



City of Cincinnati

Budget and Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

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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, August 5, 2024

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

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

The meeting began at 1:03 p.m. and ended at 1:54 p.m. Also in attendance were Dr Andrew Dudas from Budget & Evaluation, Dir Karen Alder from Finance and Erica Faaborg from Law.

AGENDA

REPORTS

1. REPORT, dated 8/5/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Department of Finance Reports for the Month Ended May 31, 2024.

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Approve & File

ASSESSMENTS

2. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/12/2024, LEVYING assessments for unpaid costs incurred by the City of Cincinnati in making emergency repairs to sidewalks, sidewalk areas, curbs, and gutters at various locations in the City through the City of Cincinnati's Sidewalk Safety Program, in accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code Sections 721-149 through 721-169.

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Recommend Passage

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

3. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/5/2024, ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x252365, "UC Area Pedestrian Safety Grant PID 121859," to implement pedestrian safety and street calming measures at various locations on Clifton Avenue, Jefferson Avenue, and Martin Luther King Drive around the University of Cincinnati campus (the "UC Traffic Calming project"); AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Highway Safety Improvement Program ("HSIP") Abbreviated Safety Fund grant awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT") of up to \$335,005 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x252365, "UC Area Pedestrian Safety Grant PID 121859"; AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x252365, "UC Area Pedestrian Safety Grant PID 121859"; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a grant of in-kind materials valued at up to \$75,000 from the HSIP Abbreviated Safety Fund through ODOT to install quick-build curb-extensions around the University of Cincinnati campus ("HAM Cincinnati Ped PO-UC project"); AUTHORIZING the City Manager to enter into a Local Public Agency agreement with ODOT to complete the UC Traffic Calming PID 121859 project and the HAM Cincinnati Ped PO-UC PID 121857 project; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete the UC Traffic Calming project and the HAM Cincinnati Ped PO-UC project.

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4. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/5/2024, ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252301, "EV Charging Infrastructure Grant PID 121831," to provide grant resources for electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the Mt. Washington neighborhood; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$196,000 from the Carbon Reduction Program funds awarded from the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, as administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) (ALN 20.205), to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252301, "EV Charging Infrastructure Grant PID 121831"; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252301, "EV Charging Infrastructure Grant PID 121831."

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5. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for grant resources of up to \$1,000,000 from the Federal Transit Administration Transit-Oriented Development Planning Pilot Program Grant (ALN 20.500) to provide resources to study the planned Reading Road Bus Rapid Transit Corridor from Downtown to the Roselawn neighborhood and provide recommendations for transit-oriented development, including strategies to retain and create affordable housing, encourage multimodal connectivity, and support local and minority businesses.

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Recommend Passage Emergency

6. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252329, "Gilbert Avenue Transit Grant PID 115756," to provide resources for right-sizing and rehabilitation on Gilbert Avenue (PID 115756); AUTHORIZING the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252350, "Harrison Avenue Transit Grant PID

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118053,” to provide resources for safety improvements on Harrison Avenue (PID 118053); AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept grants of up to \$6,756,136 from the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority Metro Transit Infrastructure Fund; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to appropriate up to \$4,900,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no.

980x233x252329, “Gilbert Avenue Transit Grant PID 115756”; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to appropriate up to \$1,856,136 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252350, “Harrison Avenue Transit Grant PID 118053”; AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources of up to \$4,900,000 into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252329, “Gilbert Avenue Transit Grant PID 115756”; AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources of up to \$1,856,136 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252350, “Harrison Avenue Transit Grant PID 118053”; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

Recommend Passage

7. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a Workforce Mobility Partnership Program grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation of up to \$1,524,000 for improvements and upgrades to the City’s streetcar technology, station information displays, and streetcar transit management software.

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8. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant of in-kind services from Fuse Corps valued at up to \$375,000 to provide up to three full-time fellows to carry out key portions of the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan.

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9. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to

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apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, FY 2024 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (ALN 16.607), to provide the Cincinnati Police Department with reimbursement of up to \$298,014 for bulletproof vest body armor expenditures for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026, which are estimated at \$596,028; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 25VEST.

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- 10.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/5/2024, 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 grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 25VALU.

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- 11.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/5/2024, 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 2024 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. 24VAWA.

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- 12.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager or her designee to apply for and accept a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding in the amount of up to \$300,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority to

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reimburse costs incurred by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works in evaluating treatment and compliance options for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit any such loan funds received into Fund No. 101 "Water Works," revenue account no. 101x8527.

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13. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept in-kind donations and contributions of miscellaneous supplies from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation, valued at approximately \$225.13, to benefit various City parks.

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14. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept in-kind donations and contributions of horticultural supplies, fireworks, signs, and posters from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation, valued at approximately \$15,350.50, to benefit various City parks.

