



# City of Cincinnati

## Cincinnati City Council

### Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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**Thursday, September 10, 2020      2:00 PM      Council Chambers, Room 300**

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Council convened at 2:03 P.M., Mayor John Cranley, Presiding.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** Councilmember Jan-Michele Kearney, Councilmember Greg Landsman, Councilmember David Mann, President Pro Tem Chris Seelbach, Councilmember P.G. Sittenfeld, Councilmember Betsy Sundermann, and Councilmember Wendell Young

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeff Pastor

**Remote:** Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman

The following council member participated remotely: Vice-Mayor Smitherman

The following council member was absent: Councilmember Pastor

**Also in attendance were Interim City Manager Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Solicitor Andrew Garth, and Clerk of Council Melissa Autry**

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

**Without objection the Minutes of the previous session of Council were ordered Approved and Filed.**

#### MAYOR CRANLEY

##### **Animal Task Force - 8 members: 5 F/3 M; 1 AA/7 W**

1. APPOINTMENT, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint Jasmin Williams-Holston to the Animal Task Force for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA) [202001494](#)  
  
Held one week pursuant to rule of council
2. REAPPOINTMENT, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Lauren DeGoricia to the Animal Task Force for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White) [202001502](#)  
  
Held one week pursuant to rule of council

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3. REAPPOINTMENT, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Yvonne Gutapfel to the Animal Task Force for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White) [202001504](#)
- Held one week pursuant to rule of council
4. REAPPOINTMENT, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Ann Hill to the Animal Task Force for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White) [202001505](#)
- Held one week pursuant to rule of council
5. REAPPOINTMENT, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Karl Maritato to the Animal Task Force for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White) [202001506](#)
- Held one week pursuant to rule of council
6. REAPPOINTMENT, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Ron Schultz to the Animal Task Force for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White) [202001507](#)
- Held one week pursuant to rule of council
7. REAPPOINTMENT, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Jim Tomaszewski to the Animal Task Force for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White) [202001508](#)
- Held one week pursuant to rule of council
8. REAPPOINTMENT, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Anne DeLyons to the Animal Task Force for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White) [202001510](#)
- Held one week pursuant to rule of council
9. REAPPOINTMENT, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Vickie Jackson to the Animal Task Force for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA) [202001511](#)
- Held one week pursuant to rule of council
- CCA - 7 members: 4 F/ 3 M; 3 AA/ 3 W / 1 Hispanic**
10. APPOINTMENT, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint Wanda Spivey to the Citizen Complaint Authority Board for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA) [202001512](#)
- Held one week pursuant to rule of council
11. APPOINTMENT, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint Tracey Johnson to the Citizen Complaint Authority Board for a term of two [202001514](#)
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years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

**Cincinnati Retirement System - 4 members: 1 F / 3 M; 4 W**

- 12. APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint Erica Winstead to the Cincinnati Retirement System Board of Trustees for a term of four years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA) [202001516](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

- 13. APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint Jasmin Williams-Holston to the Cincinnati Retirement System Board of Trustees for a term of four years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA) [202001517](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

**Elections Commission - 5 members: 2 F / 3 M; 1AA / 4 W**

- 14. APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint Constance Hill to the Cincinnati Elections Commission for a term of four years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA) [202001519](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

**Internal Audit - 5 members: 1 F / 4 M; 5 W**

- 15. APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint Melissa Walton-Jones to the Internal Audit Committee for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA) [202001521](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

- 16. APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint Latisha Douglas-Glynn to the Internal Audit Committee for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA) [202001522](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

**HSAC - 12 members: 8 F / 4 M; 7 AA / 5 W**

- 17. APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint Maurice Stewart to the Human Services Advisory Committee for a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/AA) [202001520](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

- 18. APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint Leslie Rich to the Human Services Advisory Committee for a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice [202001518](#)

and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

- 19.** APPOINTMENT, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint [202001515](#)  
Lauren LaCerde Merten to the Human Services Advisory Committee for a  
term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its  
advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

- 20.** APPOINTMENT, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint [202001513](#)  
La'Shaunda Ewing to the Human Services Advisory Committee for a term  
of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice  
and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

- 21.** APPOINTMENT, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint Mia [202001509](#)  
Sears to the Human Services Advisory Committee for a term of three  
years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and  
consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

- 22.** APPOINTMENT, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint [202001503](#)  
Karlyn Wade-Richardson to the Human Services Advisory Committee for  
a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its  
advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

- 23.** APPOINTMENT, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint [202001486](#)  
Kristin Goins to the Human Services Advisory Committee for a term of  
three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice  
and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

#### **MS. KEARNEY**

- 24.** MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, WE MOVE for the City [202001464](#)  
Administration to deliver a report to City Council regarding the feasibility  
of implementing a two-way protected bike lane on Clifton Avenue, in  
response to the recent request (see attached) from Clifton Town Meeting,  
WE FURTHER MOVE for this report to be delivered within 14 days  
following passage of this motion.

