



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, September 18, 2024 2:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:06 P.M., Vice Mayor Jan Michele Kearney, Presiding.

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. ALBI

MS. KEARNEY

MS. PARKS

MR. CRAMERDING

MR. HARRIS

MR. JEFFREYS

MR. JOHNSON

MS. OWENS

MR. WALSH

1. RESOLUTION, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, Councilmember Albi,

[202402044](#)

Vice Mayor Kearney, Councilmembers Parks, Cramerding, Harris, Jeffreys, Johnson, Owens and Walsh, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** September as National Suicide Prevention Month in the City of Cincinnati; and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council to the Hamilton County Suicide Prevention Coalition for all their hard work in the community.

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: 0063-2024

MAYOR AFTAB

MR. WALSH

MS. KEARNEY

MS. PARKS

MS. ALBI

MR. CRAMERDING

MR. HARRIS

MR. JEFFREYS

MR. JOHNSON

MS. OWENS

2. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, Councilmember Walsh, Vice Mayor Kearney, Councilmember Parks, Albi, Cramerding, Harris, Jeffreys, Johnson and Owens, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** Matt Alter and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for his service as President of Cincinnati Fire Fighters Union Local 48.

[202402051](#)

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: 0064-2024

MR. JEFFREYS

MR. HARRIS

MR. CRAMERDING

MR. WALSH

MS. OWENS

- 3. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys, Harris, Cramerding, Walsh and Owens, In response to a City Manager report on the Futures Commission, **WE MOVE** that, the attached by adopted as a consolidated written statement of City Council's strategic objectives for economic development. (STATEMENT ATTACHED) [202402025](#)
- Referred to Equitable Growth & Housing Committee
- CITY MANAGER**
- 4. REPORT**, dated 9/18/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Pink Ribbon 2024 - Brady Music Center. [202402012](#)
- Filed
- 5. REPORT**, dated 9/18/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for The Mastermind. [202402017](#)
- Filed
- 6. REPORT**, dated 9/18/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Straight Street Hill Climb. [202402018](#)
- Filed
- 7. REPORT**, dated 9/18/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for 34th Annual Reindog Parade. [202402032](#)
- Filed

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8. **REPORT**, dated 9/18/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Communication response re Councilmember motion for report on the composition of the workforce engaged in City projects. (See Doc. #202401327). [202402034](#)
- Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
9. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/18/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$9,158 to Bound Tree Medical, LLC, of which \$8,778 is to be paid from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x272x2000x7418 for outstanding licensing fees and \$380 is to be paid from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x272x2000x7215 for training services, for the time period of April 2023 through March 2024, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance. [202402046](#)
- Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
10. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/18/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of fire safety educational supplies, food, and drink from the Cincinnati Fire Foundation, valued at approximately \$10,000, to be used by the Cincinnati Fire Department during National Fire Prevention Week. [202402052](#)
- Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
11. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/18/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager and employees of the Office of the City Manager to solicit and accept donations of money, in-kind contributions, and other things of value from the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors, and other available sources to support the Large Cities Executive Forum ("LCEF") to be held from October 17, 2024 to October 19, 2024; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit any funds donated to the City of Cincinnati for the LCEF into Fund No. 314x8571, "Special Events Fund." [202402054](#)
- Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
12. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/18/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$300,000 from the Ohio Public Works Commission Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program to provide resources for the Mt. Adams Greenspace Land Acquisition Project. [202402055](#)
- Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
13. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/18/2024, **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$331,050.79 to Kronos (US) Inc. for outstanding charges related to Telestaff maintenance and support services provided to the City from January 2021 through June 2024, to be paid from General Fund Enterprise Software and Licenses non-departmental account non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x952x0000x7418 pursuant to the attached certificate from the Director of Finance. [202402056](#)
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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 14. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/18/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager or her designee to apply for, accept, and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding in the amount of up to \$30,000,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority to reimburse costs incurred by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works to replace aging water mains and service lines; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to receive and deposit loan funds into Fund No. 756x8569.

[202402057](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 15. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/18/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager or her designee to apply for, accept, and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding in the amount of up to \$15,000,000, comprised of \$7,950,000 in principal forgiveness and \$7,050,000 in zero-interest loan funding, from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority to assist with the cost of replacing all public and private lead service lines within the utility's service area; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to receive and deposit loan funds into Fund Numbers 756x8569, 756x8527, 312x8569, and 312x8527.

[202402058](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 16. COMMUNICATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Roger K. Smith, Executive Director of Woodward Trust providing their 2024 Annual Report.

[202402070](#)

Filed

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 17. ORDINANCE**, submitted by Councilmember Harris, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the disbursement of \$400,000 of Major Events Funding included in the Approved FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget Update for the Forbes 30 Under 30 Summit.

[202401988](#)

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: 0293-2024

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: 0293-2024

- 18. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/11/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$15,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x231029, "Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives - GF," to source Fund No. 050, "General Fund," to realign sources with uses; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$15,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund No. 050, "General Fund," to Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7200 to provide local matching resources to Co-op Cincy for a United States Department of Labor grant awarded to Co-op Cincy.

