



City of Cincinnati

Budget and Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Jeff Cramerding
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Scotty Johnson
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Anna Albi
Councilmember Meeka Owens
Councilmember Seth Walsh
President Pro Tem Victoria Parks
Councilmember Evan Nolan

Monday, October 21, 2024 **1:00 PM** **Council Chambers, Room 300**

ROLL CALL

Present: Mark Jeffreys
 Anna Albi
 Jan-Michele Kearney
 Jeff Cramerding
 Meeka Owens
 Scotty Johnson
 Seth Walsh
 Victoria Parks
 Evan Nolan

REVISED

AGENDA

TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS

- 1. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/25/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$350,000 from the unappropriated surplus of East Price Hill Equivalent Fund 494 to Department of Community and Economic Development (“DCED”) non-personnel operating budget account no. 494x162x7200 to provide resources for the renovation of the residential units in a mixed-use multi-family project at 3104 Warsaw Avenue in the East Price Hill neighborhood of Cincinnati; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$25,000 from the unappropriated surplus of East Price Hill Equivalent Fund 494 to DCED personnel operating budget account no. 494x162x7100 for project management costs associated with the renovation of the residential units in a mixed-use multi-family project at [202402083](#)

3104 Warsaw Avenue in the East Price Hill neighborhood of Cincinnati; and **DECLARING** that expenditures from DCED non-personnel operating budget account no. 494x162x7200 and DCED personnel operating budget account no. 494x162x7100 associated with the renovation of the residential units in a mixed-use multi-family project at 3104 Warsaw Avenue in the East Price Hill neighborhood of Cincinnati are for a public purpose and constitute a "Housing Renovation" (as defined in Section 5709.40(A)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code) that are located within the District 15 - East Price Hill Incentive District, subject to compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43. (Subject to the **T e m p o r a r y P r o h i b i t i o n L i s t** <<<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>>).

Recommend Passage Emergency

2. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/9/2024, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251618, "Roselawn Streetscape - TIF," to provide resources for the rehabilitation and replacement of portions of the Reading Road streetscape within the public right-of-way in the Roselawn neighborhood business district; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$45,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Roselawn Equivalent Fund 528 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251618, "Roselawn Streetscape - TIF," to provide resources for the rehabilitation and replacement of portions of the Reading Road streetscape within the public right-of-way in the Roselawn neighborhood business district; and **DECLARING** that rehabilitation and replacement of portions of the Reading Road streetscape within the public right of way in the Roselawn neighborhood business district constitutes a "Public Infrastructure Improvement" (as defined by Section 5709.40(A)(8) of the Ohio Revised Code), that will benefit and/or serve District 28 - Roselawn Incentive District in the neighborhood of Roselawn, subject to compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43.

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Recommend Passage Emergency

3. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source General Fund 050 of \$3,600,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x251029, "Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives - GF," to realign sources with uses; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$3,400,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Fund 883, "Revolving Energy Loan," to provide resources for building and fleet upgrades pursuant to the goals of the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan ("GCP"); and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$200,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7400 to provide additional resources to support the 2023 GCP Seeds of Change Program.

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Recommend Passage

4. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City

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Manager, on 10/21/2024, **ESTABLISHING** department number 014, "Councilmember Evan Nolan," to establish an office budget for newly appointed Councilmember Evan Nolan; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$97,375 from Councilmember Reggie Harris' General Fund personnel services operating budget account no. 050x021x7100 to Councilmember Evan Nolan's General Fund personnel services operating budget account no. 050x014x7100 to provide personnel resources to the office budget for newly appointed Councilmember Evan Nolan; and further **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,820 from Councilmember Reggie Harris' General Fund contractual services account no. 050x021x7200 to Councilmember Evan Nolan's General Fund contractual services account no. 050x014x7200 to provide non-personnel resources to the office budget for newly appointed Councilmember Evan Nolan.

Recommend Passage Emergency

5. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Councilmember Walsh, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$75,000 from 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 \$75,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to City Manager's Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to provide resources to the Cincinnati Ballet; to partner with the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (3CDC) and the City of Cincinnati to put on a month-long Nutcracker-themed activation in Washington Park in December 2024.

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Yes: Councilmember Albi
Vice Mayor Kearney
Vice Chair Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Nolan

No: Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Parks

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT

6. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2024, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement 2901 Glendora LLC, an affiliate of Uptown Rental Properties, LLC, thereby authorizing a fifteen-year tax exemption for 100 percent of the value of improvements made to real property located at 2901 Glendora Avenue in the Corryville neighborhood of Cincinnati, in

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connection with the construction of approximately 14,386 square feet of residential space consisting of eleven residential units, which construction shall be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total construction cost of approximately \$3,148,356. (CM NOLAN IS EXCUSED FROM THIS ITEM)

