



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Thursday, January 19, 2023

2:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:20 P.M., Vice Mayor Kearney, Presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

In attendance were City Manager Sheryl Long, Deputy City Solicitor Marion Haynes and Clerk of Council Melissa Autry.

Council observed a moment of silent prayer and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

There being no objection, Minutes of the previous session of Council were Approved and Filed.

MAYOR AFTAB

Cincinnati Retirement System

- 1. APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Seth Walsh to the Board of Trustees of the Cincinnati Retirement System to fill the unexpired term of Councilmember Jeff Cramerding, expiring on January 26, 2026. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White)

[202300319](#)

Confirmed

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

Cincinnati Southern Railway

2. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint [202300381](#)
 Charlie Luken to the Cincinnati Southern Railway Board of Trustees for a
 term of five years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its
 advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

3. **ORDINANCE**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, from Emily Smart [202300364](#)
 Woerner, City Solicitor, **ESTABLISHING** certain policies and conditions
 regarding the application of residential Community Reinvestment Area
 real property tax abatements.

Referred to Equitable Growth & Housing Committee

MS. PARKS

4. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Parks, **WE MOVE** that the [202300353](#)
 administration prepare a report within sixty (60) days outlining average
 fire department response times by neighborhood. For the neighborhoods
 with the longest response times, this report should also give suggestions
 on how to reduce this, including looking at the feasibility of implementing
 temporary fire station structures.

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

5. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Parks, **WE MOVE** that the [202300380](#)
 administration prepare a report within sixty (60) days outlining the costs of
 supplying period products in the restrooms of city facilities. **WE**
FURTHER MOVE that the administration begins supplying period
 products in at least one restroom per floor of City Hall.

Referred to Healthy Neighborhoods Committee

CITY MANAGER

6. **REPORT**, dated 1/19/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City [202300259](#)
 Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Cold Nights and
 Warm Spirits.

Filed

7. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City [202300342](#)

Manager, on 1/19/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute and implement the labor management agreement between the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 250, representing all Municipal Workers of the City of Cincinnati in the Public Service Department, Recreation Department, and Parking Facilities Division, and the City of Cincinnati, the updated terms of which are reflected in the summary attached hereto.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

8. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/19/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute an *Easement Plat* in favor of the Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Ohio granting a utility easement across a portion of City-owned property generally located at 701 Covedale Avenue in Delhi Township, Hamilton County, Ohio.

[202300346](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

9. **REPORT**, dated 1/19/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Taylor Swift Pre-Party.

[202300352](#)

Filed

10. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/19/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x231637, "Saks Acquisition - TIF," for the purpose of providing resources for the acquisition of the improvements located at 101 W. Fifth Street, commonly known as the Saks Fifth Avenue building; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$3,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Downtown South/Riverfront Equivalent Fund 481 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x231637, "Saks Acquisition - TIF"; and **DECLARING** that expenditures from newly created capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x231637, "Saks Acquisition - TIF," to be a public purpose and constitute a "Public Infrastructure Improvement" (as defined in Section 5709.40(A)(8) of the Ohio Revised Code), that will benefit and/or serve the District 2-Downtown South/Riverfront District Incentive District, subject to compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43.

[202300354](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

11. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/19/2023, **ESTABLISHING** capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232034, "Sawyer Point Public Landing Parking System," for the purpose of providing resources for the installation of new parking hardware and software systems for parking lots located at Sawyer Point and the Public Landing; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of up to \$61,385 from the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Riverfront Park Fund 329 to newly established capital

[202300355](#)

improvement program project account no. 980x203x232034, "Sawyer Point Public Landing Parking System"; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of up to \$122,772 from the unappropriated surplus of Sawyer Point Fund 318 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232034, "Sawyer Point Public Landing Parking System."

