



# City of Cincinnati

## Law & Public Safety Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Christopher Smitherman  
Vice Chair David Mann  
Council Member Betsy Sundermann  
Council Member Jan Michele Kearney  
Council Member Greg Landsman  
Council Member Steven Goodin  
Council Member Liz Keating

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**Tuesday, May 11, 2021**

**9:00 AM**

**Council Chambers, Room 300**

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#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** Chairperson Smitherman  
Vice Chair David Mann  
Jan-Michele Kearney  
Greg Landsman  
Betsy Sundermann  
Steve Goodin  
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#### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **JURISDICTION AGREEMENTS**

**Cincinnati Police Department**

#### **AGENDA**

1. REPORT, dated 10/14/2020, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, regarding Jurisdiction Agreements. [202001680](#)  
Filed
2. RESOLUTION, submitted by Councilmember Goodin, [202101427](#)

URGING Hamilton County Municipal Court to reconsider its interpretation of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and extend the eviction moratorium.

File

3. MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Goodin, As we work [202101448](#) to restore trust in our government institutions, transparency has never been more important. The inability to provide timely access to police body camera footage has undermined police-community relations in many large American cities. The Citizens Complaint Authority (CCA) complains of delays in obtaining redacted footage for its investigations. The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 69, has, likewise, expressed concern about the resulting delays in CCA's investigations and their effects on officer morale. Various media outlets have also routinely complained about access to public documents. Information requests by private citizens are often the subject of litigation. The City Solicitor's office has acknowledged it needs additional staff to process these requests in a timely manner. Accordingly, WE MOVE that the Administration prepare a report on the steps necessary to establish a new DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION AND TRANSPARENCY which would, inter alia, coordinate with the various City departments, including the Solicitor's office, in order to respond to public records' requests and redact body camera and dash camera footage in accordance with the requirements set forth by Ohio law and the Cincinnati Municipal Code. WE FURTHER MOVE the Administration advise regarding the potential cost of standing up such a new Department, and whether funds from the American Rescue Plan could be utilized for this purpose.

Adopt

**Yes:** Chairperson Smitherman  
Vice Chair Mann  
Councilmember Kearney  
Councilmember Landsman  
Councilmember Sundermann  
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4. REPORT, dated 4/28/2021, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding Livingston Task Force Update. (SEE REFERENCE DOCUMENT #202001432) [202101490](#)

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5. REPORT, dated 4/28/2021, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding cost and timeline of the audit of Council activities (See Doc. #202100210). [202101531](#)

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6. ORDINANCE, submitted by Councilmember Landsman from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, MODIFYING Chapter 117, "Campaign Finance - Disclosures," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by AMENDING Section 117-3, "Reporting Requirements when Campaign has no Activity; Publication of Campaign Reports," to require timely reporting by elected officials and their associated campaign committees or political action committees of certain campaign contributions; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to take all actions necessary to design and implement a public-facing website through which such reports will be available; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to develop such requirements, rules, and guidance, in consultation with the Cincinnati Elections Commission, as are necessary to carry out the purposes described herein, contingent upon funding being budgeted for such purposes in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget. [202101549](#)

Failed of Adoption

**Yes:** Councilmember Landsman

**No:** Chairperson Smitherman  
Councilmember Kearney  
Councilmember Sundermann  
Councilmember Goodin  
Councilmember Keating

**Abstain:** Vice Chair Mann

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**Abstain:** Vice Chair Mann

7. REPORT, dated 5/5/2021, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding MARIJUANA-ONLY WARNINGS/CITATIONS/ARRESTS MONTHLY REPORT, MARCH 2021.

[202101523](#)

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ADJOURNMENT