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Christopher E. C. Smitherman
Cincinnati Vice Mayor

July 28, 2020

MOTION

The Property Tax Working Group (PTWG) was created by motion on September 5, 2018 to study trends related to property taxes. Especially important were, rising property taxes in areas experiencing significant levels of development, helping senior citizens remain in their homes and communities, and reporting on best practices of other cities and states. (Please see the attach motion and vote by Cincinnati City Council).

The Property Tax Working Group had its final meeting on Thursday, July 23, 2020. This group was Chaired by Carol Gibbs, President/CEO Mt. Auburn Community Development Corporation (MACDC) and Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman. The idea for the PTWG was the brainchild of Mrs. Carol Gibbs.

Recommendations for low and limited-income individuals to stay in their homes

Recommendation 1 – Create an online portal with programs and resources for residents, both homeowners and renters.

This portal would be like the open data portal managed by the Office of Performance and Data Analytics (OPDA). The portal should be user-friendly but include deep connections in its logic. For example, users would enter age, veteran status, etc. and the portal would respond with the programs that are available to them. Helps with goal to proactively identify homeowners who need help with repairs, so the burden does not only fall to the homeowner.

Recommendation 2 – Create a housing court with a dedicated support staff who are housing experts and can connect residents to resources.

Convert a Common Pleas seat into a housing court seat. Community members can advocate for this by lobbying the Common Pleas judges directly, as well ask their City representatives to support the creation of a housing court. Cleveland is a good reference for this recommendation.

Recommendation 3 – Make housing a priority by creating a position like the Chief Advocacy Officer role that would lead housing efforts for the City.

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This position would act as a Connector/Czar. This position would connect with the City Manager, City Council, Mayor, City departments, and residents, and is guided by an advisory board. This position has the responsibility to manage the portal.

Recommendation 4 – When a code complaint is filed in a geographic area with high development activity, require a social worker to accompany the building inspector to provide information on funds to help with repairs and directions to the portal.

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Recommendation 5 – Create a lending program for minority and women-owned contractors who work fairly with seniors and low-income households.

This lending program would have a revolving line of credit with favorable rates with the aim to restore the small contractors who lost their businesses in the 2008 recession. This would also support and grow minority-owned businesses in Cincinnati. Information on these licensed contractors would be housed on the portal.

Recommendation 6 – Provide funding for organizations that work with homeowners to help them stay in their homes.

Information on these organizations would be on the portal.

Recommendation 7 – Look to other cities on how they are addressing recommendations 1-7.

Recommendation 8 – Lobby the state to make changes that benefit home retention for individuals with low or limited-income, disabilities, seniors.

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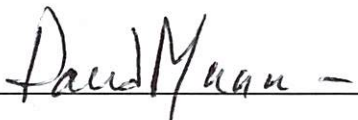
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WE MOVE that the above PTWG recommendations be adopted by Cincinnati City Council.



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201801401

September 5, 2018

MOTION

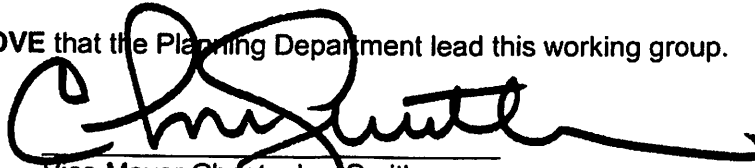
WE MOVE that the lobbyist for the City of Cincinnati provide a procedural framework for City Council and the Property Tax Project working group to amend Ohio state laws governing property taxes to ensure that property owners, specifically legacy residents and senior citizens on fixed incomes, who reside in developing neighborhoods and whose property taxes are increasing as a result have a greater opportunity to remain in their homes.


