



# City of Cincinnati

## Cincinnati City Council

### Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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**Wednesday, April 5, 2023**

**2:00 PM**

**Council Chambers, Room 300**

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Council convened at 2:04 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

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

Councilmember Jefferys was excused from today's meeting.

Vice Mayor Kearney arrived at 2:07 P.M.

**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 ordered Approved and Filed.**

#### **MAYOR AFTAB**

#### **Citizen Complaint Authority**

- 1. APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint John J. Williams to the Citizen Complaint Authority for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/African American)

**[202301037](#)**

Confirmed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys

### **MS. OWENS**

2. **ORDINANCE**, submitted by Councilmember Owens, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **ORDAINING** Chapter 1041, "Environmental Advisory Board," of Title X, "Environmental Code," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to establish the Environmental Advisory Board as a resource for the City in its ongoing commitment to enact policies, practices, and procedures that combat climate change, improve the health and well-being of our citizens and our environment, and position Cincinnati to be a leader in sustainability policy and city-level climate change initiatives. [202301048](#)

Referred to Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee

### **CITY MANAGER**

3. **REPORT**, dated 4/5/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Clifton Memorial Day Parade. [202301026](#)  
Filed
4. **REPORT**, dated 4/5/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Juneteenth Parade. [202301027](#)  
Filed
- F5. **REPORT**, dated 4/5/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for FCC3 - 5K. [202301028](#)  
Filed
6. **REPORT**, dated 4/5/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Second Sundays On Main. [202301029](#)  
Filed
7. **REPORT**, dated 4/5/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Reds Nike Event. [202301030](#)  
Filed
8. **REPORT**, dated 4/5/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Oakley After Hours. [202301031](#)

Filed

9. **REPORT**, dated 4/5/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Concours d'Elegance 2023. [202301038](#)

Filed

10. **REPORT**, dated 4/5/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Cincinnati Reds Post Game Concerts. [202301039](#)

Filed

11. **REPORT**, dated 4/5/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Queen City 5K. [202301040](#)

Filed

12. **REPORT**, dated 4/5/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for UCHC23. [202301041](#)

Filed

13. **REPORT**, dated 4/5/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Bash on Short Vine. [202301042](#)

Filed

14. **REPORT**, dated 4/5/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Oaktobefest. [202301043](#)

Filed

15. **REPORT**, dated 4/5/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Festival 513. [202301044](#)

Filed

16. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/5/2023, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement* with Common Ground Community Development, LLC, thereby authorizing a 12-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 1901 Baymiller Street in the West End neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of an existing building into approximately 871 square feet of commercial space and approximately 3,071 square feet of residential space, consisting of 7 residential rental units, at a total construction cost of approximately \$650,000. [202301049](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

17. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/5/2023, **AUTHORIZING** City Manager or her designee to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$265 from Adopt A Class for the purpose of providing resources to assist with transportation costs related to an Adopt A Class Program field trip tour of the Greater Cincinnati Water Works treatment plant facilities to Water Works non-personnel operating budget account no. 314x301x7200; and [202301050](#)
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AUTHORIZING the Finance Director to deposit any such grant funds received into Fund No. 314x8571, "Special Events."

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 18. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/5/2023, **ESTABLISHING** the classification and salary range schedule for the new employment classification of Wastewater Crew Leader, and **ORDAINING** Section 722 of Division 1, Chapter 307, of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to reflect this new employment classification.

[202301051](#)

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

- 19. RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/5/2023, **DECLARING** the necessity of assessing properties in Lighting Group 2 that benefit from special street lighting within the City of Cincinnati for the cost of such lighting for the three-year period beginning August 1, 2022.

[202301052](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 20. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/5/2023, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 139-1960, which authorized the establishment of Fund No. 756, "Water Works Capital Improvements Program," for the purpose of expanding the permissible sources for deposit into the fund to include state and federal loan and grant funding for water works capital improvements.

[202301060](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 21. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/5/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$3,745.14 from Cincinnati Recreation Commission Recreation Federal Grant Projects Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 324x192x2210x7473 as a moral obligation to MMP LLC (dba Creative Storm) for marketing materials purchased for upcoming spring and summer events.

[202301061](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 22. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/5/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for grant resources from the Clean Ohio Trails Fund grant program to be awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in an amount up to \$500,000 for the purpose of providing resources for the Red Bank Road Shared Use Path (PID 86461).

[202301062](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 23. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/5/2023, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with 1007 Dayton Street, LLC, an affiliate of 8K Development Company, LLC, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 1001-1007 Dayton Street in the West End

[202301063](#)

neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of approximately 935 square feet of commercial space and approximately 3,510 square feet of residential space, consisting of 8 residential rental units, at a total construction cost of approximately \$1,269,520.

### Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 24. REPORT**, dated 4/5/2023 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 Hilltop Cincy LLC, 950 Pavilion Street. (#3854990, D1 D2 D3 D3A D6, Transfer) [Objections: None] [202301064](#)

Filed

- 25. REPORT**, dated 4/5/2023 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 Rookwood Pottery Restaurant LLC, 1077 Celestial Street. (#75094090010, D1 D2 D3 D6, Transfer) [Objections: None] [202301065](#)

Filed

### CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 26. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Mollie Kathleen Lair/City Manager's Office/Director of Communications. [202301069](#)

Filed

- 27. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Robert Bertsch/Community and Econ Dev/Division Manager. [202301070](#)

Filed

- 28. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Jason Nathan Cooper/Cincinnati Police/Division Manager. [202301071](#)

Filed

- 29. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Matthew Charles Brinck/DOTE/Division Manager. [202301072](#)

