



City of Cincinnati

Budget and Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Jeff Cramerding
Vice Chair Scotty Johnson
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Anna Albi
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Evan Nolan
Councilmember Meeka Owens
President Pro Tem Victoria Parks
Councilmember Seth Walsh

Monday, September 29, 2025 1:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

Present: Mark Jeffreys
Anna Albi
Jan-Michele Kearney
Jeff Cramerding
Meeka Owens
Scotty Johnson
Victoria Parks
Evan Nolan

Excused: Seth Walsh

Also in attendance were Samantha Brandenburg, Law Department, Dr. Andrew Dudas, Budget Director and Steve Webb, Finance Director. The meeting began at 1:02pm and adjourned at 1:18pm.

AGENDA

GRANTS

1. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/24/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant of in-kind services from Public Allies AmeriCorps valued at up to \$60,000 to provide one full-time contracted position to carry out key portions of the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan. [202501761](#)
Recommend Passage Emergency
2. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. [202501779](#)

Long, City Manager, on 9/24/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$225,406 from the Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Health Preparedness (ALN 93.069) to plan and implement emergency preparedness activities in response to public health threats such as bioterrorism, infectious disease outbreaks, and health-related emergencies at the county and regional public health level; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556.

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3. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/25/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$142,500 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund 326 program account no. 2025CPF, "French Park Conservation Grant," to provide resources for trail improvements and invasive species removal at French Park; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund 326 program account no. 2025CPF, "French Park Conservation Grant."

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Recommend Passage

4. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/24/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$1,500,000 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (ALN 15.622), as administered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Watercraft, to construct a boat dock for transient vessels at the Public Landing in Downtown Cincinnati.

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Recommend Passage

5. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/24/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and deposit a grant of up to \$17,347.50 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to reimburse the Cincinnati Parks Department for litter removal expenses for Jackson Hill Park that were incurred and paid for during FY 2025.

[202501775](#)

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6. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/24/2025, ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x239x262321, "Cin APS FY27 Safety Grant PID 121949," to provide resources for making pedestrian safety improvements in the Downtown area known as "The Banks," through the construction of Accessible Pedestrian Signals ("APS") and ADA-compliant curb ramps ("PID 121949 project"); AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, appropriate, and deposit a Highway Safety Improvement Program (ALN 20.205) Systemic Safety grant awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT") of up to \$693,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x239x262321, "Cin APS FY27 Safety Grant PID 121949"; AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x239x262321, "Cin APS FY27 Safety Grant PID 121949"; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete the PID 121949 project.

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Recommend Passage

TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS

7. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/24/2025, AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$1,800,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Convention Center Fund 103 to Enterprise Services Convention Center Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 103x243x7200 to provide resources for contractual service obligations and the termination of the current naming rights agreement for the Convention Center.

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SOUTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (SOPEC)

8. ORDINANCE, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary to enable the City to join the Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("SOPEC") and act

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jointly with other municipalities, townships, counties, and other political subdivisions to maximize the potential benefits of electricity procurement through group purchasing efforts; and APPROVING the SOPEC Plan of Operation and Governance and the Amended and Restated Bylaws Governing SOPEC.

Held

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT

9. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/24/2025, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with 209 Limited, a subsidiary of Urban Sites, thereby authorizing a fifteen-year tax exemption for 100 percent of the value of improvements made to real property located at 1425 Main Street, 209 Woodward Street and 1227 Walnut Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of three existing buildings to into approximately 16,498 square feet of residential space, consisting of seventeen residential units, and approximately 2,680 square feet of commercial space, consisting of two commercial units, at a total remodeling cost of approximately \$4,200,000. [202501782](#)

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COMMUNICATION

10. COMMUNICATION, submitted by the Clerk of Council, from Rachel Hastings, Chair, Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District Assessment Equalization Board, regarding the Board's recommendations regarding objections. [202501789](#)

Approve & File

DOWNTOWN CINCINNATI IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

11. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/29/2025, APPROVING the report of the Over-the-Rhine South Special Improvement District Assessment Equalization Board dated September 22, 2025. [202501800](#)

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12. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/29/2025, DETERMINING to [202501799](#)

proceed with the assessment of properties in the Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District to implement the 2026-2029 services plan for the district in accordance with Section 727.23 and Chapter 1710 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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- 13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/29/2025, TO LEVY special assessments to pay for the costs of implementing the 2026-2029 services plan for the Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District in accordance with Section 727.25 and Chapter 1710 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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- 14. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/1/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Funding Agreement with Corryville Community Development Corporation to facilitate acquisition of real property located in the Corryville neighborhood of Cincinnati; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$1,350,903 from the unappropriated surplus of Corryville Equivalent Fund 488 (Corryville TIF District) to the Department of Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account no. 488x164x7200 to provide resources for the acquisition of real property; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$120,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Corryville Equivalent Fund 488 (Corryville TIF District) to the Department of Community and Economic Development personnel operating budget account no. 488x164x7100 to provide staffing resources in support of the acquisition of real property in the Corryville neighborhood of Cincinnati; and further DECLARING expenditures from such project account related to the acquisition of real property to be a public purpose and constitute a "Public Infrastructure Improvement" (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40(A)(8)) that will benefit and/or serve the District 9-Corryville TIF District Incentive District, subject to compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43 (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>).

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