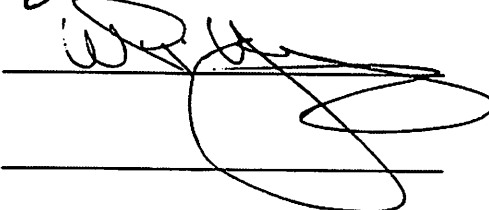
WE FURTHER MOVE that a working group be created to study trends related to property taxes, especially the issue of rising property taxes in areas experiencing significant levels of development; to make recommendations to City Council aimed at helping to keep senior citizens in their homes and communities; and to report on best practices in other cities and states facing similar challenges.


WE FURTHER MOVE that the working group include members from: the African-American Chamber of Commerce; the Board of Realtors; the Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts United; the Community Action Agency; the Community Development Corporations Association of Greater Cincinnati; the Council on Aging; the Baptist Ministers Conference; the Hamilton County Auditor/representative; the Homebuilders Association; Invest in Neighborhoods; representatives of Allied Construction Industries; the United Way; the University of Cincinnati's Real Estate Program and the DAAP School of Planning; and the Urban League.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the working group review the City's Tax Abatement Program.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Planning Department lead this working group.


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TAMAYA DENARDO

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Calendar Date: 10/03/2018

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Status/Recommendation: ADOPT

Description: MOTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Smitherman and Councilmembers Mann, Dennard and Young WE MOVE that the lobbyist for the City of Cincinnati provide a procedural framework for City Council and the Property Tax Project working group to amend Ohio state laws governing property taxes to ensure that property owners, specifically legacy residents and senior citizens on fixed incomes, who reside in developing neighborhoods and whose property taxes are increasing as a result have a greater opportunity to remain in their homes. WE FURTHER MOVE that a working group be created to study trends related to property taxes, especially the issue of rising property taxes in areas experiencing significant levels of development; to make recommendations to City Council aimed at helping to keep senior citizens in their homes and communities; and to report on best practices in other cities and states facing similar challenges. WE FURTHER MOVE that the working group include members from: the African-American Chamber of Commerce; the Board of Realtors; the Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts United; the Community Action Agency; the Community Development Corporations Association of Greater Cincinnati; the Council on Aging; the Baptist Ministers Conference; the Hamilton County Auditor/representative; the Homebuilders Association; Invest in Neighborhoods; representatives of Allied Construction Industries; the United Way; the University of Cincinnati's Real Estate Program and the DAAAP School of Planning; and the Urban League. WE FURTHER MOVE that the working group review the City's Tax Abatement Program. WE FURTHER MOVE that the Planning Department lead this working group.

Final Disposition: ADOPTED

Votes:	<u>Final</u>
MR. SMITHERMAN	A
MR. YOUNG	Y
MS. DENNARD	Y
MR. LANDSMAN	Y
MR. MANN	Y
MS. MURRAY	Y
MR. PASTOR	Y
MR. SEELBACH	Y
MR. SITTENFELD	Y
	10/03/2018

Referral: CLOSED - Law Department
 Meeting Date: 09/10/2018 Due: 09/17/2018 Closed: 10/26/2018

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201900467

March 15, 2019

MOTION

WE MOVE that the Property Tax Project working group also include members from: Cincinnati Public Schools; Greater Cincinnati Chinese Chamber of Commerce; Hamilton County Treasurer; Hispanic Chamber Cincinnati USA; Homeownership Center of Greater Cincinnati; Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME); Indian American Chamber of Commerce; Legal Aid Society; Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC); and The Port.

Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman

STATEMENT

This motion is an addendum to Motion #201801401 dated October 3, 2018, in order to add additional members to the Property Tax Project working group.

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Final Disposition:	ADOPTED	
Votes:		<u>Final</u>
	MR. MANN	Y
	MS. MURRAY	Y
	MR. PASTOR	Y
	MR. SEELBACH	Y
	MR. SITTENFELD	Y
	MR. SMITHERMAN	Y
	MR. YOUNG	Y
	MS. DENNARD	Y
	MR. LANDSMAN	Y
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After Action:	CLOSED - City Planning	
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