Referred to Neighborhoods Committee

#### **MR. LANDSMAN**

#### **Internal Audit - 5 members: 1 F / 4 M; 5 W**

- 25.** APPOINTMENT, submitted by Councilmember Landsman, WE MOVE [202001476](#)  
that City Council hereby appoints Valarie Boykins to the Internal Audit  
Committee for a two-year term ending on September 30, 2022. Ms.  
Boykins represents the Democratic Party appointment per the  
requirements of Article II, Section 15 of the Administrative Code.

(Female/AA)

Referred to Major Projects & Smart Government Committee

**MR. PASTOR**

- 26. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Pastor and Councilmember Seelbach, **WE MOVE** that the Department of Transportation and Engineering study the feasibility of a “road diet” on Linn Street in the West End from Central Parkway to West Court Street for the purpose of increasing the pedestrian character and walkability of this corridor thereby furthering the safety of the neighborhood and the potential for future development. The Administration shall report on this study by January 1, 2021.

[202001483](#)

Referred to Neighborhoods Committee

**MR. SMITHERMAN**

- 27. ORDINANCE**, submitted by Vice Mayor Smitherman, from Andrew Garth, City Solicitor, **DECLARING** that Oak Street at May Street shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of Bennington-Seiffert Memorial Way, in memory of Cincinnati Police Officer Dennis Bennington and in recognition of his service to the City of Cincinnati.

[202001454](#)

Referred to Neighborhoods Committee

Enactment No: 0180-2021

- 28. ORDINANCE**, submitted by Vice Mayor Smitherman, from Andrew Garth, City Solicitor, **DECLARING** that Oak Street at May Street shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of Bennington-Seiffert Memorial Way, in memory of Cincinnati Police Officer Robert Seiffert and in recognition of his service to the City of Cincinnati.

[202001455](#)

Referred to Neighborhoods Committee

Enactment No: 0181-2021

**CITY MANAGER**

- 29. ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/10/2020, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Grant of Easement* in favor of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., granting a utility easement over a portion of City-owned property generally located at 1600 Gest Street in the Lower Price Hill neighborhood of Cincinnati.

[202001299](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

Enactment No: 0317-2020

**Board of Building Appeals - 2 members: 1 F/ 1 M; 2 W**

- 30. APPOINTMENT**, dated 9/10/2020, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, appointing Luke Blocher to the Board of Building Appeals. (Male/White)

[202001444](#)

Confirmed

**Yes:** Councilmember Kearney  
Councilmember Landsman  
Councilmember Mann  
President Pro Tem Seelbach  
Councilmember Sittenfeld  
Councilmember Sundermann  
Councilmember Young

**Absent:** Councilmember Pastor

- 31. REPORT**, dated 9/10/2020, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, regarding FY 2020 Carryover to FY 2021. [202001445](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 32. REPORT**, dated 9/10/2020, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, regarding Department of Finance Reports for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020 (unaudited). [202001447](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 33. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/10/2020, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$7,152.91 as a moral obligation to the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio for services provided to the City as part of the Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence related to the continued and uninterrupted deployment of Community Engagement Specialists to targeted neighborhoods affected by gun violence. [202001448](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

Enactment No: 0318-2020

- 34. ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/10/2020, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in the amount of \$12,750 for the purpose of providing funding in support of Hirsch Recreation Community Programming to increase the programming capacity of the Hirsch Recreation Center for members of the Avondale community; and further **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the donated funds in Fund 319, "Contributions for Recreation Purposes." [202001449](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

Enactment No: 0319-2020

- 35. ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/10/2020, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the National Recreation and Parks Association Summer Meals Support Program in the amount of \$10,000 to provide emergency funding relief to support sustained operations of meal programs that have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic throughout the summer of 2020; and further **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the donated funds in Fund 319, "Contributions for Recreation" [202001450](#)

Purposes.”

