



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

2:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:02 P.M., Vice-Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney, Presiding.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Greg Landsman, Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, Councilmember Liz Keating, Councilmember Jeff Cramerding, Councilmember Reggie Harris, Councilmember Mark Jeffreys, Councilmember Scotty Johnson, Councilmember Meeka Owens, and President Pro Tempore Victoria Parks

In attendance were Interim City Manager John Curp, City Solicitor Andrew Garth and Clerk of Council Melissa Autry.

Council observed a moment of silent prayer and recited the Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag.

There being no objection, Minutes of the previous session of Council were ordered Approved and Filed.

MAYOR AFTAB

Salary History Working Group

1. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Julie Doyle to the Salary History Working Group for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White)

[202201047](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

Community Development Advisory Board

2. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Amber David to the Community Development Advisory Board for a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/African American)

[202201056](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

MR. HARRIS

MR. LANDSMAN**MS. OWENS**

3. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Harris, Landsman and Owens, **WE MOVE** that, Buildings & Inspections provide a report within sixty (60) days outlining best practices for identifying and registering vacant buildings to the Vacated Building Maintenance License (VBML). This report should also identify if necessary any additional resources needed to adequately inspect and enforce buildings which have already been registered. Buildings & Inspections should take into consideration available data sources for identifying at-risk buildings such as but not limited to: water shut off, foreclosure, postal service, tax delinquency, constituent complaints, and other sources. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202201030](#)

Referred to Equitable Growth & Housing Committee

MS. KEARNEY

4. **MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the Department of Transportation and Engineering provide a REPORT on suggestions and costs to provide attention-getting devices such as lights for crosswalks that exist on heavily travelled streets. (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

[202201023](#)

Referred to Healthy Neighborhoods Committee

MR. LANDSMAN**MR. HARRIS****MR. CRAMERDING****MS. OWENS****MR. JOHNSON****MR. JEFFREYS****MS. PARKS****MS. KEARNEY**

5. **MOTION, (AMENDED)** submitted by Councilmembers Landsman, Harris, Cramerding, Owens, Johnson, Jeffreys, Parks and Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the City administration prepare a Fiscal Year 2023 Recommended General Fund Operating Budget which respects the following policy guidelines and priorities: 1. The Fiscal Year 2023 General Fund Operating Budget must be balanced. While continuing to strive to have a structurally balanced budget, the fiscal impacts of ongoing State cuts to the Local Government Fund, and revenue losses stemming from the pandemic, the use of one-time sources must be used to balance in Fiscal Year 2023.

[202201032](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

CITY MANAGER

6. **REPORT**, dated 4/20/2022, submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, regarding Department of Finance Report for the Month Ended February 28, 2022 [202200963](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

7. **REPORT**, dated 4/20/2022 submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for 3100 Vandercar Way Inc, DBA Mi Cozumel, 3100 Vandercar Way. (#88696010005, D5, New) [Objections: None] [202200997](#)

Filed

8. **REPORT**, dated 4/20/2022, submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Breaking Benjamin at the Brady Music Center. [202201016](#)

Filed

9. **REPORT**, dated 4/20/2022, submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Girls On The Run 2022 (Spring). [202201017](#)

Filed

10. **REPORT**, dated 4/20/2022, submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Turtles All The Way Down. [202201018](#)

Filed

11. **ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 4/20/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Property Exchange Agreement* with Experimental Holdings, Inc. for the exchange of real property generally located between Walworth Avenue and Columbia Parkway in the Columbia Tusculum neighborhood. [202201020](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

12. **ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 4/20/2022, **Authorizing** the City manager to execute a Lease Agreement with Mutual Dance Theatre and Arts Centers pursuant to which Mutual Dance Theatre and Arts Centers will lease the College Hill Town Hall located at 1805 Larch Avenue in the College Hill neighborhood for up to 10 years. [202201021](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

13. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 4/20/2022, **PROVIDING** for the issuance of bonds, or notes in anticipation of such bonds, by the City of Cincinnati, Ohio in the principal amount of not to exceed \$10,255,000 for the purpose of financing energy conservation measures. [202201033](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 14. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 4/20/2022, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x255x222534, "City Facility Lighting and Solar Improvements," for the purpose of providing resources to install LED lighting, solar, and roofing improvements at City facilities; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation the sum of \$10,255,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Energy Conservation Bonds Fund 817 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x255x222534, "City Facility Lighting and Solar Improvements"; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into an agreement with McKinstry Essention, LLC to provide LED lighting, solar, and roofing improvements at City facilities. [202201040](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 15. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Meeka D. Owens/Councilmember (ETHICS). [202201022](#)

Filed

- 16. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for John Phillip Curp/Interim City Manager. [202201046](#)

Filed

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 17. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 4/13/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept in-kind donations of rainbow flags from City Pride, the City of Cincinnati's LGBTQIA+ Employee Resource Group, and subsequent similar replacement flags, valued at approximately \$260 each; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to fly a rainbow flag from the flagpole at City Hall from June 1 to June 30 each year in recognition of Cincinnati's celebration of Pride Month and the Pride Month Parade as a symbol of support for the City's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersexual, and asexual employees and the LGBTQIA+ community in Cincinnati and the region. [202200975](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0093-2022

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0093-2022

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0093-2022

- 18. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 4/13/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a donation from the USS *Cincinnati* Commissioning Foundation of a framed lithograph, signed by the artist Peter K. Hsu, and valued at approximately \$95.00, of the original painting of the USS *Cincinnati* that was presented to the ship in 2019 during its commissioning ceremony.

[202200977](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0094-2022

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0094-2022

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0094-2022

- 19. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 4/13/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation totaling \$500,000 from the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners' Fund for the purpose of providing resources for horticultural supplies, maintenance contracts, salary reimbursements, Krohn Conservatory's gift shop inventory, and other vital costs associated with running the City's parks; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the funds into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430.

[202200979](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0095-2022

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0095-2022

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0095-2022

- 20. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 of the sum of \$250,000 from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP050, "FY 2021 COVID Expenses," for the purpose of realigning sources with actual uses; **ESTABLISHING** new Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP207, "Summer Safety Initiative," for the purpose of providing funds to the Cincinnati

[202200980](#)

Police Department for Police Visibility Overtime; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP207, "Summer Safety Initiative," for the purpose of providing funds to the Cincinnati Police Department for Police Visibility Overtime to address an increase in violent crime by strategically deploying overtime to hot spots and event areas in the City; and DECLARING expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP207, "Summer Safety Initiative," to be for a public purpose.

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0096-2022

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0096-2022

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Enactment No: 0096-2022

21. RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE) submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 4/13/2022, **DECLARING** the necessity of assessing properties in Lighting Group 3 that benefit from special street lighting within the City of Cincinnati for the cost of such lighting for the three-year period beginning August 1, 2021.

[202200981](#)

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Enactment No: 0053-2022

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Enactment No: 0053-2022

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

- 22. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Parks, **WE MOVE** that the Administration provide a report back to Council within thirty (30) days with recommendations for how the City administration can support and encourage the Civil Service Commission (CSC) to provide Spanish language options for civil service exams along with HR and recruiting communications. The report should identify additional resources that would be required, if any, for the CSC to approve and implement such recommendations.

[202200872](#)

Adopted

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks

No announcements at this time

Council adjourned at 2:29 P.M.