



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 2:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:08 P.M., Vice Mayor Kearney, Presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Councilmembers Jeffreys and Cramerding were absent from today's 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.

MAYOR AFTAB

1. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, Pursuant to Article III, Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Cincinnati, I hereby appoint the following committee chairs: Budget and Finance Committee - Councilmember Jeff Cramerding and Equitable Growth & Housing Committee - Councilmember Mark Jeffreys.

[202402194](#)

Filed

MS. OWENS

2. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Councilmember Owens, Pursuant to the authority granted in Article II, Section 4b of the Charter of the City of Cincinnati, I designate Evan Nolan as the successor to Councilmember Reggie Harris for the unexpired term ending January 6, 2026.

[202402176](#)

Filed

MR. JEFFREYS

MR. JOHNSON

3. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys and Johnson, **WE MOVE** that within 90 days the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) identify 2-3 sites in the City of Cincinnati that can be dedicated for Youth Football Leagues practices and games, as well as any funding that may be needed. (STATEMENT ATTACHED) [202402193](#)

Referred to Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee

CITY MANAGER

4. **REPORT**, dated 10/16/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for NYE Blast. [202402160](#)

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5. **REPORT**, dated 10/16/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Downtown Dazzle's. [202402161](#)

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6. **REPORT**, dated 10/16/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Light up the Square. [202402163](#)

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7. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate additional grant funds of up to \$500,000 from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Municipal Bridge Program (ALN 20.205) to capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x202361, "Brighton Approach Bridge Grants," to provide additional resources for the Brighton Approach Bridge Replacement Project; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the additional grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x202361, "Brighton Approach Bridge Grants." [202402171](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

Enactment No: 0336-2024

8. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$30,000 from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network under the Resilience Hub Fund for Resilient Power Systems to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to perform a resilience hub assessment, prepare a resilience hub plan, and conduct an energy audit with solar assessment at the Urban League of Greater Southwest Ohio offices in the Avondale neighborhood; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8571. [202402173](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

Enactment No: 0338-2024

9. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City [202402174](#)

Manager, on 10/16/2024, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 229-2024 to increase the amount of grant funds for which the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate, from \$275,000 to \$298,000.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
Enactment No: 0342-2024

- 10. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2024, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 272-2023 to increase the amount of funding the City Manager is authorized to accept from the Highway Safety Improvement Program, as awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation, from up to \$6,143,865 to up to \$9,900,000, and to appropriate the additional amount of up to \$3,756,135 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x242348, "Harrison Avenue Improvements HSIP Grant," to provide resources to right-size Harrison Avenue from Queen City Avenue to Kling Avenue by reducing vehicle lanes to three and implementing other various safety improvements along the corridor.

[202402175](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
Enactment No: 0337-2024

- 11. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source General Fund 050 of \$3,600,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x251029, "Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives - GF," to realign sources with uses; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$3,400,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Fund 883, "Revolving Energy Loan," to provide resources for building and fleet upgrades pursuant to the goals of the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan ("GCP"); and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$200,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7400 to provide additional resources to support the 2023 GCP Seeds of Change Program.

[202402179](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
Enactment No: 0330-2024

- 12. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$499,917 from the Energy Futures Grant Program (ALN 81.041) awarded by the United States Department of Energy to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to research strategies that will reduce the energy burden for disadvantaged communities through deployment of community solar power and implementation of new rate structures; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436x8543, Office of Environment and Sustainability project account no. 25DOEEF, "FY 2025 DOE Energy Futures Grant."

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
Enactment No: 0339-2024

- 13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2024, by **AMENDING** Sections 720-1-O1, "Order," Section 720-3, "Organization of Utility Division," Section 720-7, "Erosion, Siltation, Sedimentation, and Improper of Illicit Discharge," 720-13, "Private Facilities," 720-17, "Ancillary Improvements," 720-19, "Routine and Remedial Maintenance," 720-23, "Rules and Regulations," 720-27, "Master Plan," 720-29, "Permits and Plan Review," 720-31, "Application for Permit," 720-33, "Permits Issued," 720-35, "Permit Limitations," 720-37, "Permit and Inspection Fees," 720-39, "Posting of Permit," 720-41, "Revocation of Permit," 720-43, "Inspection and Surveillance," 720-44, "Prohibition of Illicit Discharges and Connections," 720-45, "Notice of Violations," 720-53, "Storm Drainage Service Charge," 720-61, "Rates," 720-69, "Notice To Correct Drainage," 720-71, "Emergencies and Abatement," 720-73, "Abatement Costs," and 720-99, "Penalties," for the purpose of vesting administrative authority for the Stormwater Management Utility in the Deputy Director of Stormwater Management Utility.

