



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

2:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:50 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

REVISED

ROLL CALL

President Pro Tempore Scotty Johnson, Councilmember Ryan James, Councilmember Meeka Owens, Councilmember Evan Nolan, Councilmember Seth Walsh, Councilmember Anna Albi, Councilmember Jeff Cramerding, Councilmember Mark Jeffreys, and Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney

In attendance were City Manager Sheryl Long, City Solicitor Emily Smart Woerner, and Clerk of Council Anthony Covington.

Vice Mayor Kearney was absent from today's Council meeting.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(3)

MS. KEARNEY

- 1. RESOLUTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** Keep Cincinnati Beautiful and **EXPRESSING** the support of the Mayor and Council for the public launch of Keep Cincinnati Beautiful's comprehensive campaign to double the impact of our City through its new home in the historic Harry Hake Building in Walnut Hills.

[202601391](#)

Passed

Yes: President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Vice Mayor Kearney
Enactment No: 0020-2026

MS. ALBI

MR. WALSH

MR. JEFFREY

MR. NOLAN

2. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Albi, Walsh, Jeffreys and Nolan, **WE MOVE** that the Administration provide a report within 120 days to Council regarding the impact of the 2023 Residential Tax Abatement Reform, as council indicated its intent to review the program every three years. [202601442](#)

Referred to Housing & Growth Committee

MS. OWENS

MR. JEFFREYS

MR. JAMES

MR. WALSH

3. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Owens, Jeffreys, James and Walsh, **WE MOVE** that the City Administration work to ensure that the Climate Equity Indicator Report is updated prior to passage of the 2028 Green Cincinnati Plan. **FURTHER WE MOVE** that the City Administration identify the funding needed to complete the revised Climate Equity Indicator Report. [202601437](#)

Referred to Climate, City Service & Infrastructure Committee

CITY MANAGER

4. **REPORT**, dated 4/22/2026 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Elite Petroleum LLC, DBA Paddock Food Mart, 4934 Paddock Rd. (#10013699-1, TRFO, C-1 C-2) [Objections: None] [202601345](#)

Filed

5. **REPORT**, dated 4/22/2026 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Event Center At Longworth Hall, LLC, DBA, 700 W. Pete Rose Way. (#10011161-1, TRFO, D-5) [Objections: None] [202601346](#)

Filed

6. **REPORT**, dated 4/22/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Taking Drug Court Beyond the Steps of the Courthouse. [202601371](#)

Filed

7. **REPORT**, dated 4/22/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Cincy VegFest: Farmers Market Food Festival. [202601379](#)

Filed

8. **REPORT**, dated 4/22/2026 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for HJN LLC, DBA McHenry Food Mart, 3222-24 McHenry Ave. (#10013744-1, TRFO, C-1 C-2) [Objections: None] [202601380](#)

Filed

9. **REPORT**, dated 4/22/2026 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Silverglades on 8th Street LLC, DBA Silverglades Delicatessen, 236 East 8th Street. (#10011642-1, TRFO, C-1 C-2) [Objections: None] [202601381](#)

Filed

10. **REPORT**, dated 4/22/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the status of the City's Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 financial and operating budget conditions as of January 31, 2026, to note any significant variances, identify potential budget issues, and provide recommendations. The report is divided into two sections: revenues and expenditures. Various supplemental reports are attached to reflect forecasted revenue, actual revenue, expenditures, and commitments through January 31, 2026. [202601384](#)

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

11. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/22/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a grant of up to \$2,500 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to cover expenses incurred during the production of the annual Let's Grow Local event held on October 28, 2025; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Parks Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund revenue account no. 326x8571. [202601392](#)

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

- 12. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/22/2026, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262388, "HAM-Cincy Eggleston RPP PID 124949," to provide resources to rehabilitate Eggleston Avenue from Pete Rose Way to Court Street; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a Federal Highway Administration Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant of up to \$800,000 awarded through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) (ALN 20.205), Metropolitan Planning Organization, administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT"), to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262388, "HAM-Cincy Eggleston RPP PID 124949"; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262388, "HAM-Cincy Eggleston RPP PID 124949"; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into a Local Public Agency agreement with ODOT to complete the HAM-Cincy Eggleston RPP (PID 124949) project; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete this project.

