



# City of Cincinnati

## Cincinnati City Council

### Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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**Wednesday, January 29, 2025      2:00 PM      Council Chambers, Room 300**

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Council convened at 2:03 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Anna Albi, President Pro Tempore Victoria Parks, Councilmember Seth Walsh, Councilmember Scotty Johnson, Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, Councilmember Jeff Cramerding, Councilmember Mark Jeffreys, Councilmember Meeka Owens, and Councilmember Evan Nolan

In attendance were City Manager Sheryl Long, City Solicitor Emily Smart Woerner 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, the Minutes of the previous session of Council were Approved and Filed.**

#### **MAYOR AFTAB**

#### **Cincinnati Arts Association**

- 1. APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Tracey Artis to the Cincinnati Arts Association for a term of three years expiring January 31, 2028. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA).

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Confirmed

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan

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**Internal Audit Committee**

2. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint [202500131](#) Norman C. Bouwie to the Internal Audit Committee for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/AA).

Confirmed

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan

3. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint [202500132](#) Valarie Boykins to the Internal Audit Committee for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA).

Confirmed

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan

4. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint [202500133](#) Tricia Williams to the Internal Audit Committee for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White).

Confirmed

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Owens  
 Councilmember Nolan

### **Cincinnati Zoological Society Board**

5. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Rhiannon Hoeweler to the Board of the Cincinnati Zoological Society for a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White).

[202500134](#)

Confirmed

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Owens  
 Councilmember Nolan

### **City Planning Commission**

6. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint Vice-Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney to the City Planning Commission as the Member of Cincinnati City Council for a term of five years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA).

[202500135](#)

Confirmed

**MAYOR AFTAB**

**MS. ALBI**

7. **ORDINANCE**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval and Councilmember Albi, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant up to \$50,000 from the Bloomberg Philanthropies Mayors Challenge grant program to support a grocery delivery pilot program in Cincinnati.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

## Enactment No: 0020-2025

**MS. KEARNEY**

8. **MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the Administration provide a report within sixty (60) days including but not limited to information on what resources and mechanisms are in place for the public to report and address hate crimes, the existence of a hate crimes hotline, availability to the public of collected data, follow-up procedures, and policy for reporting data on hate crimes to City Council. (STATEMENT ATTACHED) [202500166](#)

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

9. **MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the administration provide a report within ninety (90) days on ways that the City currently is supporting our immigrant communities. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED). [202500171](#)

Referred to Healthy Neighborhoods Committee

**MS. KEARNEY****MR. JOHNSON****MS. PARKS**

10. **MOTION (AMENDED)**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney and Councilmembers Johnson and Parks, **WE MOVE** that the City of Cincinnati \*provide a report in two weeks on what actions are currently in place to\* take the following actions to ensure equity in the disbursement of the proceeds of the sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway so that our underserved neighborhoods benefit from the proceeds from the sale in terms of both existing infrastructure and new economic development opportunities. (BALANCE ON THE FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED) [202500167](#)

Referred to Healthy Neighborhoods Committee

**CITY MANAGER**

11. **REPORT**, dated 1/29/2025 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 Lucy Blue Holdings LLC, DBA Lucy Blue, 1301 Vine Street. (#5319993, New, D5) [Objections: Yes] [202500049](#)

Filed

12. **REPORT**, dated 1/29/2025 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 Church Events LLC, 118 W Ninth Street. (#1468565, New, D5) [OBJECTIONS:Yes] [202500091](#)

Filed

13. **REPORT**, dated 1/29/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor [202500093](#)

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Control, advising of a permit application for 327 Promotion Group & Marketing LLC, 637 Walnut Street. (#7067624, TREX, D5)  
[OBJECTIONS:Yes]

Filed

- 14. REPORT**, dated 1/29/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Asian Food Fest 2025.

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Filed

- 15. REPORT**, dated 1/29/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for The Lytle Park Hotel Wine Festival.

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Filed

- 16. REPORT**, dated 1/29/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Paddlefest.

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Filed

- 17. REPORT**, dated 1/29/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Ault Park Fireworks.