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Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

- 14. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$1,400,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Eviction Protection Grant Program (ALN 14.537) to provide resources for legal representation of tenants in eviction proceedings.

[202402182](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

Enactment No: 0334-2024

- 15. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2024, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 169-2024, which authorized the City Manager to accept a cash donation of \$89,000 from the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund and an in-kind donation of goods and professional services from Playground Equipment Services, Inc. valued at up to \$61,000 for the installation of a turf infield at the Bond Hill Recreation Area by correctly identifying the source of the in-kind donation of goods and professional services as the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund; and **AUTHORIZING** payment of \$61,000 from Cincinnati Recreation Commission capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x231903, "Athletics Facilities Renovation," and \$89,000 from Cincinnati Recreation Commission capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x241917, "Bond Hill Baseball Field RCF," to Playground Equipment Services, Inc. as a moral obligation for the installation of a turf infield at the Bond Hill Recreation Area sports field and recreation area; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to provide payment of \$150,000 to Playground Equipment Services, Inc. upon its acceptance of the terms and conditions contained in the attached unexecuted proposed contract.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

Enactment No: 0345-2024

- 16. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2024, **AMENDING** Section 3, "Division of Stormwater

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Management Utility,” of Article VIII, “City Waterworks,” of the Administrative Code of the City of Cincinnati for the purpose of vesting administrative authority for the Stormwater Management Utility in the Deputy Director of Stormwater Management Utility.

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

- 17. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$10,000,000 from the United States Department of Energy Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 Assistance for the Adoption of the Latest and Zero Building Energy Codes program (ALN 81.117) to provide resources to help create the Ohio High Performance Building Hub and to assist with the implementation of building performance standards in Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, and Cleveland; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436x8543, Office of Environment and Sustainability project account no. 25DOEIRA, “FY 2025 DOE Ohio High Performance Building Hub.”

[202402186](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

Enactment No: 0340-2024

- 18. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$3,288.22 from Parks Department Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 non-personnel operating budget account no. 430x202x3126x7332 to Doppes Lumber for charges related to the purchase of lumber and supplies during the period of May 10, 2024, through June 28, 2024.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

Enactment No: 0344-2024

- 19. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/16/2024, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement 2901 Glendora LLC, an affiliate of Uptown Rental Properties, LLC, thereby authorizing a fifteen-year tax exemption for 100 percent of the value of improvements made to real property located at 2901 Glendora Avenue in the Corryville neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the construction of approximately 14,386 square feet of residential space consisting of eleven residential units, which construction shall be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total construction cost of approximately \$3,148,356. (COUNCILMEMBER NOLAN IS EXCUSED FROM THIS ITEM)

[202402188](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

Enactment No: 0333-2024

CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 20. NOTICE**, submitted by the Clerk of Council, regarding a Special Session of Cincinnati City Council to be held on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at

[202402191](#)

12:30 p.m. for the purpose of swearing-in Councilmember Appointee Evan Nolan to the Cincinnati City Council and to discuss and act on items pertaining to his appointment.

Filed

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

PUBLIC SAFETY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

- 21. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Johnson and Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the administration prepare a report by the end of this calendar year on the cost and feasibility, as well as recommendations for implementation of the following measures to enhance the health and wellness of Cincinnati firefighters with involvement from the Cincinnati Firefighters Union Local 48 throughout the process. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

[202402178](#)

Adopted

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

Absent: Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys

- 22. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/2/2024, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 508, "Stopping and Parking," by **AMENDING** section 508-6 "No-Standing, No-Stopping, and No-Parking Zones" to provide for a specific prohibition of parking in special parking permit and residential parking permit parking spaces.

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Held

Enactment No: 0347-2024

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 2:21 P.M.