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 12. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/19/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of eleven new capital improvement program project accounts in the Department of Transportation and Engineering according to the attached Schedule of Appropriation, for the purpose of providing Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority Transit Infrastructure Fund resources for the timely completion of various public infrastructure projects throughout the City; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$18,345,830 from the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority Transit Infrastructure Fund to the various newly established capital improvement program project accounts according to the attached Schedule of Appropriation; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

[202300356](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/19/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation in the amount of up to \$10,000 from Fifth Third Bank for the purpose of providing resources for the Black Is Excellence Banner Project; and AUTHORIZING the Finance Director to deposit the donated resources into Human Relations Fund 435 revenue account no. 435x8571.

[202300357](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 14. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/19/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the expenditure of funds for the purchase of refrigerators and microwaves for use by City employees in City workplaces, for the purpose of promoting employee efficiency and morale; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to establish policies specifying the circumstance in which such funds may be expended, as well as controls to ensure the appropriate expenditure of such funds; and further DECLARING that such expenditures serve a public purpose.

[202300358](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 15. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/19/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Property Sale Agreement with BAM Realty Group, LLC, pursuant to which the City will vacate and convey a portion of the public right-of-way known as Madison Road in Oakley.

[202300362](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

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- 16. REPORT**, dated 1/19/2023 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 Taco Lab LLC, DBA Taco Lab, 127 Calhoun Street. (#8776985, C1, New) [Objections: None]
- [202300365](#)
- Filed

CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 17. COMMUNICATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Roger K. Smith, Executive Director of Woodward Trust providing their 2022 Annual Report.
- [202300351](#)
- Filed
- 18. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Timothy David Heyl/Recreation/Division Manager.
- [202300366](#)
- Filed
- 19. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Grant McCann Mussman/Interim Health Commissioner.
- [202300367](#)
- Filed
- 20. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Bobbi Kay Hageman/Office of Procurement/Director.
- [202300368](#)
- Filed
- 21. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Jonathan A. Peters/GCWW/Treatment Superintendent.
- [202300369](#)
- Filed
- 22. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Jeff Wade Swertfeger/Water Works Superintendent.
- [202300370](#)
- Filed
- 23. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Richard Merz/Parks/Division Manager.
- [202300371](#)
- Filed
- 24. REGISTRATION (UPDATED)**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Candace Leigh Novak Sabers, Government and Community Relations, 3200 Burnet Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229.
- [202300382](#)
- Filed

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 25. REPORT**, dated 1/17/2023, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager,
- [202300318](#)

regarding the Updated Human Services Strategies and Priorities Plan.

Approved & Filed

- 26. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/11/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$168,053 in FY 2023 Office of Law Enforcement Recruitment funds from the State of Ohio, Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, for the purpose of developing the Cincinnati Police Department recruiting process, specifically the Cadet Apprenticeship Program, to include emphasis on recruitment of women and minorities; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 23LERF.

[202300262](#)

Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Enactment No: 0013-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Enactment No: 0013-2023

- 27. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/11/2023, **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$86,904 to Rainbow Environmental Services as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to asbestos abatement preparation services prior to the demolition of dangerous and unsafe buildings for the Department of Buildings and Inspections, to be paid from the Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 project account no. 304x161x0000x7656x30421136.

[202300263](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh
 Enactment No: 0014-2023

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh
 Enactment No: 0014-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh
 Enactment No: 0014-2023

28. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/11/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Lease and Operating Agreement with Great Parks of Hamilton County pursuant to which Great Parks of Hamilton County will lease and operate the City-owned public park known as Fernbank Park in Sayler Park.

[202300265](#)

Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Enactment No: 0015-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Enactment No: 0015-2023

29. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/11/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Grant of Easement in favor of Barrister Apartments, LLC, pursuant to which the City of Cincinnati will grant encroachment easements upon portions of Pancoast Alley and Crow Alley in the Central Business District.

[202300267](#)

Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Enactment No: 0016-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Enactment No: 0016-2023

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 2:41 P.M.