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Filed

- 18. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/29/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251624, "Shillito's West Remediation - ODOD Grant," to provide additional asbestos abatement to real property located at 137 W. Seventh Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,063,080 from the Ohio Department of Development through the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation and the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251624, "Shillito's West Remediation - ODOD Grant," to provide additional asbestos abatement to real property located at 137 W. Seventh Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

Enactment No: 0019-2025

- 19. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/29/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x251925, "Camp Washington Skate Park - ODNR Grant," to provide grant resources for the construction of a skate park at the Camp Washington Recreation Area; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$300,000 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (ALN 15.916), awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x251925, "Camp Washington Skate Park - ODNR Grant," to provide resources for the construction of a skate park at the Camp

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Washington Recreation Area; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x251925, "Camp Washington Skate Park - ODNR Grant."

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee  
Enactment No: 0023-2025

- 20. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/29/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of up to \$18,250 from the University of Cincinnati Physicians to provide resources for necessary training equipment for the Cincinnati Fire Department's Paramedic School; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into Fire Grants and Donations Fund revenue account no. 472x8571.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee  
Enactment No: 0024-2025

- 21. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/29/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251620, "ODOD Poste II Assessment - Grant," for Voluntary Action Program-compliant environmental assessments and preparation of a remedial action plan for the real property located at 750, 752, and 758 E. McMillan Street in the Walnut Hills neighborhood of Cincinnati ("the Poste II site assessment"); and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$205,131 from the Ohio Department of Development through the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251620, "ODOD Poste II Assessment - Grant," for the Poste II site assessment.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee  
Enactment No: 0021-2025

- 22. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/29/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$108,000 from the FY 2024 Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund through the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, to provide resources for personnel costs related to investigations conducted pursuant to Title III of the Federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 25ODLE.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee  
Enactment No: 0022-2025

- 23. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/29/2025, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with 510 W Liberty, LLC, thereby authorizing a twelve-year tax exemption for 100 percent of the value of improvements made to real property located at 510 W. Liberty Street in the West End neighborhood

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of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of two existing buildings into approximately 5,875 square feet of residential space consisting of approximately 13 residential rental units, at a total remodeling cost of approximately \$766,717.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee  
Enactment No: 0025-2025

### CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 24. REGISTRATION (UPDATE)**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Mary Kenah, Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund, Policy Council, PO Box 4184. (EVERYTOWN) [202500168](#)

Filed

- 25. REGISTRATION (UPDATE)**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Freddi Goldstein, Communications Manager, Uber Technologies, Inc., 1725 Third Street, San Francisco, CA. 94158. (UBER TECHNOLOGIES) [202500169](#)

Filed

- 26. REGISTRATION (UPDATE)**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Nicole Ware, Government Relations, Associate State Dir., 41 S High Street, Suite 3550, Columbus, OH 43215. (TERMINATION) [202500170](#)

Filed

### BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Parks to move items #27 & 28 back to committee.

Failed of Adoption

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan

**No:** Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Cramerding

- 27. MOTION (AMENDED)**, submitted by Councilmember Albi, Vice Mayor Kearney, and Councilmembers Owens and Nolan, **WE MOVE** that the FY26 Human Services Impact Award be spent on food insecurity as part of the broader gun violence prevention bucket. ~~\*This Impact Award would be used specifically for a grocery delivery pilot program.~~ (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE). [202500146](#)



Adopted

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan

**No:** President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Jeffreys

- 28. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Owens, Jeffreys, Albi, Nolan and Cramerding, **WE MOVE** that the Administration prepare an updated Human Services Fund ordinance with the following revisions. **FURTHER WE MOVE** that Council have the ability to declare, define, and identify the focus area for the FY26 Impact Award. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE)

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Adopted

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan

**No:** President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney

- 29. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/23/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the redirection of a donation from the Joseph Family of \$5,000 from existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x255x182513, "Replacement Facilities - Police District 5," to the unappropriated surplus of Public Safety Special Projects Fund 456 to be used to support the Cincinnati Police Department's Community Relations Squad.

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Passed Emergency



**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Enactment No: 0015-2025

Emergency clause to remain

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Enactment No: 0015-2025

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Enactment No: 0015-2025

**30. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/27/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept in-kind donations from the Sundance Film Festival and Film Cincinnati for the Mayor, the City Manager, and one City Manager’s Office employee to attend the four-day 2025 Sundance Film Festival beginning on January 23, 2025, in Park City, Utah.