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15. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of third-party professional services from Nancy Lieberman Charities, valued at up to \$150,000, for the installation of an outdoor Dream Court basketball court at the Price Hill Recreation Center.

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PAYMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS

16. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$2,000,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3423, "West End Community Development Initiatives," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Department of Community and Economic Development ("DCED") non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x7400

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to provide resources for community development initiatives in the West End; and DECLARING that expenditures from DCED non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x7400 to support health and safety initiatives, strategic property acquisition, and redevelopment projects that will contribute to the sustainable development and revitalization of the West End are for a public purpose and constitute a "Public Infrastructure Improvement" (as defined in Section 5709.40(A)(8) of the Ohio Revised Code).

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17. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/5/2024, AUTHORIZING the payment of \$60,000 from the Department of Community and Economic Development General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x0000x7289 as a moral obligation to McCormack Baron Salazar for consulting services provided to the City regarding the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant application process.

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18. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/5/2024, AUTHORIZING a payment of \$29,264.58 to TargetSolutions Learning LLC, dba Vector Solutions, from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x272x4000x7289 as a moral obligation for learning management system software.

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19. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/5/2024, Authorizing the payment of \$27,306.26 from Parks Department Cincinnati Riverfront Park Fund 329 non-personnel operating budget account no. 329x202x8000x7286 to Vets Securing America for charges related to security services provided in Cincinnati parks from April 1, 2024, through May 31, 2024, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

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HUMAN SERVICES

20. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by

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Councilmember Owens, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, ESTABLISHING the City of Cincinnati's human services funding priorities for the first year of the biennial budget, beginning with FY 2026, the second year of the biennial budget (budget update), beginning with FY 2025, and subsequent budgets and fiscal social innovation project to be awarded only in the first year of the biennial budget, and a revised multi-year funding cycle for all human services funding; ADVISING the United Way and any organization assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications that Council's priorities for the first year of the biennial budget, beginning with FY 2026, are to allocate up to 33 percent of appropriated human services funding for the Impact Award with any balance, if less than 33 percent is allocated to the large-scale social innovation project, allocated to organizations that further the work of the category selected for the Impact Award; 25 percent for Comprehensive Workforce Development Support; twenty percent for Youth Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction; ten percent for Supporting, Securing, and Stabilizing Housing for High-Risk Populations; ten percent for Emergency Wrap-Around Services through Project LIFT; and two percent for evaluating human services funding applications that Council's priorities for the second year of biennial budget (budget update), beginning with FY 2025, are to allocate 33 percent of appropriated human services funding for organizations that further the work of the category selected for the Impact Award in the first year of the biennial budget; 25 percent for Comprehensive Workforce Development Support; twenty percent for Youth Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction; ten percent for Supporting, Securing and Stabilizing Housing for High-Risk Populations; ten percent for Emergency Wrap-Around Services through Project Lift; and two percent for overhead; and ADVISING the United Way and any organization assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications that future Impact Awards categories will be determined by Council for the first year of each biennial budget.

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AMENDMENTS

- 21. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/5/2024, AMENDING Ordinance No. 179-2024 to change project account no. 304x162x30423431, "Strategic Housing Initiatives Program '23" to project account no. 304x162x30422431, "Strategic Housing Initiatives Program '22", as indicated in Section D of the attached Appropriation Schedule (AMENDED).
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MUNICIPAL CODE CHANGES

- 22. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/5/2024, MODIFYING the provisions of Chapter 203, "Employees' Retirement System," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by AMENDING Section 203-49, "Survivor Benefits," to implement survivor benefit changes recommended by the Cincinnati Retirement System Board.
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SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

- 23. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/5/2024, 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, and Ordinance No. 306-2023, for the purpose of reducing those special assessments levied and to be collected in 2025 (with tax year 2024 property taxes) based upon a report of the administrator for bonds issued by the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority related to the Oakley Station development project.
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PAYMENT

- 24. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/5/2024, Authorizing the payment of \$10,250 to Power Equipment Solutions, Inc. from the Department of Parks Cincinnati Riverfront Park Fund 329

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non-personnel operating budget account no. 329x202x8000x7413 for charges related to golf cart rentals used by the Cincinnati Parks Department from April 1, 2024, through May 12, 2024, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

Recommend Passage Emergency

SYSTEM AMENDMENT

- 25.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 8/5/2024, MODIFYING the provisions of Chapter 203, "Employees' Retirement System," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by AMENDING Section 203-0, "Legislative Finding," and Section 203-44, "Health Care Benefits for Membership Dates On and After January 9, 1997," to clarify that subsequent court orders in the case of Sunyak, et al. v. City of Cincinnati, et al. Case: 1:11-cv-00445-MRB, in the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Western Division supersede the provision of Chapter 203 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code and to implement the new points system agreed to by the parties to the collaborative settlement agreement.

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ADJOURNMENT