



Meeka D. Owens

Cincinnati City Council

September 6th, 2025

MOTION - Councilmember Owens' Public Safety Investments

Councilmember Owens provides the following recommendations that are in alignment with the previous motion submitted by Councilmember Cramerding but aim to ensure that greater investments are made to improve public safety in the urban core and surrounding neighborhoods.

WE MOVE that the \$2 million allocated to public safety in Motion #202501522 and an additional \$3.5 million from the General Fund Contingency Account be used for the following items:

ITEM	Amount
Police Visibility Overtime ¹	\$750,000
PIVOT Specialized Training	\$30,000
CPD Recruitment Efforts ²	\$100,000
3CDC Expanded Ambassadors Program	\$900,000
3CDC Outreach Workers and FUSUS	\$100,000
City's Youth Outreach Workers	\$200,000
Curfew Center – Lighthouse	\$195,000
Curfew Center – Seven Hills	\$185,000
Bond and Sentencing Review ³	\$140,000
Towing	\$50,000
DOTE/CPD Street Lighting and Cameras	\$1,750,000
CPD West End Camera Expansion Proposal ⁴	\$200,000
Findlay Market Safety Improvements ⁵	\$200,000
CGIG/PIVOT Drones	\$40,000
Drone Expansion	\$100,000
FUSUS Expansion	\$100,000
Mobile Safety Camera Trailers	\$100,000
License Plate Reading Cameras and Technologies ⁶	\$360,000
TOTAL	\$5,500,000

¹ This is reduction reflects a request of the Cincinnati Police Department leadership while leaving additional funding for any overages that may occur.

² Additional investment is imperative to ensuring a full complement of officers.

³ This is a preemptive investment that will lead to greater transparency and trust in the court system through a review of sentencing and bond practices in Cincinnati. It is the hope that there will be a review of what other peer jurisdictions have done to create best practices related to stronger bond and sentencing measures. There should be a focus on collaboration between the City and the County in this review.

⁴ West End Community Members have been asking for greater public safety investments for many years and additional investments in the neighborhood's camera infrastructure will reflect that request.

⁵ Over-the-Rhine Community Members have requested greater public safety investments near Findlay Market, and more broadly across North OTR (north of Liberty). If investments near Findlay Market cost less than \$200,000 then the administration should look to invest in other parts of North OTR, including the Mohawk area.

⁶ City Administration has previously placed and RFI out regarding license plate reading cameras and technologies that they are making their way through responses; this investment reflects preemptive budgeting for the implementation of those cameras and technologies.

FURTHER WE MOVE that if any of these appropriations are outstanding by June 1st, 2026, that the Council receive communication of the remaining funds and the plans to either enact those investments or to provide recommendations for reappropriations that are for Public Safety investments.

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Councilmember Meeka D. Owens

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