



# City of Cincinnati

## Budget and Finance Committee

### Meeting Minutes

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

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**Monday, October 30, 2023**                      **1:00 PM**                      **Council Chambers, Room 300**

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#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** Seth Walsh  
Jan-Michele Kearney  
Liz Keating  
Councilmember Jeff Cramerding  
Mark Jeffreys  
Scotty Johnson  
Meeka Owens  
Victoria Parks  
Councilmember Harris

Also in attendance were Erica Faaborg, Deputy Solicitor, Karen Alder, Finance Director and Dr. Andrew Dudas, Budget Director. The meeting began at 1:04 pm and ended at 2:15 p.m.

#### AGENDA

##### GRANTS AND DONATIONS

1. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/25/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$10,000,000 from the Ohio Department of Transportation's Local Major Bridge program to provide resources for design and construction services associated with major preventative maintenance work on the Hopple Street Viaduct. [202302233](#)  
Recommend Passage
2. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. [202302274](#)

Long, City Manager, on 10/25/2023, ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account nos. 980x232x242368, "State to Central - RAISE Grant," and 980x232x242369, "State to Central - CPF Grant," to provide federal grant resources to conduct a Complete Streets project, which includes improving the safety of City streets and enhancing bicycle and pedestrian connections and safety; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant (ALN 20.933) awarded by the United States Department of Transportation ("USDOT") of up to \$20,000,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x242368, "State to Central - RAISE Grant"; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Community Project Funding grant (ALN 20.534) awarded by USDOT of up to \$1,500,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x242369, "State to Central - CPF Grant"; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

Recommend Passage Emergency

3. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/25/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$234,311 from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) FY 2023 Health Center Bridge Access Program (ALN 93.527) to support health centers funded under the Health Center Program to prevent, mitigate, and respond to COVID-19 and to enhance health care services and infrastructure; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556.

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Recommend Passage

4. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/25/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$80,000 from the National Association of County and City Health Officials to strengthen the Cincinnati Health

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Department's capacity to prevent and respond to healthcare-associated infections and antimicrobial resistance related to the Local Health Department Healthcare-Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance Project; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8571.

Recommend Passage

5. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/25/2023, AMENDING Ordinance No. 143-2023 which authorized the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of new trees, boulders, plants, and related landscaping from the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden valued at up to \$25,000 to increase the in-kind donation value to up to \$35,000. [202302235](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

#### **PAYMENTS**

6. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/25/2023, AUTHORIZING a payment of \$6,500 to Dinsmore & Shohl LLP for outstanding charges related to legal services provided to the City, to be paid from Bond Retirement Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 151x134x0000x7289 pursuant to the attached certificate from the Director of Finance. [202302238](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

#### **REPORTS**

7. REPORT, dated 10/25/2023, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Department of Finance Reports for the Month Ended July 31, 2023. [202302259](#)

Approve & File

8. REPORT, dated 10/25/2023, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Department of Finance Reports for the Month Ended August 31, 2023. [202302260](#)

Approve & File

#### **SAFETY PLAN**

9. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/25/2023, APPROVING the [202302234](#)

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revised Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan for the Connector as recommended by the streetcar's Accountable Executive and Chief Safety Officer.

Recommend Passage Emergency

### **ARTWORK INSTALLATIONS**

- 10. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/11/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to design, install, and maintain artwork on various traffic control boxes located in the CUF neighborhood, notwithstanding any conflicting Department of Transportation and Engineering rules and regulations or any provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code that would prohibit the installation and maintenance of the artwork. [202302132](#)
- Recommend Passage Emergency

### **PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS**

- 11. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/25/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Grant of Easement in favor of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., granting utility easements across portions of City-owned property generally located along Kellogg and Renslar Avenues in the California neighborhood of Cincinnati. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List  
<<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>)  
Held [202302263](#)
- 12. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/25/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Grant of Easement in favor of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., granting utility easements across portions of City-owned property generally located along Beechmont Avenue and Canoe Court in the Linwood and Mt. Washington neighborhoods of Cincinnati. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List  
<<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>)  
Held [202302264](#)
- 13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/25/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Grant of Easement in favor of [202302257](#)

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., granting utility easements across portions of City-owned property generally located along Canoe Court and Renslar Avenue in the Mt. Washington and California neighborhoods of Cincinnati. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List

<<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>)

Held

- 14. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/25/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Grant of Easement in favor of the Board of Trustees of Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, pursuant to which the City of Cincinnati will grant temporary and perpetual easements to construct and maintain a public shared-use path upon portions of City-owned property located south of Beechmont Avenue and west Elstun Road in the Mt. Washington neighborhood of Cincinnati, thereby connecting Elstun Road to the Little Miami Scenic Trail and the City-owned Otto Armleder and Lunken Bike Trails. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List  
<<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>)  
Recommend Passage Emergency

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### **MOTIONS**

- 15. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Keating and Cramerding, WE MOVE for City Council to begin the annual review of the City Manager. The review will be based on 10 categories listed below and will follow the timeline listed below. WE FURTHER MOVE that the City Manager present to Council a self-evaluation, including the 10 categories listed below. WE FURTHER MOVE that the Councilmembers communicate to internal and external stakeholders to provide informal feedback to use for their own evaluation of the City Manager. (STATEMENT ATTACHED) (STATEMENT AMENDED)  
Adopt
- 16. MOTION (AMENDED)**, submitted by Councilmember Keating, WE MOVE that the administration provide a report detailing all childcare programs facilitated by the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, including, but not limited to day camps, mini camps, and CRC-led before and after school

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care at Cincinnati Public Schools. These reports should include how many students are currently enrolled, how many were waitlisted and/or denied, which locations and age groups have the highest demand, and how many could be potentially accepted given certain investments such as increased staffing and supplies. \* In addition, the report should include the following: fees for CRC's childcare programs and services, and the income levels of the families served in each program, and barriers to participation, including but not limited to transportation. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

Adopt

### **ACCESS TO COUNSEL**

17. ORDINANCE, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval and Councilmember Owens, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, ORDAINING new Chapter 868, "Tenant Access to Counsel in Eviction Proceedings," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to provide access to legal counsel to qualifying, limited-income tenants in residential housing who are facing eviction.

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Held

ADJOURNMENT