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Passed Emergency

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Owens  
 Councilmember Nolan  
 Enactment No: 0016-2025

Emergency clause to remain

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Owens  
 Councilmember Nolan  
 Enactment No: 0016-2025

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Owens  
 Councilmember Nolan  
 Enactment No: 0016-2025

- 31. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/23/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Funding Agreement with Corryville Community Development Corporation, providing for a grant from the City to fund streetscape and other public infrastructure improvements to public rights-of-way including William H. Taft Road, Auburn Avenue, and McMillan Street in the Corryville neighborhood of Cincinnati; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$1,106,558 from the unappropriated surplus of Corryville Equivalent Fund 488 (Corryville TIF District) to the

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Department of Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account no. 488x164x7200 to provide resources for streetscape improvements and other public infrastructure improvements along to rights-of-way including William H. Taft Road, Auburn Avenue, and McMillan Street in the Corryville neighborhood of Cincinnati; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$110,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Corryville Equivalent Fund 488 (Corryville TIF District) to the Department of Community and Economic Development personnel operating budget account no. 488x164x7100 to provide staffing resources in support of the streetscape improvements and other public infrastructure improvements to public rights-of-way including William H. Taft Road, Auburn Avenue, and McMillan Street in the Corryville neighborhood of Cincinnati; and further **DECLARING** expenditures from such accounts related to the streetscape and other public infrastructure improvements to public rights-of-way including William H. Taft Road, Auburn Avenue, and McMillan Street in the Corryville neighborhood of Cincinnati, to be a public purpose and constitute a "Public Infrastructure Improvement" (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40(A)(8)) that will benefit and/or serve the District 9-Corryville District Incentive District, subject to compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>).

### Passed Emergency

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Owens  
 Councilmember Nolan  
 Enactment No: 0017-2025

### Emergency clause to remain

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Owens  
 Councilmember Nolan

Enactment No: 0017-2025

Suspension of the three readings

- Yes:** Councilmember Albi
- President Pro Tempore Parks
- Councilmember Walsh
- Councilmember Johnson
- Vice Mayor Kearney
- Councilmember Cramerding
- Councilmember Jeffreys
- Councilmember Owens
- Councilmember Nolan
- Enactment No: 0017-2025

- 32. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/27/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the disbursement of \$250,000 of Major Events Funding included in the Approved FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget Update for the Cincinnati Regional Sports Commission, incorrectly identified as the Greater Cincinnati Sports Commission in the Approved FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget Update.

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Passed Emergency

- Yes:** Councilmember Albi
- President Pro Tempore Parks
- Councilmember Walsh
- Councilmember Johnson
- Vice Mayor Kearney
- Councilmember Cramerding
- Councilmember Jeffreys
- Councilmember Owens
- Councilmember Nolan
- Enactment No: 0018-2025

Emergency clause to remain

- Yes:** Councilmember Albi
- President Pro Tempore Parks
- Councilmember Walsh
- Councilmember Johnson
- Vice Mayor Kearney
- Councilmember Cramerding
- Councilmember Jeffreys
- Councilmember Owens
- Councilmember Nolan
- Enactment No: 0018-2025

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Owens  
 Councilmember Nolan  
 Enactment No: 0018-2025

### SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

#### CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

- 33. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Walsh, Cramerding, Jeffreys and Owens, **WE MOVE** that the Administration provide a report and presentation to Council evaluating the snow removal plan implemented during the week of January 6, 2025. This report should discuss the positives from the response, lessons learned and identified areas for improvement, creative and innovative solutions to the identified areas of improvement, and funding needs to implement the areas for improvement. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202500054](#)

Adopted

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
 President Pro Tempore Parks  
 Councilmember Walsh  
 Councilmember Johnson  
 Vice Mayor Kearney  
 Councilmember Cramerding  
 Councilmember Jeffreys  
 Councilmember Owens  
 Councilmember Nolan

- 34. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Albi, Owens, and Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the Department of Transportation and Engineering produce a report within 30 days on the feasibility of creating a residential sidewalk repair pilot program using Cincy on Track funding. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE)

[202500110](#)

Adopted

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan

**35. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Albi, **WE MOVE** that the Department of Public Services publish a report within 30 days to highlight how the City could leverage Cincy on Track funding to prioritize preventative road maintenance and use sealcoating to minimize the severity of potholes. This report should also highlight strategies that the City has previously employed and/or best practices from other peer cities across the country.

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Adopted

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan

**No announcements at this time.**

Council adjourned at 3:29 P.M.