedule and in accordance with the 2026 Annual Action Plan, to fund projects and operating allocations for the CDBG Program; ANNOUNCING the City's intent to use said sums for projects and operating allocations for the CDBG Program in accordance with the 2026 Annual Action Plan, and the attached Appropriation Schedule, and to file the 2026 Annual Action Plan; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to file the 2026 Annual Action Plan.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

8. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/3/2026, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$2,596,978.03 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Home Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Grant Program (ALN 14.239) to various Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project accounts in accordance with the attached Appropriation Schedule; ANNOUNCING the City's intent to file the 2026 Annual Action Plan and to use said sums as set forth in the attached Appropriation Schedule for projects and operating allocations for the HOME Program in accordance with the 2026 Annual Action Plan; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to file the 2026 Annual Action Plan.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

9. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/3/2026, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$972,328 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG") Program (ALN 14.231) to various newly established Emergency Shelter Grant Fund 445 project accounts in accordance with the attached Appropriation Schedule

and the 2026 Annual Action Plan to fund projects and operating allocations for the ESG Program; ANNOUNCING the City's intent to use this sum for projects and operating allocations for the ESG Program, in accordance with the 2026 Annual Action Plan and the attached Appropriation Schedule; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to file the 2026 Annual Action Plan.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

10. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/3/2026, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of \$2,043,145 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS ("HOPWA") Grant Program (ALN 14.241) into Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Fund 465 according to the attached Appropriation Schedule to provide funding to projects and operating allocations for the HOPWA Grant Program; announcing the City's intent to use said sum for projects and operating allocations for the HOPWA Grant Program according to the 2026 Annual Action Plan and the attached Appropriation Schedule, and to file the 2026 Annual Action Plan; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to file the 2026 Annual Action Plan.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

### **GRANTS AND CREDITS**

11. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/3/2026, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a grant of up to \$24,620 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to reimburse the Cincinnati Parks Department for engineering, fabrication, and installation of a giant butterfly display outside of Krohn Conservatory to support the annual butterfly show; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into Fund 332, "Krohn Conservatory Fund," revenue account no. 332x8571.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

12. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/3/2026, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of \$56,151 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to Cincinnati Riverfront Park Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 329x202x7200 to reimburse the Cincinnati Parks Department for costs incurred for additional security at Riverfront Park from July 2025 to

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September 2025; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Fund 329, "Cincinnati Riverfront Park Fund," revenue account no. 329x8571.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/3/2026, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$150,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks Grant Program to provide resources for the acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of public outdoor recreational areas.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

14. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/3/2026, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a grant of up to \$25,000 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to reimburse the Cincinnati Parks Department for expenses incurred by the Explore Nature! program to provide scholarships and busing services to program participants with financial needs; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Fund 326, "Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund," revenue account no. 326x8571.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

15. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/3/2026, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$29,804 from the Ford Motor Company to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x981x232505, "Fleet Replacements," to acquire automotive and motorized equipment funded by the cash value of the credits received from the purchase of automotive parts.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

### **FUNDING AGREEMENTS**

16. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/3/2026, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a funding agreement with Adopt A Class to provide one-time operational support to the program; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to expend up to \$20,000 from the City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to provide one-time operational support to Adopt A Class; and DECLARING such expenditure

to serve a public purpose.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

**PAYMENTS**

- 17. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/3/2026, AUTHORIZING a payment of \$4,440 from permanent improvement program project account no. 758x272x2000x7316x262720, "Administrative & Firehouse Furniture and Equipment," as a moral obligation to Upstate Wholesale Supply, Inc. dba Brite for information technology equipment purchases made in August 2025.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

- 18. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/3/2026, AUTHORIZING a payment of \$4,250 from Department of Transportation and Engineering capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x5000x7682x232377, "Hillside Stairway Rehabilitation Program," to York Venture, Inc., as a moral obligation for appraisal services related to the Polk Street Project provided between August 27, 2025, and April 15, 2026.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

**SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT**

- 19. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/3/2026, LEVYING assessments for unpaid costs incurred by the City of Cincinnati in making emergency repairs to sidewalks, sidewalk areas, curbs, and gutters at various locations in the City through the City of Cincinnati's Sidewalk Safety Program, in accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code Sections 721-149 through 721-169.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage to the Cincinnati City Council

**ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHANGES**

- 20. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/3/2026, the provisions of the Administrative Code of the City of Cincinnati ("Administrative Code") by ORDAINING new Article XXXI, "Department of Economic Inclusion and Procurement"; MODIFYING the provisions of Chapter 320, "Compliance Guidelines for Construction Contracts Issued By Water Works and the Department of Sewers," of the