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee  
Enactment No: 0320-2020

- 36.** ORDINANCE submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/10/2020, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate monetary donations from the Cincinnati Recreation Foundation on behalf of the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in an amount up to \$15,000 for the purpose of providing financial resources for Cincinnati Recreation Commission's summer camp activities for youth and families; SALT Ministries in the amount of \$3,200 for the purpose providing financial resources in the form of swim admission passes for Avondale community youth to swim at Hirsch Recreation Center Pools; the Rock By the Sea in the amount of \$5,000 for the purpose of providing financial resources for Avondale community youth to swim at Hirsch Recreation Center Pool; and the Avondale Development Corporation in the amount of \$4,000 for the purpose of providing financial resources for the Avondale Community youth to attend Cincinnati Recreation Commission summer camp activities; and AUTHORIZING the Finance Director to deposit the donated funds in Fund 319, "Contributions for Recreation Purposes.”

[202001451](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee  
Enactment No: 0321-2020

- 37.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/10/2020, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$253,800 from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, FY 2020 Local Solicitation (CFDA #16.738); and further AUTHORIZING the City Manager to appropriate the grant proceeds in the total amount of up to \$253,800 for purposes of funding the Police Visibility Overtime Program, the Sexual Assault Advocate Program contract with Women Helping Women, and Hamilton County Pre-Trial Services.

[202001452](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee  
Enactment No: 0322-2020

### CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 38.** COMMUNICATION, submitted by the Clerk of Council, from various citizens regarding Public Speaking emails for September 8 - September 10, 2020.

[202001484](#)

Filed

### MAJOR PROJECTS & SMART GOVERNMENT

- 39.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 8/5/2020, **MODIFYING** the salary range schedule for the classification of Public Employees Assistance Program Coordinator by amending existing Section 219 of Division 0, Chapter 307

[202000985](#)

of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, in order to establish a new salary range schedule for Public Employees Assistance Program Coordinator.

Emergency clause to remain

**Yes:** Councilmember Kearney  
 Councilmember Landsman  
 Councilmember Mann  
 President Pro Tem Seelbach  
 Councilmember Sittenfeld  
 Councilmember Sundermann  
 Councilmember Young

**Absent:** Councilmember Pastor  
 Enactment No: 0296-2020

### **MRS. SUNDERMANN**

#### **Internal Audit - 5 members: 1 F / 4 M; 5 W**

- 40.** REAPPOINTMENT, submitted by Councilmember Sundermann, WE MOVE that City Council hereby reappoints Vale Croxton to the Internal Audit Committee for a two-year term ending on January 25, 2022. Mr. Croxton represents the Republican Party appointment per the requirements of Article II, Section 15 of the Administrative Code. (Male/White)

[202001527](#)

Referred to Major Projects & Smart Government Committee

### **SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

#### **EDUCATION, INNOVATION & GROWTH COMMITTEE**

- 41.** ORDINANCE, (B VERSION), Submitted by Councilmember Seelbach from Paula Boggs Muething, City Solicitor, MODIFYING Title VIII, "Business Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by enacting new Chapter 802, "Regulation of Plastic and Paper Bags," to restrict the distribution of single use bags by food service establishments and restaurants in the City of Cincinnati in order to reduce waste, litter, and pollution; improve the appearance of the urban environment; and preserve the natural environment; and AMENDING Title XV. "Code Compliance and Hearings," Section 1501-4, "Class A1 Civil Offenses," and Section 1501-7, "Class C Civil Offenses," to incorporate the regulation of single use bags into existing civil offense compliance and hearing processes.

[202000925](#)

Passed

- Yes:** Councilmember Kearney  
Councilmember Landsman  
Councilmember Mann  
President Pro Tem Seelbach  
Councilmember Sittenfeld  
Councilmember Young
- No:** Councilmember Sundermann
- Absent:** Councilmember Pastor  
Enactment No: 0300-2020

Suspension of the three readings

- Yes:** Councilmember Kearney  
Councilmember Landsman  
Councilmember Mann  
President Pro Tem Seelbach  
Councilmember Sittenfeld  
Councilmember Sundermann  
Councilmember Young
- Absent:** Councilmember Pastor  
Enactment No: 0300-2020

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Adjournment