



City of Cincinnati

Budget and Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

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

Monday, March 17, 2025

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

PRESENTATIONS

CITY MANAGER'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

PERFORMANCE BASED BUDGETING AND QUALITY OF LIFE AND BUDGET PRIORITIES SURVEY

Eric Jamison, Director, Office of Performance and Data Analytics

CINCY ON TRACK UPDATE

Dr. Andrew Dudas, Budget Director

DEPARTMENT BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Bill Vedra, Director

AGENDA

MOTIONS

- 1. **MOTION (AMENDED)**, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys and Cramerding, **WE MOVE** that the Cincinnati Parks Department work with Great Parks of Hamilton County to evaluate: The Futures Commission’s recommendation to have Great Parks manage Mt. Airy Forest and French Park, any associated costs to Great Parks, as well as any cost savings to Cincinnati Parks. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK’S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED) [202500471](#)

Adopt

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

- 2. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys and Cramerding, **WE MOVE** that within 90 days, the Cincinnati Parks Department and Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) evaluate the Futures Commission’s proposal for transferring the management of the 954 acres of greenspace currently under CRC to Cincinnati Parks, including any implications for staffing, equipment, potential cost savings, and the ability of CRC to focus on managing recreation centers and continue to deliver best-in-class programming. (STATEMENT ATTACHED) [202500472](#)

Adopt

REPORT

- 3. **REPORT**, dated 3/12/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding current availability and quality of lactation rooms in City properties. (Reference Document # 202402435) [202500476](#)

Filed

GRANTS

- 4. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/12/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a U.S. Department of Energy Resilient and Efficient Codes [202500461](#)

Implementation grant (ALN 81.117) of up to \$100,000 from the University of Cincinnati to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to research and develop building performance standards; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8543, Office of Environment and Sustainability project account no. 25DOERECL, "FY 2025 DOE Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation."

Recommend Passage Emergency

5. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/12/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$15,881 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Mosquito Control Grant Program to investigate the prevalence of mosquito vectors and the incidence of infection in the mosquito populations, to identify density locations for mosquito vector species, and to educate communities in the immediate area on how to reduce the mosquito populations; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

[202500462](#)

Recommend Passage

BOND ORDINANCES

6. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/12/2025, **PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,525,000 OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS (OTR HEALTH CENTER PROJECT), OR NOTES IN ANTICIPATION THEREOF, OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, COUNTY OF HAMILTON, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING A PLEDGE AND LIEN ON CERTAIN REVENUES AND OTHER CITY RESOURCES TO SECURE SUCH BONDS OR NOTES; AUTHORIZING NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO SECURE SUCH BONDS OR NOTES.**

[202500473](#)

Held

7. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/12/2025, **PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF NOT TO EXCEED \$29,005,000 OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS (FINDLAY COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT), OR NOTES IN ANTICIPATION THEREOF, OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, COUNTY OF HAMILTON, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING A PLEDGE AND LIEN ON CERTAIN REVENUES AND OTHER CITY RESOURCES TO SECURE SUCH BONDS OR NOTES; AUTHORIZING NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO SECURE SUCH BONDS OR NOTES.**

[202500474](#)

Held

PRESENTATIONS

8. **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 3/10/2025, regarding the Cincy On Track Update. [202500463](#)
Held
9. **PRESENTATION** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 3/17/2025, regarding the Performance Based Budgeting and Quality of Life and Budget Priorities Survey. [202500494](#)
Filed
10. **PRESENTATION** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 3/17/2025, regarding the City Manager's Strategic Priorities. [202500519](#)
Filed
11. **PRESENTATION** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 3/17/2025, regarding the Emergency Communication Center (ECC) Department Budget Presentation. [202500520](#)
Filed
12. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/17/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to take any and all steps as may be necessary in order to vacate as public right-of-way and retain approximately 0.1341 acres of public right-of-way, being a portion of Republic Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati. [202500529](#)
Held
13. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/17/2025, **DEDICATING, ACCEPTING, AND CONFIRMING** the dedication to public use of an approximately 0.0332-acre tract of real property as a portion of Bardes Alley, a public right-of-way in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati. [202500530](#)
Held

ADJOURNMENT