Cincinnati Municipal Code (“CMC”) by ORDAINING new Section 320-1-C3, “City Purchasing Agent,” AMENDING Sections 320-5, “Apprenticeship Requirements,” and 320-9, “Monitoring and Reporting,” and REPEALING Section 320-1-D, “Director”; MODIFYING the provisions of Chapter 321, “Procurement and Disposal of Supplies, Services and Construction,” of the CMC by AMENDING Section 321-118, “Applicability of Prevailing Wage Rates to City Development Agreements”; MODIFYING the provisions of Chapter 323, “Small Business Enterprise and Local Business Enterprise Programs,” of the CMC by AMENDING Sections 323-1-C, “Certification,” 323-1-C2, “Commercially Useful Function,” 323-1-D, “Department,” 323-1-I, “Independent Ownership and Control,” 323-3, “Purpose; Scope and Limitations,” 323-7, “SBE Certification,” 323-9, “SLBE or ELBE Certification,” 323-11, “SBE Program Goals,” 323-17, “Mandatory Subcontracting to SLBEs/ELBEs,” 323-19, “SLBE/ELBE Sheltered Market Program,” 323-21, “Sanctions,” 323-23, “Appeal,” 323-25, “Duties of the Department of Economic Inclusion,” 323-27, “City Maintained Records and Reports,” 323-29, “SBE, SLBE and ELBE Resource Information,” 323-31, “SBE, SLBE and ELBE Directory,” 323-33, “SBE, SLBE and ELBE Assistance to Provide an Equitable Opportunity to Compete for Contracts and Subcontracts,” 323-35, “Contractor and Subcontractor Assistance to Support Compliance with Applicable SBE, SLBE and ELBE Requirements,” and 323-99, “Penalties,” and REPEALING Section 323-1-D1, “Director”; MODIFYING the provisions of Chapter 324, “Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program,” of the CMC by AMENDING Sections 324-1-C, “Certification,” 324-1-C4, “Compliance,” 324-1-C7, “Contract Participation Goals,” 324-1-D, “Department,” 324-1-G, “Good Faith Efforts,” 324-1-S1, “Solicitation Goal,” 324-1-S3, “Subcontractor Utilization Plan,” 324-11, “MBE and WBE Certification,” 324-13, “Annual Participation Goals for the MBE/WBE Program,” 324-15, “MBE and WBE Participation Goals,” 324-19, “Subcontractor Utilization,” 324-21, “City Agency Pre-Solicitation Goal Waiver or Reduction Requests,” 324-22, “Vendor Good Faith Efforts to Meet Goals,” 324-23, “Requests for Post-Award Waivers or Reductions of Contract Participation Goals; Substitution of MBEs or WBEs,” 324-27, “Counting MBE and WBE Participation,” 324-35, “Request for Reconsideration and Appeal of Denial of Certification,” 324-37, “Duties of the Department of Economic Inclusion,” 324-39, “City Maintained Records and Reports,” 324-41, “MBE and WBE Resource Information,” 324-43, “MBE and WBE Directory,” 324-45, “MBE and WBE Assistance to Provide an Equitable Opportunity to Compete for Contracts and Subcontracts,” 324-47, “Enforcement,” and 324-49, “Economic Inclusion Advocacy and Accountability Board,” and

REPEALING Section 324-1-D1, "Director"; MODIFYING the provisions of Chapter 325, "Equal Employment Opportunity Program," of the CMC by AMENDING Sections 325-5, "Duties of the Department of Economic Inclusion," 325-7, "Requirements for Execution of City Contracts," 325-9, "Equal Employment Opportunity Clause," 325-11, "Notice to and Requirements of Bidders and Offerors," and 325-13, "Enforcement and Appeal"; MODIFYING the provisions of Chapter 326, "Wage Enforcement," of the CMC by AMENDING Sections 326-5, "Contract or Agreement Provisions," and 326-7, "Wage Theft Monitoring, Investigation and Compliance"; MODIFYING the provisions of the Administrative Code by REPEALING Sections 23, "Division of Purchasing; City Purchasing Agent; Duties," 24, "City Purchasing Agent; Duties," and 25, "City Purchasing Agent: Combined Purchases; Authorization to Sign Contracts," of Article IX, "Department of Finance"; and MODIFYING the provisions of the Administrative Code by REPEALING Article XXIX, "Department of Economic Inclusion." (COUNCILMEMBER JAMES RECUSED FROM THIS ITEM)

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage to the Cincinnati City Council

### **BUDGET COMMUNICATIONS**

- 21.** COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Nolan regarding FY27 Budget Adjustment Priorities.

This Communication was Filed

- 22.** COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Cramerding regarding FY27 Budget Adjustment Priorities.

This Communication was Filed

- 23.** COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Walsh regarding FY27 Budget Adjustment Priorities.

This Communication was Filed

- 24.** COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys regarding FY27 Budget Adjustment Priorities.

This Communication was Filed

- 25.** COMMUNICATION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney regarding FY27 Budget Adjustment Priorities.

This Communication was Filed

- 26.** COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Johnson regarding FY27 Budget Adjustment Priorities.

This Communication was Filed

- 27.** COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Albi regarding FY27 Budget Adjustment Priorities.

This Communication was Filed

- 28.** COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Owens regarding FY27 Budget Adjustment Priorities.

This Communication was Filed

- 29.** COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember James regarding FY27 Budget Adjustment Priorities.

This Communication was Filed

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- 30.** PRESENTATION submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 6/8/2026, regarding Capital Planning, Debt Capacity, and Debt Affordability Part II.

This Presentation was Filed

ADJOURNMENT