



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, August 4, 2025

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

AGENDA

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

Excused: Victoria Parks

SEASONGOOD INTERN RECOGNITION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Cramerding moved to enter Executive Session to discuss Item #31 on the Budget and Finance Agenda in addition to the Clerk of Council position. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Kearney and approved unanimously.

Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1)

MOTIONS

This was Approved & Filed

1. MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Owens, WE MOVE that the administration prepare a report by October 2025 that outlines the average time that it takes for the permitting and development process of Zone Change Applications. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

This Motion was Adopt to the Cincinnati City Council

2. MOTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, WE MOVE that City Council pay to the Mercantile Library the sum of \$10,000 from the City Managers General Fund as a moral obligation for the City of Cincinnati's Poet Laureate Program. The City of Cincinnati established its Poet Laureate Program in 2016. The Mercantile Library agreed to manage the program in 2021 and has consistently done so. The budget for the Poet Laureate's stipend is \$10,000 per year. The Mercantile Library and City of Cincinnati each incur half of the \$10,000 annual cost. The City of Cincinnati paid it's \$5,000 share to the Mercantile Library for the Cincinnati Poet Laureate Program in 2021, 2022, and 2023. However, the City of Cincinnati failed to pay to the Mercantile Library its \$5,000 share for the Poet Laureate Program for FY'24 and owes for FY 25. Therefore, the total owed to the Mercantile Library for those two years is \$10,000.

This Motion was Adopt to the Cincinnati City Council

MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, WE MOVE that a subcommittee of the Budget and Finance Committee be formed to evaluate candidates for Clerk of Council. WE FURTHER MOVE that Councilmembers Cramerding, Kearney, Johnson, and Parks be appointed to this subcommittee.

This Motion was Adopt to the Cincinnati City Council

REPORTS

3. REPORT, dated 6/18/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Cincinnati Retirement System CY2024 Annual Report.

This Report was Approve & File to the Cincinnati City Council

4. REPORT, dated 6/18/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding benchmarking performance measures progress. (Reference Document # 202500287)

This Report was Approve & File to the Cincinnati City Council

5. REPORT, dated 8/4/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Department of Finance Reports for the Month Ended April 30, 2025.

This Report was Filed

6. REPORT, dated 8/4/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Department of Finance Reports for the Month Ended May 31, 2025.

This Report was Filed

PAYMENTS

7. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/4/2025, Authorizing the payment of \$103,513.00 from the Emergency Communications Center ("ECC") General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x103x0000x7215 as a moral obligation to Medical Priority Consultants, Inc. dba Priority Dispatch Corp. for training and certifications for ECC personnel provided between July 2022 and May 2025; AUTHORIZING a payment of \$13,754.60 from the ECC General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x103x0000x7452 to National Academies of Emergency Dispatch dba International Academies of Emergency Dispatch as a moral obligation for required recertifications of ECC personnel provided between August 2023 and May 2025; and AUTHORIZING a payment of \$173,098.95 from the ECC 9-1-1 Cell Phone Fees Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 364x103x0000x7418 to Intrado Life & Safety Solutions Corp. as a moral obligation for 9-1-1 phone system annual software maintenance and support from March 31, 2025 to March 30, 2026.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

8. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the payment of \$243,681.23 from Cincinnati Recreation Commission Municipal Golf Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 105x195x1510x7299, as a moral obligation to Antares Golf, LLC for outstanding charges related to management services for Cincinnati Recreation Commission golf courses.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

9. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the payment of \$4,370 from Cincinnati Recreation Commission Recreation Special Activities Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 323x197x9792x7299 as a moral obligation to Jason Barney for services rendered in connection with boat ramp operations at the Schmidt Complex.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

10. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/4/2025, AUTHORIZING a payment of \$76,237.04 from Stormwater Management Utility Stormwater Management Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 107x311x6000x7248 as a moral obligation to Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for outstanding charges

related to stormwater electric services provided to the City from March 18, 2025 to June 19, 2025.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

11. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the payment of \$92,000 from Emergency Communications Center 9-1-1 Cell Phone Fees Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 364x103x0000x7418 to Medical Priority Consultants, Inc. dba Priority Dispatch Corp. for software maintenance and support services for the period of January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

12. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the payment of \$154,798.16 from General Fund Enterprise Software and Licenses Non-Departmental non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x952x0000x7418 to CGI Technologies and Solutions, Inc. for maintenance services for the Cincinnati Financial System for the period of March 1, 2025, to May 31, 2025, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

APPROPRIATIONS

13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to appropriate \$1,057,209.89 of 2024 Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") program income from the unappropriated surplus of CDBG Fund 304 to CDBG Fund project account no. 304x212x30424015, "Housing Repair Services '24," to fund the continuation of the housing repair program.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

14. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to appropriate \$69,060 in HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Program income from the unappropriated surplus of HOME Investment Trust Fund 411 to HOME Investment Trust Fund project account no. 411x162x4112506, "Strategic Housing Initiatives Program '25," to fund the continuation of the

Strategic Housing Initiatives Program.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

DONATION

15. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of \$1,000 from the Rotary Club of Cincinnati to be used for operation of the Cincinnati Police Department Public Safety Cadet program and the Cops for a Cure program; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the donation into Public Safety Special Projects Fund revenue account no. 456x8571.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

ESTABLISH NEW FUND

16. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/4/2025, ESTABLISHING new Fund 748, "Qualified Employee Benefit Arrangement (QEBA)," to pay excess retirement benefits that are not permitted to be paid from the qualified pension trust due to Internal Revenue Code limitations; AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of \$106,000 from Contribution to Total Benefit Arrangement General Fund Non-Departmental fringe benefits operating budget account no. 050x915x7500 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of \$10,000 from the Lump Sum Payments General Fund Non-Departmental personnel operating budget account no. 050x924x7100 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$116,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of new Fund 748, "Qualified Employee Benefit Arrangement (QEBA)"; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$116,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund 748, "Qualified Employee Benefit Arrangement (QEBA)," to Contribution to Total Benefit Arrangement Non-Departmental fringe benefits operating budget account no. 748x915x7500 to provide resources for Qualified Employee Benefit Arrangement payments through calendar year 2025.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

PROPERTY SALE AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

17. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City

Manager, on 8/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Property Sale and Development Agreement with American Craft Brewery LLC (d/b/a Samuel Adams Cincinnati Brewery), pursuant to which the City will vacate and convey portions of the public rights-of-way known as Eve Alley and Snyder Alley and all of the public right-of-way known as Bauman Street, all in the West End neighborhood of Cincinnati, to facilitate the company's construction of a truck staging area to support the company's main production brewery, at an estimated total project cost of approximately \$7,477,143.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

GRANTS

- 18.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/4/2025, ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261004, "EV Charging Rec Centers PID 122816 Grant," to install electric vehicle charging stations at the Price Hill, Hartwell, and Madisonville Recreation Centers; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$998,238 from the Carbon Reduction Program through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (ALN 20.205), as administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation, to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261004, "EV Charging Rec Centers PID 122816 Grant;" and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261004, "EV Charging Rec Centers PID 122816 Grant."

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage to the Cincinnati City Council

- 19.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$100,000 from the Urban Forestry Grant program, awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ALN 10.727), to provide resources to develop and implement an urban forestry management plan.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

- 20.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$97,430 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (ALN 16.738),

administered by the Office of Criminal Justice Services, to aid in reducing violent juvenile crime in Cincinnati; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 23JAGVCR.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage to the Cincinnati City Council

- 21.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$6,250,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services ("COPS"), FY 2025 COPS Hiring Program (ALN 16.068) to hire up to fifty entry-level police officers; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 25COPS.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage to the Cincinnati City Council

- 22.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$83,000 in FY 2023 Project Safe Neighborhoods funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance coordinated by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Ohio, and administered by the Office of Criminal Justice Services (ALN 16.609), for the purchase and implementation of a deterrence and prevention-based curriculum to complement efforts to address juvenile violent crime; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 23PSN.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

