



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Meeting Minutes 2 - Final

Budget and Finance Committee

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

Monday, February 28, 2022

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

Councilmember Greg Landsman called the Budget & Finance Committee meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Reggie Harris
Jan-Michele Kearney
Jeff Camerding
Liz Keating
Mark Jeffreys
Meeka Owens
Scotty Johnson
Victoria Parks

Also in attendance was Director of Finance Karen Alder, Director of Budget Dr. Andrew Dudas, Deputy City Solicitor Emily Woemer, Director of Community and Economic Development Markiea Carter, Chief of Staff, Councilmember Landsman's Office, Barbara Bell, MSOL, and Clerk to the Committee Robert Neely.

The following filled out a Speakers Card to speak during the meeting: Stephen Pryor; Also the following registered to speak remotely during the meeting: Marilyn Wall, Dennis Carroll, Danny Lipson, Derrick Blassingame, John Bird, Matt Reckman

DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS

Finance
by Karen Alder, Director

Transportation & Engineering (DOTE)
by John S. Brazina, P.E., Interim Director

AGENDA

1. [202200493](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, **AMEDNING** the policy of managing the Stabilization Funds for the City of Cincinnati.

Sponsors: Mayor

Held

2. [202200494](#) **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 \$5,150,000 from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP050, "FY 2021 COVID Expenses," for the purpose of realigning sources with uses; ESTABLISHING new Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP200, "Affordable Housing Trust Fund," for the purpose of providing funds to enhance the availability of affordable housing within the City which is necessary because of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; ESTABLISHING new Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP201, "Housing Strategies," for the purpose of providing funds to develop a residential housing strategy to improve the efficacy of the City at addressing the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$5,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP200, "Affordable Housing Trust Fund," for the purpose of providing funds to enhance the availability of affordable housing within the City which is necessary because of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$150,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP201, "Housing Strategies," for the purpose of providing funds to develop a residential housing strategy to improve the efficacy of the City at addressing the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute any and all necessary agreements related to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund with Cincinnati Development Fund, Inc. or an affiliate; and DECLARING expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP200, "Affordable Housing Trust Fund," and American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP201, "Housing Strategies," to be for a public purpose.

Sponsors: Mayor

Recommend Passage Emergency

3. [202200471](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 2/24/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for grant resources awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School program in an amount of up to \$400,000 for the purpose of constructing sidewalks on Westwood Northern Boulevard between McHenry Avenue and Baltimore Avenue.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

4. [202200472](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 2/24/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$3,285 from Emergency Communications Center General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x103x0000x7215 as a moral obligation to US Bank for training and certification that was billed to a purchase card resulting in charges that exceeded the State of Ohio's \$3,000 purchasing limit without certification.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

5. [202200475](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 2/24/2022, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x221915, "Oakley Recreation Center," for the purpose of providing resources to acquire real estate or interest therein for parks, parkways, playgrounds and recreation centers, improving and equipping such real estate, rehabilitating existing parks, parkways, playgrounds and recreation centers, including the design and construction of a recreation center in the Oakley neighborhood as part of the Recreation Master Plan designed to meet the current demands and programming needs of the public, said recreation center to be larger than the existing center and include a gymnasium and rooms for specific activities, comply with current building codes, and provide ADA access and life safety requirements; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the Park and Recreation Improvement Bond Fund 860 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x221915, "Oakley Recreation Center."

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

6. [202200478](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 2/24/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source, Emergency Shelter Grant Fund 445, of the sum of \$559,380.39 from various Emergency Shelter Grant project accounts, in accordance with the attached Schedule of Transfer; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$559,380.39 from the unappropriated surplus of Emergency Shelter Grant Fund 445 to various Emergency Shelter Grant project accounts, in accordance with the attached Schedule of Transfer, for the purpose of appropriating Emergency Shelter Grant administrative resources to Emergency Shelter Grant project accounts to completely fund emergency shelter renovations for increased safety related to COVID-19.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

7. [202200479](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 2/24/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source Fund 411, "Home Investment Trust," of the sum of \$3,523,076 from various Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project accounts, according to the attached Schedule of Transfer; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$3,523,076 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund 411, "Home Investment Trust," to various new and existing Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project accounts, according to the attached schedule of transfer, for the purpose of appropriating resources to projects consistent with guidance issued by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

8. [202200483](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 2/24/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into an agreement on behalf of the Greater Cincinnati Water Works with the Water Research Foundation for the purpose of co-funding, along with five other water utilities, a collaborative research project known as "Identifying Service Line Materials without Excavation Distinguishing LSLs from Non-LSLs."

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

9. [202200484](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 2/24/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of a new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x222362, "Kirby Improvements PID 115448 SRTS Grant," for the purpose of constructing a sidewalk on Kirby Avenue from the Sun Valley Apartments to West North Bend Road in the Mt. Airy neighborhood and also constructing up to four flashing beacons in the area of Woodward High School in the Roselawn neighborhood; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$400,000 from the federal Safe Routes to School program (ALN 20.205), as administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation, to new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x222362, "Kirby Improvements PID 115448 SRTS Grant," for the purpose of constructing a sidewalk on Kirby Avenue from the Sun Valley Apartments to West North Bend Road in the Mt. Airy neighborhood and also constructing up to four flashing beacons in the area of Woodward High School in the Roselawn neighborhood; and further **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x222362, "Kirby Improvements PID 115448 SRTS Grant."

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

10. [202200486](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 2/24/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Property Transfer and Development Agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, pursuant to which the City will vacate and convey a portion of the public right-of-way known as Logan Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati in connection with the construction of a public parking garage.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

Yes: 9 - Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Harris
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Camerding
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Johnson
President Pro Tempore Parks

11. [202200491](#) ORDINANCE submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 2/24/2022, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement* with Oakley Crossings Holdings, LLC, thereby authorizing an 8-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 3628-3646 Madison Road and other project immediately adjacent thereto, all in the Oakley neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the construction of approximately 16,200 square feet of commercial space, at a total construction cost of approximately \$5,125,000.

Sponsors: City Manager

Held

12. [202200492](#) ORDINANCE submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 2/24/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Property Sale and Development Agreement* with Oakley Crossings Holdings, LLC, an affiliate of Morelia Group, LLC, for the sale of City-owned real property located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Kennedy Avenue and Madison Road in the Oakley neighborhood of Cincinnati, for a commercial development project consisting of approximately 16,200 square feet of commercial retail space.

Sponsors: City Manager

Held

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

13. [202200545](#) PRESENTATION submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, dated 2/28/2022, regarding is the Department of Finance's FY 2023 Budget Update.

Sponsors: City Manager

Filed

14. [202200546](#) PRESENTATION submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, dated 2/28/2022, regarding the Department of Transportation & Engineering's FY 2023 Budget Update.

Sponsors: City Manager

Filed

The Budget & Finance Committee Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m. by Councilmember Greg Landsman. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee is Monday March 7, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Robert Neely, Deputy Clerk

Clerk to the Committee