[202401990](#)

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: 0294-2024

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: 0294-2024

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: 0294-2024

19. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/11/2024, **ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING** the grant of a public utility easement in favor of the City of Cincinnati for water mains and related fixtures, equipment, and appurtenances through certain real property in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio in accordance with the plat entitled Waterline Easement Plat Cin 341 Dix St Easement E-1127, as recorded in Plat Book 503, Pages 100 and 101, Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder’s Office.

[202401992](#)

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: 0295-2024

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: 0295-2024

20. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/11/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement with The East Walnut Hills Assembly, Inc., pursuant to which the City will lease a portion of certain real property located between Madison Road on the north and Myrtle Avenue on the south in the East Walnut Hills neighborhood of Cincinnati, for continued use as a public parking lot for the benefit of the general public.

[202402013](#)

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: 0296-2024

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: 0296-2024

21. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/16/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$450,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Avondale Equivalent Fund 468 to Department of Community and Economic Development (“DCED”) non-personnel operating budget account no. 468x162x7200 to provide resources to finance the acquisition of real property located at 803 Windham Avenue in the Avondale neighborhood of Cincinnati and associated acquisition-related costs; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$25,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Avondale Equivalent Fund 468 to DCED personnel operating budget account no. 468x162x7100 to provide staffing resources to support the acquisition of real property located at 803 Windham Avenue in the Avondale neighborhood; and **DECLARING** that expenditures from DCED non-personnel operating budget account no. 468x162x7200 and from DCED personnel operating account no. 468x162x7100 related to the acquisition of real property located at 803 Windham Avenue in the Avondale neighborhood of Cincinnati and associated acquisition-related costs to be for a public purpose and constitute a “Public Infrastructure Improvement” (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40(A)(8)) that will benefit and/or serve the District 21-Avondale Incentive District, subject to compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>>).

202402053

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: 0297-2024

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: 0297-2024

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: 0297-2024

22. MOTION, (AMENDED) submitted by Councilmembers Cramerding, Harris, Jeffreys and Albi, WE MOVE that the funds from the potential tax credit refund from the Mercy Health Bon Secours office building in Bond Hill be redirected to housing, economic development, and other Capital projects. These funds should be allocated to projects in the neighborhoods who were affected by the closure of this and other Mercy Health facilities, ***with priority going to Bond Hill first, followed by Mt Airy, and Westwood. (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

[202402000](#)

Adopted

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

23. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute and

[202401941](#)

implement the Fire Fighters and Assistant Chiefs labor management agreements between the City of Cincinnati and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 48, the updated terms of which are reflected in the attached summary.

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: 0298-2024

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: 0298-2024

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: 0298-2024

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

PUBLIC SAFETY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

24. ORDINANCE (B VERSION) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2024, **MODIFYING** Chapter 112, "Council Lobbying," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, by **ORDAINING** Sections 112-1-C, "Clerk," 112-1-C2, "Client," and 112-1-R, "Regulated Official"; **AMENDING** Sections 112-1-A, "Actively Advocate," 112-1-C, "Compensation," 112-1-E1, "Engage," 112-1-F, "Financial Transaction," 112-1-L, "Legislation," 112-1-L1, "Legislative Agent," 112-1-P, "Person," 112-1-S, "Staff," 112-3, "Prohibitions," 112-5, "Registration of Legislative Agent and Employer," 112-7, "Statements of Financial Transactions," 112-11, "Exceptions," 112-15, "Lobbying Duties of the Clerk of Council," 112-17, "Powers of Office of Contract Compliance and Investigations," and 112-99, "Penalty"; and **REPEALING** Sections 112-1-E, "Employer," and 112-9, "Complaints; Liability for False Statement," all to streamline, update, and modernize the City's process for registering lobbyists.

[202401951](#)

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: 0299-2024

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: 0299-2024

25. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2024, **ESTABLISHING** the classification and salary range schedule for the three new employment classifications of Plumbing Inspector 1, Plumbing Inspector 2 and Plumbing Inspector 3; and **ORDAINING** Sections 414, 415, and 416 of Division 1, Chapter 307, "Classified Compensation Schedules," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to reflect these new employment classifications.

[202401939](#)

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: 0300-2024

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: 0300-2024

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: 0300-2024

- 26. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2024, **MODIFYING** the salary schedule for the classification of Director of Communications by amending existing Section 012 of Division D5, Chapter 307, of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.

[202401942](#)

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: 0301-2024

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: 0301-2024

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: 0301-2024

27. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2024, **ESTABLISHING**, the classification and salary range schedule for the new employment classification of Director of Grant Administration and Government Affairs; and **ORDAINING** Section 229 of Division 5, Chapter 307 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to establish a new salary schedule for the classification title of Director of Grant Administration and Government Affairs, consistent with the organizational changes described herein.

[202401945](#)

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: 0302-2024

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: 0302-2024

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: 0302-2024

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 3:13 P.M.