



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 Anna Albi
Councilmember Meeka Owens
Councilmember Seth Walsh
President Pro Tem Victoria Parks

Monday, January 8, 2024

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

AGENDA

ROLL CALL

Present: Mark Jeffreys
Anna Albi
Jan-Michele Kearney
Jeff Cramerding
Meeka Owens
Reggie Harris
Scotty Johnson
Seth Walsh
Victoria Parks

Also in attendance were Dr. Andrew Dudas, Budget Director, Erica Faaborg, Deputy Solicitor and Monica Morton, Assistant Finance Director.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

1. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources of up to \$25,000 from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation to the Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7400 to provide resources to support the City's Urban Agriculture Program; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571.

[202400021](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

2. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$15,000 from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network to create a Higher-Education Sustainability Cohort in partnership with Last Mile Food Rescue. [202400031](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

3. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount of up to \$150,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund for the purpose of providing financial aid to Cincinnati homeowners with defective household sewage treatment systems; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536. [202400026](#)

Recommend Passage

4. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$25,000 from the Ohio Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, funded by the Ohio Department of Health, to assist in reducing lead exposure to children in high-risk communities through education and outreach activities during the Healthy Homes Awareness Month in April 2024; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536. [202400028](#)

Recommend Passage

5. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, AMENDING Ordinance No. 159-2023 to increase the matching funds related to the FY 2023 COPS Hiring Program Grant to up to \$7,964,550. [202400023](#)

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6. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$10,461 from the Officer Olivia Zick Memorial Fund, administered by [202400029](#)

Commonwealth Charitable Management, to support mental health initiatives for the Cincinnati Police Department; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 23OZMF.

Recommend Passage Emergency

7. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources of up to \$760,620 from the Ohio Child Care Stabilization Sub-Grant, part of the Child Care and Development Block Grant (ALN 93.575), through the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to support up to thirteen of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission's licensed neighborhood childcare programs; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources, if awarded, into Recreational Federal Grant Projects Fund 324.

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8. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a donation of \$1,000 from the Rotary Foundation of Cincinnati to provide resources for Cincinnati Fire Department team building and promotional events; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a donation of \$400 from the family of George-Ann Lawrence to provide resources for Cincinnati Fire Department team building and promotional events; AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into General Fund 050 revenue account no. 050x8571; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$1,400 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Cincinnati Fire Department non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x272x7300 to provide resources for Fire Department team building and promotional events.

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9. ORDINANCE, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept in-kind donations and contributions of artwork, horticultural supplies, and professional services from the

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Cincinnati Parks Foundation, valued at approximately \$23,328.12 to benefit various City parks.

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10. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of \$1,000 from Lieutenant Colonel Maurice A. Robinson to be used for operation of the Cincinnati Police Department Youth Services Program; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the donation into Public Safety Special Projects Fund 456.

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PAYMENTS

11. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, AUTHORIZING a payment of \$40,000 from Cincinnati Health Department Community Health Center Activities Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 395x265x1110x7449 to Hamilton County as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to harm reduction services provided to the Cincinnati Health Department.

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12. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, AUTHORIZING a payment of \$11,600 to The Children's Home of Cincinnati as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to behavioral health services provided to the Cincinnati Health Department to be paid from Cincinnati Health Department Community Health Network Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 446x265x1110x7289.

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BOND ORDINANCE

13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000,000 BY THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, COUNTY OF HAMILTON, STATE OF OHIO FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING

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FOR THE REFUNDING AND/OR CASH DEFEASANCE (WITH MONIES AVAILABLE FOR SUCH PURPOSE) OF ALL OR A PORTION OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS LISTED ON ATTACHMENT A HERETO; AND PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS THRESHOLD IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS

- 14. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, [202400044](#)
 AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$200,000 from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2535, "Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$200,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to provide one-time funds for the following: Bethany House for Emergency Shelter Operations (\$75,000); the CincySmiles Foundation for Oral Health Workforce Development programming (\$60,000); Invest in Neighborhoods for operating budget needs (\$25,000); and the Neighborhood Historic Preservation Program (\$40,000).

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Yes: Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Albi
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Parks

No: Vice Chair Cramerding
 Chairperson Harris

- 15. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/4/2024, AUTHORIZING the transfer and return \$87,350 to source Fund No. 050, "General Fund," from capital improvement program project [202400024](#)

account no. 980x091x230927, "Highspeed/Broadband Access - GF"; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$87,350 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to provide resources for Cincinnati Works to operate its Digital Literacy program.

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REPORTS

- 16.** REPORT, dated 1/4/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Financial Freedom Initiatives - Recommendations. (Reference Document #202302108). [202400014](#)
Approve & File
- 17.** REPORT, dated 1/4/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Financial Freedom Initiatives - Recommendations. (Reference Document # 202302230). [202400015](#)
Approve & File

ADJOURNMENT