



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 2:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:13 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.

MS. ALBI

- 1. RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Albi, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** the Store It Safe Coalition and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Whitney/Strong, and the Be SMART Campaign's commitment to secure firearm storage education and declaring Cincinnati a Store It Safe City.

[202501848](#)

Passed

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

Enactment No: 0060-2025

CITY MANAGER

2. **REPORT**, dated 10/8/2025 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 The Pickle Lodge Lunken Landing LLC, DBA Pickle Lodge Lunken Landing, 669 Wilmer Avenue. (#10006292-1, New TRFO, D1 D2 D3) [Objections: None] [202501791](#)
- Filed
3. **REPORT**, dated 10/8/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for State Ave. Flats Ribbon Cutting. [202501841](#)
- Filed
4. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/8/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$25,569 from the Cincinnati Police Department Community Preventive Education Program to operate the Cincinnati Recreation Commission's Queen City Safety While Integrating Skills and Hoops (SWISH) Program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Fund 319, "Contributions for Recreation Purposes," revenue account no. 319x8571. [202501850](#)
- Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
5. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/8/2025, **ESTABLISHING** new project account no. 304x101x40424001, "PRO Housing 2024," to expand affordable housing and incentivize the development of vacant lots through construction subsidies and prototypes for middle housing types; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$2,000,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (ALN 14.023) program to newly established project account no. 304x101x40424001, "PRO Housing 2024"; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Community Development Block Grant Fund 304x8543 project account no. 304x101x40424001, "PRO Housing 2024." [202501851](#)
- Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
6. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/8/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of \$1,131,037 from the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners' Fund to provide resources for horticultural supplies, maintenance contracts, salary and benefits reimbursements, and other operational expenses; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the funds into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund revenue account no. 430x8571. [202501852](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

7. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/8/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Water Service Agreement with the City of Madeira, Ohio, for the purpose of providing retail surplus water service through December 31, 2065. [202501855](#)

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

8. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/8/2025, **AMENDING** Sections 730-1-C2, "Commercial Establishment," 730-1-C3, "Commercial Waste," and 730-5, "General Provisions," to clarify requirements for commercial waste haulers, by providing that asbestos waste, right-of-way waste, and waste generated by public school districts does not qualify as commercial waste, and further providing that commercial waste haulers serving buildings and grounds owned and operated by the City of Cincinnati require franchises. [202501858](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

CLERK OF COUNCIL

9. **REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Colleen Reynolds, Government Affairs, Partner, 225 E Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (LEARNING GROVE) [202501832](#)

Filed

10. **REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Annalese Cahill, Government Affairs, Government Relations Manager, 225 E Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (LEARNING GROVE) [202501840](#)

Filed

11. **REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Doug Moormann, Government Strategies Group, Vice President, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (AMERICAN LEGACY TOURS) [202501862](#)

Filed

12. **REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Alana Tucker, Government Strategies Group, Senior Director, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (HAM. CO. MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD) [202501863](#)

Filed

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

13. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens, **WE MOVE** that the City Administration prepare a report within the next 30 days to provide updates on all projects that were recommended funding as part of the FY26/27 biennium budget. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED). [202501820](#)

Adopted

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

- 14. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/1/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$4,200,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program (ALN 14.900) to provide resources for remediating lead-based paint hazards in eligible homes throughout Cincinnati and addressing other health risks through the City's Healthy Homes program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit up to \$3,960,000 into Lead Hazard Research Control Fund revenue account no. 387x8556 for lead hazard control and up to \$240,000 into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556 for Healthy Homes initiatives.

[202501794](#)

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0313-2025

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: 0313-2025

- 15. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/1/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept grant resources of \$57,000 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to fund construction of a comfort station at Lytle Park; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund 326; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x262048, "Lytle Park Comfort Station," to provide resources to construct a comfort station at Lytle Park; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$57,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund 326 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x262048, "Lytle Park Comfort Station," to provide resources for a comfort station at Lytle Park.

[202501797](#)

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0314-2025

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: 0314-2025

- 16. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/1/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of the use of office space, valued at up to \$50,000 per year, located in the Central Business District and/or Over-the-Rhine neighborhoods, from the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation and Urban Sites to provide resources to support connecting community members with City services and violence reduction efforts.

[202501604](#)

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: 0315-2025

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: 0315-2025

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: 0315-2025

- 17. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/1/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$49,750 from the unappropriated surplus of Parking Meter Fund 303 to Enterprise Services Parking Meter Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 303x248x7200 to provide resources to maintain and repair the outdoor dining areas located within the public right-of-way.

[202501795](#)

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: 0316-2025

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: 0316-2025

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: 0316-2025

- 18. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/1/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept Cannabis Tax revenue from the State of Ohio; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the revenue into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8506.

[202501796](#)

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: 0317-2025

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: 0317-2025

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: 0317-2025

- 19. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/1/2025, **DEDICATING, ACCEPTING, AND CONFIRMING** the dedication to public use of an approximately 0.081-acre tract of real property as Langston Street, a public right-of-way for street purposes in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati.

[202501802](#)

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0318-2025

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: 0318-2025

- 20. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/6/2025, **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$86,155 from Cincinnati Health Department Public Health Research Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 350x263x3110x7289 to Companies By Design, LLC, as a moral obligation for lead remediation services provided between July and October 2023.

[202501849](#)

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: 0319-2025

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: 0319-2025

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: 0319-2025

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

EQUITABLE GROWTH & HOUSINGS COMMITTEE

- 21. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/4/2025, **AMENDING** the official zoning map of the City of Cincinnati to rezone the real property located at 3425 Burnet Avenue in the Avondale neighborhood from the RMX-T, "Residential Mixed Transportation Corridor," and the CN-M-T, "Commercial Neighborhood Mixed - Transportation Corridor," zoning districts to Planned Development District No. 105.

[202501606](#)

Passed

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

Enactment No: 0320-2025

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: 0320-2025

- 22. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/10/2025, **APPROVING** a major amendment to the concept plan and development program statement governing a portion of Planned Development District No. 79, "Uptown Gateway," to permit additional uses within the planned development to allow office, research and development, laboratory, hotel, multi-family residential, retail, restaurant, entertainment, school, and all other uses permitted within the CC-A, "Commercial Community Auto," RM-0.7, "Residential MultiFamily," OG, "Office General," ML, "Manufacturing Limited," and IR, "Institutional Residential," zoning districts in the area located at 3020-3090 Exploration Avenue in the Avondale neighborhood. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>).

[202501681](#)

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: 0321-2025

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: 0321-2025

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: 0321-2025

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 2:46 P.M.