



City of Cincinnati Cincinnati City Council Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

2:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:03 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

REVISED

ROLL CALL

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

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

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

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

MAYOR AFTAB

MS. KEARNEY

MR. JEFFREYS

MS. PARKS

MR. JOHNSON

MS. ALBI

MS. OWENS

MR. CRAMERDING

MR. WALSH

MR. HARRIS

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1. **MOTION**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, Vice Mayor Kearney, and Councilmembers Jeffreys, Parks, Johnson, Albi, Owens, Cramerding, Walsh, and Harris, **WE MOVE** that the Clerk of Council be registered with the State of Ohio Office of the Attorney General as the public records training designee representing the Mayor and Members of Council for the term ending January, 2026. (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

[202401102](#)

Adopted

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

MR. WALSH

MS. KEARNEY

MR. JOHNSON

MS. OWENS

2. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Walsh, Vice Mayor Kearney, Councilmember Johnson and Owens, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** Dr. Emmanuel “Manny” Ayanjoke and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for making healthcare more accessible for a historically underserved community.

[202401064](#)

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: 0029-2024

MS. PARKS

3. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Parks, from Emily Smart

[202401030](#)

Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** Rosemary Eison-Tanks as a 2024 National Women's History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and this Council for her contributions to and passion for the youth of Cincinnati.

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: 0033-2024

MR. HARRIS

4. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Harris, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** Darin Hall and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for his dedication to improving our City, and his investments of time, energy, and treasure into the City of Cincinnati.

[202401066](#)

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: 0030-2024

5. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Harris, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** Samir Kulkarni and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for his true commitment to building up Cincinnati, specifically the Walnut Hills community, as well as his dedication to "Conscientious Development," his philosophy that promotes equitable investment rooted in community.

[202401108](#)

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: 0031-2024

MR. HARRIS

MR. WALSH

MR. JEFFREYS

MS. OWENS

6. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Harris, Walsh, Jeffreys and Owens **WE MOVE** that the administration partner with METRO to engage in their METRO Pass program to provide interested City of Cincinnati Employees with discounted monthly passes. This should be promoted through the annual employee survey with eventual consideration of further subsidizing the passes to help recruit and retain talent.

[202401111](#)

Referred to Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee

MR. JEFFREYS

7. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** the Cincinnati Country Day School InvenTeam and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for their innovative work advancing cyclist safety.

[202401069](#)

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: 0032-2024

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8. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant of \$3,765 from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation to create a historical marker in Cincinnati's historic Dunbar Community. [202401062](#)
- Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
- CITY MANAGER**
9. **APPOINTMENT**, dated 4/10/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the appointment of Scott Beuerlein to the Urban Forestry Advisory Board under the Green Industry representative qualifications. (White/Male) [202401002](#)
- Held one week pursuant to rule of council
10. **REPORT**, dated 4/10/2024 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 GP Avondale LLC, DBA Evanston Marathon, 3601 Montgomery Road. (#3304132, TRFO, C1 C2) [Objections: None] [202401032](#)
- Filed
11. **REPORT**, dated 4/10/2024 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 GP Montgomery LLC, DBA Pleasant Ridge Marathon, 5567 Montgomery Road (#3307314, TRFO, C1 C2 D6) [Objections: None] [202401033](#)
- Filed
12. **REPORT**, dated 4/10/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Paddock Hills Block Party. [202401034](#)
- Filed
13. **REPORT**, dated 4/10/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Longest Table 2024. [202401035](#)
- Filed
14. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/10/2024, **ESTABLISHING** the 2025 Urban Forestry Program Assessment Equalization Board, appointing three members thereto, and setting the time and place for hearings. [202401047](#)
- Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
15. **REPORT**, dated 4/10/2024 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 Primo Restaurant Group LLC, DBA Unexpected Burgers & Bourbon, 37 W. 7th Street & Patio. (#70828120005/7082812, TRFO/New, D5A D6) [Objections: None] [202401050](#)
- Filed
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- 16. REPORT**, dated 4/10/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for G Force Rally at The Banks. [202401054](#)
- Filed
- 17. REPORT**, dated 4/10/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Holy Grail Block Party. [202401055](#)
- Filed
- 18. REPORT**, dated 4/10/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Dewey's Run to Raise Dough 5K. [202401056](#)
- Filed
- 19. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/10/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of a therapy dog, related equipment and supplies, and training services from K9s for Warriors, valued at up to \$8,093, to be used by the Cincinnati Police Department's Peer Support Team. [202401063](#)
- Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
- 20. ORDINANCE**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/10/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$54,600 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Traffic Safety Office, Drive to Succeed 2024 Grant, to provide community-based scholarships to eligible students for driver education training; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 24DTS. [202401068](#)
- Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
- 21. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/10/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$191,362 from the Hamilton County Digital Divide Public Wi-Fi grant program (ALN 21.027) to install public Wi-Fi infrastructure at various Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) park locations; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Recreation Federal Grant Projects Fund 324x8551. [202401070](#)
- Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
- 22. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/10/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$5,000,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3425, "Affordable Housing," to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$5,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x7200 to provide resources for the Cincinnati Development Fund (CDF) to use for affordable housing initiatives; [202401073](#)
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AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$280,000 from the balance sheet reserve account no. 102x3443, "Hampton Inn Garage - Reserve for Capital Projects," to the unappropriated surplus of Parking System Facilities Fund 102; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$280,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Parking System Facilities Fund 102 to the Division of Parking Facilities non-personnel operating budget account no. 102x248x7200 to provide resources to fulfill contractual obligations to 3000 Vine, LLC.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 23. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/10/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a scholarship donation valued at up to \$3,300 from the National Association for City Transportation Officials ("NACTO") for one Department of Transportation and Engineering employee to attend the NACTO Designing Cities 2024 Conference on May 7 - 10, 2024 in Miami, Florida.

