



City of Cincinnati

Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Jeff Cramerding
Vice Chair Evan Nolan
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Anna Albi
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Meeka Owens
Councilmember Scotty Johnson
Councilmember Seth Walsh
Councilmember Ryan James

Monday, March 9, 2026

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

Present: Jeff Cramerding
Vice Chair Evan Nolan
Anna Albi
Ryan James
Mark Jeffreys
Scotty Johnson
Meeka Owens
Seth Walsh

Excused: Jan-Michele Kearney

Also in attendance were Colleen Swim, Law Department, Steve Web, Finance Director and Dr. Andrew Dudas, Budget Director. The meeting began at 1:00pm and adjourned at 1:38pm.

AGENDA

TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS

1. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$1,300 within the General Fund for Vice Mayor Kearney's General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x029x7100 to Vice Mayor Kearney's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x029x7200 to realign the office budget for Vice Mayor Kearney.

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Recommend Passage Emergency

PAYMENTS

2. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/4/2026, AUTHORIZING the payment of \$154 from Clerk of Council General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x041x0000x7415 to Cincinnati Copiers Incorporated dba ProSource for printer and copier services provided from May 1, 2025, through May 31, 2025, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance. [202600968](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

3. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/4/2026, AUTHORIZING the payment of \$5,878.77 to Terracon Consultants, Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x272x2700x7289 for environmental sampling services at Firehouse 12 provided on behalf of the Office of Environment & Sustainability, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance. [202600966](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

4. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/4/2026, AUTHORIZING the payment of \$13,335 to CCH Incorporated from General Fund Audit and Examiners Fees Non-Departmental non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x941x0000x7418 as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to software licenses and maintenance services from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. [202600967](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

DONATIONS

5. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/4/2026, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of \$5,000 from the Cincinnati Blue Line Foundation to support police recruitment efforts by the Cincinnati Police Department; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the [202600969](#)

donation into Public Safety Special Projects Fund 456, revenue account no. 456x8571.

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CYBERSECURITY

6. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/4/2026, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to adopt a cybersecurity program for the City of Cincinnati in compliance with Section 9.64 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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Recommend Passage Emergency

MUNICIPAL CODE CHANGES

7. ORDINANCE, submitted by Councilmember Owens, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, MODIFYING the provisions of Chapter 108, "Administrative Services," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code ("CMC") by REPEALING Section 108-9, "Press Passes," to streamline the CMC and to express the City's support of open and accessible municipal government.

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Recommend Passage

USE OF TIF FUNDS

8. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/4/2026, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Funding Agreement with Pleasant Ridge Development Corporation to facilitate acquisition of real property located at 6130, 6134, 6136, and 6146 Montgomery Road in the Pleasant Ridge neighborhood of Cincinnati; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$2,052,800 from the unappropriated surplus of Pleasant Ridge Equivalent Fund 523 (Pleasant Ridge TIF District) to the Department of Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account no. 523x164x7400 to provide resources for the acquisition of real property located at 6130, 6134, 6136, and 6146 Montgomery Road in the Pleasant Ridge neighborhood of Cincinnati; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$80,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Pleasant Ridge Equivalent Fund 523 (Pleasant Ridge TIF District) to the Department of Community and Economic Development

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personnel operating budget account no. 523x164x7100 to provide staffing resources in support of the acquisition of real property in the Pleasant Ridge neighborhood of Cincinnati; and further DECLARING expenditures from such project account related to the acquisition of real property 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 23 - Pleasant Ridge 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>>). <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business%3e>> .>

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CLOSEOUT

9. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, ESTABLISHING new permanent improvement program project account no. 758x162x261625, "YWCA Shelter Improvements," to provide one-time resources for improvements to the YWCA shelter for survivors of domestic violence; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$200,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2582, "Housing and Economic Development Capital Project Reserve," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$200,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to newly established permanent improvement program project account no. 758x162x261625, "YWCA Shelter Improvements," to provide one-time resources for improvements to the YWCA shelter for survivors of domestic violence; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to expend \$200,000 from permanent improvement program project account no. 758x162x261625, "YWCA Shelter Improvements," to provide one-time resources for improvements to the YWCA shelter for survivors of domestic violence; and DECLARING such expenditure to serve a public purpose.

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Yes: Vice Chair Nolan
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember James
Councilmember Jeffreys
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember Owens

No: Chairperson Cramerding
Councilmember Walsh

Excused: Vice Mayor Kearney

- 10.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$92,371.67 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's office non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to provide one-time resources to support the Center for Closing the Health Gap's ("Center") Health Expo in 2026 as well as its numerous other impactful initiatives throughout the year; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to expend \$100,000 of existing resources from the City Manager's Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to provide one-time resources to support the Center's Health Expo in 2026 as well as its numerous other impactful initiatives throughout the year; and DECLARING that expenditures from the City Manager's Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to support the Center's Health Expo in 2026 and its numerous other impactful initiatives throughout the year are for a public purpose.

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- 11.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Councilmember Johnson, Vice Mayor Kearney and Councilmember James, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$100,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2581, "Reserve for Special Events Support," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$100,000 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 one-time

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special events support of \$100,000 to the Avondale Film Festival.

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- 12. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Councilmember James, Vice Mayor Kearney and Councilmembers Johnson, Owens and Walsh, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$490,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2535, "Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$420,000 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 one-time funding of \$210,000 each for the Immigrant & Refugee Law Center and the Access to Counsel program; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$70,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Department of Community and Economic Development General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x7400 to provide one-time funding for the West End Sports Bar & Grill.

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Yes: Vice Chair Nolan
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Walsh

No: Chairperson Cramerding

Excused: Vice Mayor Kearney

MEMO

- 13. MEMO, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, On February 2, 2026, Cincinnati City Council began the annual review of the City Manager with a multi-phase process, similar to the one we used two years ago in the last review. PHASE ONE: The City Manager presented her Year-End review in December 2025- a self-evaluation based on the previously

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reviewed and aligned categories. A copy of the presentation is attached. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERKS OFFICE)

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ADJOURNMENT