Recommend Passage Emergency

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

7. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$1,400,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Eviction Protection Grant Program (ALN 14.537) to provide resources for legal representation of tenants in eviction proceedings. [202402182](#)
- Recommend Passage
8. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/9/2024, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 155-2024, which authorized the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$25,000, effective FY 2025, from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Historic Preservation Fund (ALN 15.904) through the Ohio History Connection's Certified Local Government Grant Program to provide resources for the development of a Multiple Property Documentation Form for the historic designation of Cincinnati's brewery resources, to increase the grant resource value to up to \$31,481. [202402138](#)
- Recommend Passage Emergency
9. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate additional grant funds of up to \$500,000 from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Municipal Bridge Program (ALN 20.205) to capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x202361, "Brighton Approach Bridge Grants," to provide additional resources for the Brighton Approach Bridge Replacement Project; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the additional grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x202361, "Brighton Approach Bridge Grants." [202402171](#)
- Recommend Passage Emergency
10. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2024, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 272-2023 to increase the amount of funding the City Manager is authorized to accept from the Highway Safety Improvement Program, as awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation, from up to \$6,143,865 to up to \$9,900,000, and to appropriate the additional amount of up to \$3,756,135 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x242348, "Harrison Avenue Improvements HSIP Grant," to provide resources to right-size Harrison Avenue from Queen City Avenue to Kling Avenue by reducing vehicle lanes to three and implementing other various safety improvements along the corridor. [202402175](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

- 11. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$30,000 from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network under the Resilience Hub Fund for Resilient Power Systems to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to perform a resilience hub assessment, prepare a resilience hub plan, and conduct an energy audit with solar assessment at the Urban League of Greater Southwest Ohio offices in the Avondale neighborhood; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8571.

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- 12. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$499,917 from the Energy Futures Grant Program (ALN 81.041) awarded by the United States Department of Energy to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to research strategies that will reduce the energy burden for disadvantaged communities through deployment of community solar power and implementation of new rate structures; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436x8543, Office of Environment and Sustainability project account no. 25DOEEF, "FY 2025 DOE Energy Futures Grant."

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- 13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$10,000,000 from the United States Department of Energy Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 Assistance for the Adoption of the Latest and Zero Building Energy Codes program (ALN 81.117) to provide resources to help create the Ohio High Performance Building Hub and to assist with the implementation of building performance standards in Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, and Cleveland; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436x8543, Office of Environment and Sustainability project account no. 25DOEIRA, "FY 2025 DOE Ohio High Performance Building Hub."

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- 14. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/9/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$252,873 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program - Local Solicitation (ALN 16.738) to provide funding for additional Police Visibility Overtime and for the Sexual Assault Advocate program contract with Women Helping Women; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Justice Assistance Grant Fund 478x8553, project account no. 24JAG.

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Recommend Passage Emergency

15. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2024, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 229-2024 to increase the amount of grant funds for which the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate, from \$275,000 to \$298,000.

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Recommend Passage Emergency

16. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/9/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of goods and professional services from the Reds Community Fund valued at up to \$150,000 for the installation of a turf infield at the Madisonville Recreation Area.

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indefinite postponement

17. **ORDINANCE (B VERSION)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/21/2024, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x251923, "Madisonville Baseball Field RCF," to provide resources for the installation of a turf infield and related improvements at the Madisonville Recreation Area; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a donation of \$150,000 from the Reds Community Fund to provide resources for the installation of a turf infield and related improvements at the Madisonville Recreation Area; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit \$150,000 from the Reds Community Fund into Fund 319x8571, "Contributions For Recreation Purposes," to provide resources for the installation of a turf infield and related improvements at the Madisonville Recreation Area; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to transfer and appropriate \$150,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund 319, "Contributions For Recreation Purposes," into newly established capital improvement program project account no 980x199x251923, "Madisonville Baseball Field RCF," to provide resources for the installation of a turf infield and related improvements at the Madisonville Recreation Area.

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PAYMENTS

18. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$3,288.22 from Parks Department Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 non-personnel operating budget account no. 430x202x3126x7332 to Doppes Lumber for charges related to the purchase of lumber and supplies during the period of May 10, 2024, through June 28, 2024.

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19. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2024, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 169-2024, which authorized the City Manager to accept a cash donation of \$89,000 from the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund and an in-kind donation of goods

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and professional services from Playground Equipment Services, Inc. valued at up to \$61,000 for the installation of a turf infield at the Bond Hill Recreation Area by correctly identifying the source of the in-kind donation of goods and professional services as the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund; and **AUTHORIZING** payment of \$61,000 from Cincinnati Recreation Commission capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x231903, "Athletics Facilities Renovation," and \$89,000 from Cincinnati Recreation Commission capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x241917, "Bond Hill Baseball Field RCF," to Playground Equipment Services, Inc. as a moral obligation for the installation of a turf infield at the Bond Hill Recreation Area sports field and recreation area; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to provide payment of \$150,000 to Playground Equipment Services, Inc. upon its acceptance of the terms and conditions contained in the attached unexecuted proposed contract.

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DISBURSEMENTS

- 20. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Councilmember Cramerding, **AUTHORIZING** the disbursement of \$200,000 of Major Events Funding included in the Approved FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget Update for the River Roots event. [202402162](#)

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ADJOURNMENT