- 23.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$60,000 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, FY 2025 Violence Against Women Act Grant Program (ALN 16.588) to support the Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Advocate Project in collaboration with Women Helping Women; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 25VAWA.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

- 24.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on

8/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$42,000 from the State of Ohio, Office of the Attorney General, State Victims Assistance Act and the federal Victims of Crime Act grant programs (ALN 16.575) to provide funds for the Cincinnati Police Department Homicide Unit's Victim Advocate; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 26VALU.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage to the Cincinnati City Council

- 25. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$175,000 in FY 2025 Community Policing Development Microgrants funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (ALN 16.710), to enhance the Understudy Program, which works to recruit and retain police officer candidates between the ages of eighteen and 21 until they are of eligible age to enter the police academy; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 25WDEV.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

- 26. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/4/2025, ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262315, "Reading & Asmann Sidewalk PID 120858 Grant," to provide resources for constructing a sidewalk from mid-block Asmann Avenue to Reading Road and along a segment of Reading Road, as well as reducing the intersection width at Reading Road and Asmann Avenue, all to promote pedestrian safety and connectivity; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Transportation Alternatives grant (ALN 20.205) of up to \$1,000,000 awarded through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262315, "Reading & Asmann Sidewalk PID 120858 Grant"; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into the newly established capital improvement program project account.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage to the Cincinnati City Council

- 27. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262316, "Little Miami Scenic Trail PID 115291 Grant," to provide resources for the extension of

the existing shared-use path along Beechmont Avenue from the intersection of Elstun Road to the intersection of Ranchvale Drive in the Mount Washington neighborhood; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Transportation Alternatives grant (ALN 20.205) of up to \$717,000 from the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments ("OKI") to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262316, "Little Miami Scenic Trail PID 115291 Grant"; AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit OKI grant resources of up to \$717,000 into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262316, "Little Miami Scenic Trail PID 115291 Grant"; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to do all things necessary to complete the extension of the existing shared-use path along Beechmont Avenue from the intersection of Elstun Road to the intersection of Ranchvale Drive in the Mount Washington neighborhood including but not limited to entering into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of the OKI grant resources.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

MUNICIPAL CODE MODIFICATIONS

- 28.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/4/2025, MODIFYING Chapter 321, "Procurement and Disposal of Supplies, Services and Construction," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by AMENDING Sections 321-11, "Procurement; \$5,000 or Less," and 321-13, "Procurement; Supplies, Services and Construction in Excess of \$5,000.00 but not Greater Than \$50,000.00," to increase the threshold for small-dollar procurements and improve the efficiency of the procurement process.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

- 29.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/4/2025, AMENDING Ordinance No. 228-2012 passed by City Council on June 20, 2012, as previously amended by Ordinance No. 246-2013, Ordinance No. 179-2014, Ordinance No. 272-2015, Ordinance No. 268-2016, Ordinance No. 213-2017, Ordinance No. 244-2018, Ordinance No. 321-2019, Ordinance No. 270-2020, Ordinance No. 311-2021, Ordinance No. 237-2022, Ordinance No. 306-2023, and Ordinance 273-2024, for the purpose of reducing those special assessments levied and to be collected in 2026 (with tax year 2025 property taxes) upon a report of the administrator for bonds issued by the

Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority related to the Oakley Station development project (the "Administrator's Report"), and AUTHORIZING the refund of certain special assessments abated by Ordinance No. 273-2024 and erroneously collected and distributed to the City, based upon the Administrator's Report.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENT

- 30.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/4/2025, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to enter into a First Amendment to Tax Incentive Agreement with the Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District thereby authorizing the City of Cincinnati to approve certain real and personal property tax exemptions and credits for the maximum periods and amounts permitted under state law and to provide to the Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District certain compensation in exchange for such authorizations and the waiver of certain other rights under state law.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

LABOR MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

- 31.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute and implement the labor management agreement between the City of Cincinnati and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Locals 190, 223, 240, 250, 1543, and 3119, the updated terms of which are reflected in the attached summary.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

ADJOURNMENT