



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Meeting Minutes 2 - Final

Budget and Finance Committee

Chairperson David Mann
Vice Chair Chris Seelbach
Councilmember Steve Goodin
Councilmember Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Liz Keating
Councilmember Greg Landsman
Councilmember Betsy Sundermann
Councilmember Wendell Young

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

The Budget and Finance Committee called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Remote: 8 - Chairperson Mann
Vice Chair Chris Seelbach
Jan-Michele Kearney
Steve Goodin
Greg Landsman
Betsy Sundermann
Wendell Young
Liz Keating

Also in attendance was Assistant City Manager Chris Bigham, Director of Finance Karen Alder, Assistant City Solicitor Emily Woemer, Director of Community and Economic Development Markiea Carter and Clerk to the Committee Robert Neely.

AGENDA

1. [202002358](#)
ORDINANCE, dated 12/30/2020, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, from Andrew W. Garth, Interim City Solicitor, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Title III, Chapter 324, "Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Section 324-49, "Economic Inclusion Advocacy and Accountability Board," to permit renewal of board members' terms for two additional three-year terms.

Sponsors: Cranley

Recommend Passage

2. [202100002](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Landsman, Due to a dramatic decrease in attendance at sports events and concerts, arena vendors are making significantly less than they would in a regular season unaffected by the pandemic. To better understand how we can help, **WE MOVE** that the Administration provide a report on the impact of a vending lease fee freeze until the arenas resume to full capacity.

Sponsors: Landsman

Adopt

3. [202100047](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Smitherman, **WE MOVE** that the City Manager provide a report identifying any city department that may need additional staff hires and/or resources to meet the current workload.

Sponsors: Smitherman

Adopt

4. [202002354](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/4/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount of up to \$20,000 from the Devou Good Foundation to the Department of Transportation and Engineering Transportation Planning and Urban Design General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x232x7200 for the purpose of providing resources to implement a citywide billboard campaign for Vision Zero; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into the Department of Transportation and Engineering General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

5. [202002355](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/6/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and deposit a donation from the Cincinnati Fire Foundation in an amount of up to \$20,000 into the General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of up to \$20,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Fire Department's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x7300 for the purpose of purchasing equipment and training for the expansion of the Cincinnati Fire Department's EMS Mountain Bike Unit.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

6. [202002356](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/6/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$1,000 from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation Harry F. and Mary Ann Fry Fund to the City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 for the purpose of providing resources for the operation of the Office of Human Relations; and further **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

7. [202002357](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/6/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$160,000 from the State of Ohio, Office of Criminal Justice Services for the purpose of funding personnel costs and equipment for Title III investigations; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 21ODLE.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

8. [202002362](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) VERSION B** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/6/2021, **MODIFYING** Article XV, "Retirement System," of the Administrative Code of the City of Cincinnati by amending Section 1, "Board of Trustees," Section 3, "Organization of Board," Section 7, "Actuary," and Section 9, "Actuarial Investigations," to harmonize the Administrative Code with the provisions of the Collaborative Settlement Agreement reached in *Sunyak, et al. v. City of Cincinnati, et al.*, Case Number 1:11-cv-445 in the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Western Division.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

Yes: 8 - Chairperson Mann
Vice Chair Seelbach
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Goodin
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Sundermann
Councilmember Young
Chairperson Keating

9. [202001602](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/23/2020, **MODIFYING** Article XV, "Retirement System," of the Administrative Code of the City of Cincinnati by amending Section 1, "Board of Trustees," Section 3, "Organization of Board," Section 7, "Actuary," and Section 9, "Actuarial Investigations," to harmonize the Administrative Code with the provisions of the Collaborative Settlement Agreement reached in Sunyak, et al. v. City of Cincinnati, et al., Case Number 1:11-cv-445 in the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Western Division.