[202601414](#)

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

- 13. RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/22/2026, **DECLARING** the need for emergency repairs that have been made to sidewalks, sidewalk areas, curbs, and/or gutters at a variety of locations in the City and the need for levying assessments for the cost of such repairs on the abutting properties in accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code Sections 721-149 to 721-169.

[202601423](#)

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

- 14. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/22/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Lease with Corryville Community Development Corporation, an Ohio not for profit corporation, pursuant to which the City will lease for a term of five years, with three optional renewal terms of an additional five years each, the City owned properties located at 10 W Charlton Street and 12 W Corry Street, both in the Corryville neighborhood of Cincinnati. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List [.<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>](https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business). [.<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business%3e>](https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business%3e).)

[202601424](#)

Referred to Housing & Growth Committee

- 15. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/22/2026, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 321, "Procurement and Disposal of Supplies, Services and Construction," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code ("CMC") by **AMENDING** Section 321-118, "Applicability of Prevailing Wage Rates to City Development Agreements"; **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 414, "Valet Parking," of the CMC by **AMENDING** Section 414-7, "Valet Parking Board"; **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 834, "Entertainment Districts," of the CMC by **AMENDING** Section 834-01, "Definitions," and Section 834-02, "Application for Designation of Community Entertainment

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District”; **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 1101, “Administration,” of the CMC by **AMENDING** Section 1101-57, “Demolition or Repair of Buildings”; and **DESIGNATING** a Housing Officer for the City of Cincinnati Community Reinvestment Area.

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

- 16. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/22/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Lease with Findlay Ops LLC, an Ohio limited liability company, pursuant to which the City will lease for a term of 55 years, with two optional renewal periods of ten years each, the City owned property known as 1720 Race Street, in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati. [202601438](#)

Referred to Housing & Growth Committee

- 17. REPORT**, dated 4/22/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Lift Assistance Fee. (Reference Document # 202502009) [202601440](#)

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

- 18. REPORT**, dated 4/22/2026, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding traffic enforcement. (Reference Document # 202600192) [202601441](#)

Referred to Public Safety & Quality of Life Committee

CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 19. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Mark S. Jeffreys/Councilmember. (ETHICS) [202601382](#)

Filed

- 20. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Mark Stefan Jeffreys/Councilmember. (CITY) [202601383](#)

Filed

- 21. PETITION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council, from Mikayla McClanahan, regarding a proposed Charter Amendment to require that the Police Chief and the Fire Chief be appointed and removed only by an affirmative vote of seven members of City Council. [202601432](#)

Filed

- 22. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Jeff M. Cramerding/Councilmember. (ETHICS) [202601434](#)

Filed

- 23. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Jeff M. Cramerding/Councilmember. (CITY) [202601435](#)

Filed

- 24. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Meeka D. Owens/Councilmember. (CITY) [202601436](#)

Filed

- 25. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Meeka D. Owens/Councilmember. (ETHICS) [202601439](#)