[202401076](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 24. ORDINANCE**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/10/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$349,136 from the Ohio Department of Health's Community and Faith Based Infant and Maternal Health Support Services program to improve maternal health and birth outcomes by increasing prenatal and postpartum doctors' visits and supporting nutrition of mothers; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

[202401078](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 25. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/10/2024, **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 replacement of pedestrian bridges with a new shared-use path bridge over Interstate 71, Interstate 471, and U.S. Route 22 from Van Meter Street, in the Mount Adams neighborhood, to East Court Street in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation's bridge construction and maintenance project in the City of Cincinnati.

[202401081](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 26. APPOINTMENT (TERMINATION)**, submitted by the Clerk of Council, I hereby recommend the termination of Kaci Lomax as a Deputy Clerk in the Office of the Clerk of Council pursuant to Article II, Section 5a of the Charter of the City of Cincinnati effective Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

[202401109](#)

Filed

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 27. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval and

[202400993](#)

Councilmember Jeffreys, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$197,197.76 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x222390, "Red Bike Program Expansion," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$197,197.76 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Department of Transportation and Engineering FY 2024 non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x232x7200 to provide one-time recourses for operating support to allow Red Bike d/b/a Cincy Bike Share, Inc. to continue to operate in the City. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>).

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: 0116-2024

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: 0116-2024

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: 0116-2024

- 28. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/3/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Compost & Food Waste Reduction Grant (ALN 10.935) of up to \$400,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture (the "USDA Grant") to support diverting food loss and waste from landfills, increasing food recovery and transformation, and creating compost; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the USDA Grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 revenue account no. 436x8543; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund of \$100,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x231029, "Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives - GF"; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$100,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to provide matching resources for the USDA Grant.

[202400994](#)

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: 0117-2024

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: 0117-2024

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: 0117-2024

29. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/3/2024, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account nos. 980x233x242372, "WHV OKI STBG 2020 HC Match," 980x233x242373, "WHV OKI STBG 2021 HC Match," 980x233x242374, "WHV TRAC 2021 HC Match," and 980x233x242375, "WHV Earmark 2022 HC Match"; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate contributions from Hamilton County up to \$3,500,000 to be used as fifty percent of the required local match for federal grants, in accordance with the attached Schedule of Appropriation; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit up to \$3,500,000 from Hamilton County to the various newly established capital improvement program project accounts set forth in the attached Schedule of Appropriation; **AMENDING** Ordinance 8-2022 to reconcile a difference between Ordinance 8-2022 and the project grant agreement for the scheduled payment of funds awarded to the Western Hills Viaduct project; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to transfer and appropriate up to \$8,200,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund No. 401, "Transit Infrastructure Fund Grants," to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x222392, "Western Hills Viaduct Transit Grant"; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary and enter into any agreements necessary to accept these grant and matching resources.

[202400995](#)

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: 0118-2024

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: 0118-2024

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: 0118-2024

- 30. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/3/2024, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242378, "Hopple St Viaduct Preventative Maint - LMB," to provide resources for the design, construction, and right-of-way acquisition associated with the major preventative maintenance work on the Hopple Street Viaduct; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant up to \$9,040,000 from the Ohio Department of Transportation Local Major Bridge program (ALN 20.205) to newly established capital improvement

[202400996](#)

program project account no. 980x233x242378, "Hopple St Viaduct Preventative Maint - LMB"; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242378, "Hopple St Viaduct Preventative Maint - LMB"; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

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: 0119-2024

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: 0119-2024

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: 0119-2024

Manager, on 4/3/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$35,395 from the Ohio Urban Transit Program awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to the Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 to provide funds for preventative maintenance on the streetcar system; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Streetcar Operations Fund 455 revenue account no. 455x8534.

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: 0120-2024

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: 0120-2024

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: 0120-2024

- 32. MOTION (AMENDED)**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, Councilmembers Albi, Harris, and Johnson **WE MOVE** that the **City Administration** apply for FEMA funding for a geotechnical study for the ravine behind Hewitt Crescent **Circle** through their Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities grant. If awarded, this grant would require a 25% match in funding from the City. (Amended on the floor of committee 4-8-24).

[202401024](#)

Adopted

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

Absent: Councilmember Cramerding

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

- 33. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens, **WE MOVE** that the administration prepare a report within sixty (60) days on how Report #202400403 entitled Supplemental Report on the Department of Building and Inspections Code Enforcement Process and Chronic Offenders and the correlation between rental and utility assistance dollars that are granted to the residents of those properties from Jan. 1, 2020, to December 6th, 2023. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202400983](#)

Adopted

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

Absent: Councilmember Cramerding

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 3:13 P.M.

