



City of Cincinnati

Housing & Growth

Meeting Minutes - Final

Chairperson Mark Jeffreys
Vice Chair Anna Albi
Councilmember Jeff Cramerding
Councilmember Ryan James
Councilmember Evan Nolan
Councilmember Meeka Owens
Councilmember Seth Walsh

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 1:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

AGENDA

Present: Chairperson Jeffreys
Vice Chair Anna Albi
Ryan James
Evan Nolan
Meeka Owens
Seth Walsh

Absent: Jeff Cramerding

PRESENTATIONS

Experience Mill Creek

Gus Ricksecker, Capacity Development Manager, HomeBase Cincinnati

Daniella Beltran, Planning Team Lead, Yard & Company

Rev. Sandra Davis, Working In Neighborhoods Board Member, South Cumminsville Resident

Derrick Feagin, President of the South Cumminsville Community Council

1. PRESENTATION submitted by Councilmember Mark Jeffreys regarding Experience Mill Creek.

This Presentation was Filed

2. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/14/2026, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to Community Reinvestment

Area Tax Exemption Agreement with E.M.A. Freeman L.L.C., amending an agreement previously authorized by Council for a 100 percent tax exemption of the value of improvements made to real property located at 2022-2024 Freeman Avenue in the West End neighborhood of Cincinnati, removing the obligation for the company to obtain certification of compliance with LEED standards.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

3. MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys, Owens, Nolan, Albi and James, WE MOVE that the administration report back within 90 days to identify opportunities to build income restricted housing atop new city facilities in the next several years. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

This Motion was Referred to Committee to the Cincinnati City Council

4. MOTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, WE MOVE that the administration work with City Council to create a "Buy the Building (BTB)" program to assist small businesses in obtaining ownership of a building in which they will house their business. The City of Cincinnati's Office of Opportunity would track the progress of the program, including participants' demographics and report to Council on a quarterly basis. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

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ADJOURNMENT