Sponsors: City Manager

indefinite postponement

10. [202100178](#) COMMUNICATION, dated 01/12/2021, submitted by Councilmember Mann, from William E. Moller, Chair, Cincinnati Retirement System, Board of Trustees, REQUESTING on behalf of the Cincinnati Retirement System (CRS) Board of Trustees. The CRS Board is responding to # 202002362, Ordinance (Emergency) Version B, Modifying Administrative Code, Article XV, "Retirement System". The intent of the ordinance is to modify the Administrative Code to comply with the Collaborative Settlement Agreement (CSA) approved on October 15, 2015 by the United States District Court, Southwestern Ohio District. The CSA includes CRS Board reforms. The CRS Board appreciates that the City Administration has asked for the CRS Board input and has made some changes based on that input. Nonetheless, the CRS Board request two changes to the ordinance which would benefit the long-term stability of the Board. The City Administration has directed the Board to the Budget and Finance Committee for consideration of this request.

Sponsors: Mann

Indexes: Cincinnati Retirement System (CRS)

Filed

11. [202100077](#) **RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/13/2021, **DECLARING** the necessity of assessing for the control of blight and disease of shade trees along the streets and the public right-of-way, and for planting, care, maintenance, trimming, and removing of shade trees in and along the streets within the City of Cincinnati's Urban Forestry Maintenance District for the year 2022.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

12. [202100096](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/13/2021, **ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING** the dedication to public use for right of way purposes the street known as Sanctuary Place and a portion of the street known as Renslar Avenue located in California neighborhood of Cincinnati, in accordance with the plat entitled “*The Sanctuary at River Green Right of Way Dedication Plat.*”
- Sponsors:** City Manager
Recommend Passage Emergency
13. [202100097](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/13/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Grant of Easement* in favor of RGW Development, LLC pursuant to which the City of Cincinnati will grant driveway encroachment easement to construct and maintain paved driveways upon portions of the Columbus Avenue public right-of-way in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Cincinnati.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
Recommend Passage
14. [202100098](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/13/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Grant of Encroachment Easement* in favor of the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority and NAP 8 & Main LLC pursuant to which the City of Cincinnati will grant an aerial encroachment for a projecting canopy located in 721 Main Street that encroaches upon a portion of the Main Street public right-of-way in the Central Business District of Cincinnati.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
Recommend Passage
15. [202100179](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/19/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation in the amount of up to \$2,000 from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation to the Office of Environment and Sustainability’s General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7200 for the purpose of providing support for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation’s Beyond 34 Initiative; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donated resources into the General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
Recommend Passage Emergency

16. [202100181](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/19/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount of up to \$391,950 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Diesel Mitigation Trust Fund to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x981x212505, "Fleet Replacements," for the purpose of replacing a select number of diesel vehicles within the City fleet.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
Recommend Passage Emergency
17. [202100182](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/19/2021, **LEVYING** special assessments for the purpose of the special assessment project at 2347 Reading Road in the City of Cincinnati involving the City of Cincinnati, Ohio Energy Special Improvement District; and further **REPEALING** Ordinance No. 443-2019, in order to correspondingly amend and restate the levying of special assessments associated with the project.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
Recommend Passage Emergency
18. [202100183](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/19/2021, **DETERMINING** to proceed with the special assessment project at 2347 Reading Road in the City of Cincinnati involving the City of Cincinnati, Ohio Energy Special Improvement District; and further **REPEALING** Ordinance No. 442-2019, in order to correspondingly amend and restate the determination to proceed with the assessment project.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
Recommend Passage Emergency
19. [202100184](#) **RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE) (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/19/2021, **DECLARING** by legislative resolution the necessity of the special assessment project at 2347 Reading Road in the City of Cincinnati, Ohio involving the City of Cincinnati, Ohio Energy Special Improvement District.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
Recommend Passage
20. [202100193](#) **PETITION**, dated 01/15/2021, submitted by Councilmember Mann, from C. Ndukwe, Petitioner, **REGARDIN** Second Amendment to the Petition for Special Assessment for Special Energy Improvement Projects and Affidavit.
- Sponsors:** Budget and Finance Committee
File

ADJOURNMENT

The Budget and Finance Committee adjourned at 1:40 p.m.