Filed

BUDGET, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

- 26. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/15/2026, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 606, "Rabies Vaccinations for Dogs," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code ("CMC") by **ORDAINING** new Sections 606-1-B, "Bite," 606-1-C, "Cat," 606-1-F, "Ferret," 606-1-P, "Police dog," 606-1-QL, "Quarantine," 606-1-Q2, "Quarantine period," 606-13, "Duties After Dog, Cat, or Ferret Bites Person," 606-15, "Abatement by the Board of Health," and 606-17, "Costs of Quarantine, Examination, and Destruction of Rabid Animals"; and **AMENDING** Sections 606-1-D, "Dog," 606-1-V, "Veterinarian," 606-3, "Vaccination of Dogs," 606-7, "Duty of Veterinarian," 606-9, "Tag to be Attached to Dog, Cat, or Ferret and Rabies Vaccination Certificate Retained by Owner," 606-11, "Exceptions," and 606-99, "Penalties"; **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 601, "General Provisions," of the CMC by **ORDAINING** new Section 601-35, "Injunctive Relief and Abatement Costs"; and **MODIFYING** the provisions of Title XV, "Code Compliance and Hearings," of the CMC by **AMENDING** Sections 1501-7, "Class C Civil Offenses," and 1501-9, "Class D Civil Offenses."

Passed

Yes: President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Vice Mayor Kearney
Enactment No: 0114-2026

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Enactment No: 0114-2026

- 27. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/15/2026, **ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING** the grant of a public utility easement in favor of the City of Cincinnati for “Water Main Easement A” and “Water Main Easement B” which are easements for water mains and related fixtures, equipment, and appurtenances through certain real property in the City of Harrison, Hamilton County, Ohio as designated on the plat entitled Water Line Easement Plat, Trailhead Subdivision, Water Main Phase 1, as recorded in Plat Book 499, Page 59, Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder’s Office.

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Passed

Yes: President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Enactment No: 0115-2026

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Vice Mayor Kearney

Enactment No: 0115-2026

- 28. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/15/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$300,000 from the Hamilton County ReSource Residential Recycling Incentive grant program to provide resources for recycling education and awareness, residential recycling, drop-off recycling, yard waste, food waste, composting, waste reduction, litter collection, and the labor, equipment, and materials to support these efforts.

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Passed

Yes: President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Enactment No: 0116-2026

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Enactment No: 0116-2026

- 29. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/15/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$273,433 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program - Local Formula (ALN 16.738) to support additional Police Visibility Overtime and the Sexual Assault Advocate program contract with Women Helping Women; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Justice Assistance Grant Fund 478x8553, project account no. 25JAG.

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Passed Emergency

Yes: President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Vice Mayor Kearney
Enactment No: 0117-2026

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Vice Mayor Kearney
Enactment No: 0117-2026

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Vice Mayor Kearney
Enactment No: 0117-2026

- 30. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/15/2026, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262397, "Red Bank Rd PID 86461 COTF Grant," to support construction of a shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians along the west side of Red Bank Road from Hetzel Street to Duck Creek Road in the Madisonville neighborhood; **AUTHORIZING** the City to accept and appropriate a Clean Ohio Trails Fund ("COTF") grant of up to

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\$500,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (“ODNR”) to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262397, “Red Bank Rd PID 86461 COTF Grant”;
AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262397, “Red Bank Rd PID 86461 COTF Grant”; and
AUTHORIZING the City Manager to cooperate with the Director of the ODNR to enter into agreements and take all actions necessary to receive and administer the grant and complete the project.

Passed

Enactment No: 0118-2026

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Enactment No: 0118-2026

- 31. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/20/2026, **DECLARING** improvements to certain real property located at 240 W. Fourth Street and 251 W. Fifth Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, to be constructed pursuant to a Development Agreement among the City of Cincinnati, the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, and Cincinnati CH (OH), LLC, to be a public purpose and exempt from real property taxation for a period of thirty years pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.41; and **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 412-2002, passed on December 18, 2002, as amended, to remove such real property from the operation of that ordinance.

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Passed Emergency

Yes: President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Vice Mayor Kearney
Enactment No: 0119-2026

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Vice Mayor Kearney
Enactment No: 0119-2026

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Vice Mayor Kearney
Enactment No: 0119-2026

A motion was made by Mayor Aftab Pureval, seconded by Councilmember Jeffreys for Council to move to Executive Session.

No announcements at this time.

Adjournment