Filed

- 30. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Erica Elizabeth Faaborg/Law/Deputy City Solicitor. [202301073](#)

Filed

- 31. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Matthew E Shad/Buildings & Inspections/Division Manager. [202301074](#)

- Filed
- 32. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Maria Meyer/Greater Cincinnati Water Works/Interim Chief Engineer. [202301075](#)
- Filed
- 33. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Doris Adotey/Division Manager. [202301076](#)
- Filed
- 34. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Jerry Lavene Wilkerson Jr/Dept of Public Services/Director. [202301077](#)
- Filed
- 35. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for John Cranley/Former Mayor. (ETHICS) [202301078](#)
- Filed
- 36. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Curtis Allen Hines/Transportation and Engineering/Division Manager. [202301079](#)
- Filed
- 37. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for William F Vedra III/City Manager's Office/ECC Director. [202301080](#)
- Filed

### **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- 38. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/29/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for grant resources in an amount up to \$500,000 from the Federal Transit Administration under the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program (ALN 20.505) for the purpose of providing resources for improvements and upgrades to streetcar technology, station information displays, and transit management software. [202301001](#)
- Passed
- Yes:**
- Vice Mayor Kearney
  - Councilmember Keating
  - Councilmember Cramerding
  - Councilmember Harris
  - Councilmember Johnson
  - Councilmember Owens
  - President Pro Tempore Parks
  - Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys  
Enactment No: 0108-2023

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys  
Enactment No: 0108-2023

- 39. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/29/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232032, "DNR Team HQ Renovation," for the purpose of providing resources for renovation of the former District 5 Police Station located at 1012 Ludlow Avenue; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$1,450,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Park Board Permanent Improvement Fund 752 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232032, "DNR Team HQ Renovation."

[202301002](#)

Passed Emergency

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys  
Enactment No: 0109-2023

Emergency clause to remain

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Keating  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Owens  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Enactment No: 0109-2023

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Keating  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Owens  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Enactment No: 0109-2023

**40. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/29/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation in the amount of \$1,600 from Clifton Town Meeting for the purpose of hosting neighborhood community events throughout calendar year 2023; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the donated resources into Contributions for Recreation Purposes Fund 319x8571.

[202301003](#)

Passed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Keating  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Owens  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Enactment No: 0110-2023



Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys  
Enactment No: 0110-2023

- 41. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/29/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation in an amount up to \$25,000 from the Cincinnati Recreation Foundation for the purpose of providing resources for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission's annual RiverTrek program and newly established ski and snowboard program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the donated funds into Contributions for Recreation Purposes Fund revenue account no. 319x8571.

[202301004](#)

Passed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys  
Enactment No: 0111-2023

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys  
Enactment No: 0111-2023

- 42. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/29/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager and employees of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission ("CRC") to solicit and accept donations of money and in-kind contributions from the local business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources for the purpose of supporting CRC's programming needs including, but not limited to, the annual Scavenger Hunt event in Clifton; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the donated funds into Contributions for Recreation Purposes Fund 319 revenue account no. 319x8571.

[202301005](#)

Passed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys  
Enactment No: 0112-2023

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys  
Enactment No: 0112-2023

- 43. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/29/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of new roller skates from the Preservation of Affordable Housing valued at up to \$15,000 for the purpose of providing roller skates at the Over-the-Rhine Recreation Center.

[202301006](#)

Passed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Keating  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Owens  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Enactment No: 0113-2023

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Keating  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Owens  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Enactment No: 0113-2023

- 44. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/29/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept in-kind donations and contributions of supplies, professional services, and contracted services from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation, valued at approximately \$235,136.11, to benefit various City parks; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept in-kind donations of park supplies, professional services, and contracted services from the Cincinnati Riding Or Walking Network and Green Umbrella, valued at approximately \$121,450, to benefit various City parks.

[202301007](#)

Passed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Keating  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Harris  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Councilmember Owens  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys

Enactment No: 0114-2023

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys  
Enactment No: 0114-2023

### **SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

- 45. RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE) (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/22/2023, **OBJECTING** to the renewal of the C1 and C2 liquor permit number 4371715 applied for by John Street Market, LLC, 1715 John Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214 to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control.

[202300887](#)

Passed Emergency

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys  
Enactment No: 0034-2023

Emergency clause to remain

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys  
Enactment No: 0034-2023

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys  
Enactment No: 0034-2023

### **HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE**

- 46. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Councilmember Parks, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RENAMING** East Mehring Way between Joe Nuxhall Way and Broadway to Barry Larkin Way in the City of Cincinnati, notwithstanding Council Resolution No. 16-2003, any Committee of Names conflicting rules and regulations, or any provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code that would prohibit the renaming of a street in honor of a living person.

[202300769](#)

Passed Emergency

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys

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Enactment No: 0115-2023

Emergency clause to remain

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys  
Enactment No: 0115-2023

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys  
Enactment No: 0115-2023

- 47. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/29/2023, **NAMING** the steps between Vine Street and Ohio Avenue in the Mt. Auburn neighborhood the "Fig Alley Steps."

[202300934](#)

Passed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys  
Enactment No: 0116-2023

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Harris  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Owens  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh

**Absent:** Councilmember Jeffreys  
Enactment No: 0116-2023

**NEW BUSINESS**

**48. RESOLUTION**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval and Councilmembers Owens and Jeffreys ADOPTING the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan as the comprehensive climate action plan for the City of Cincinnati.

[202301081](#)

Referred to Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee

**No announcements at this time.**

Council adjourned at 2:33 P.M.