



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 2:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:23 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

Housing Advisory Board

1. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Ron Stubblefield to the Housing Advisory Board for a term of four years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/AA) [202501783](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

2. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Kai Lewars to the Housing Advisory Board for a term of four years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/AA) [202501784](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

Community Development Advisory Board

3. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Gregory Johnson to the Community Development Advisory Board for a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its [202501786](#)

advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/AA)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

MR. WALSH

4. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Walsh, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** the Lincoln Ware Walking Club and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for the Club's community engagement and progress towards health in our communities for the last 25 years.

[202501768](#)

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: 0057-2025

5. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Walsh, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** Frank "Bo" Wood III and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council for his leadership, innovations, and commitment to using his platform to positively impact Cincinnati through his media innovations and the creation of the Riverfest fireworks celebration.

[202501774](#)

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: 0058-2025

MR. WALSH

MS. OWENS

MR. NOLAN

MR. CRAMERDING

6. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Walsh, Owens, Nolan and Cramerding, **WE MOVE** that the Administration identify adequate sources and work with The Port or other partners to execute a strategic acquisition of 1141 Central Parkway by the end of September. (STATEMENT ATTACHED) [202501788](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

CITY MANAGER

7. **REPORT**, dated 9/24/2025 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 Eddie Mae's Eatery, DBA The Night Kap, 5841 Hamilton Avenue. (#10006125-1, TFOL, D1 D2 D3) [Objections: None] [202501735](#)

Filed

8. **REPORT**, dated 9/24/2025 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 Woppin on West 8th St LLC, DBA Woppin on W 8th, 2140 W 8th Street (#10004162-1, New, D1 D2 D3 D6) [Objections: Yes] [202501736](#)

Filed

9. **REPORT**, dated 9/24/2025 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 Merritt Hospitality LLC, DBA Westin Cincinnati, 21 E 5th Street. (#10005386-1, D5A, TRFO) [Objections: None] [202501738](#)

Filed

10. **REPORT**, dated 9/24/2025 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 Merritt Hospitality LLC, DBA Westin Cincinnati - N, 21 E 5th Street. [202501739](#)

Filed

11. **REPORT**, dated 9/24/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Straight Street Hill Climb. [202501759](#)

Filed

12. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/24/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant of in-kind services from Public Allies AmeriCorps valued at up to \$60,000 to provide one full-time contracted position to carry out key portions of the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan. [202501761](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

13. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City [202501762](#)

Manager, on 9/24/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,800,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Convention Center Fund 103 to Enterprise Services Convention Center Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 103x243x7200 to provide resources for contractual service obligations and the termination of the current naming rights agreement for the Convention Center.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

14. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/24/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and deposit a grant of up to \$17,347.50 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to reimburse the Cincinnati Parks Department for litter removal expenses for Jackson Hill Park that were incurred and paid for during FY 2025.

[202501775](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

15. **ORDINANCE**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, **MODIFYING** Chapter 723, "Streets and Sidewalks, Use Regulations," by **ORDAINING** new Section 723-91, "Trespass in a Transit Center Zone," and by **AMENDING** Section 723-26, "Designated Transit Zone," to promote the safe and efficient operation of the regional transit system in the public right-of-way.

[202501776](#)

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

16. **ORDINANCE**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary to enable the City to join the Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("SOPEC") and act jointly with other municipalities, townships, counties, and other political subdivisions to maximize the potential benefits of electricity procurement through group purchasing efforts; and **APPROVING** the SOPEC Plan of Operation and Governance and the Amended and Restated Bylaws Governing SOPEC.

[202501777](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

17. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/24/2025, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x239x262321, "Cin APS FY27 Safety Grant PID 121949," to provide resources for making pedestrian safety improvements in the Downtown area known as "The Banks," through the construction of Accessible Pedestrian Signals ("APS") and ADA-compliant curb ramps ("PID 121949 project"); **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, appropriate, and deposit a Highway Safety Improvement Program (ALN 20.205) Systemic Safety grant awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT") of up to \$693,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x239x262321, "Cin APS FY27 Safety Grant PID 121949"; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x239x262321, "Cin APS FY27 Safety Grant PID 121949"; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete the PID 121949 project.

[202501778](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 18. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/24/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$225,406 from the Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Health Preparedness (ALN 93.069) to plan and implement emergency preparedness activities in response to public health threats such as bioterrorism, infectious disease outbreaks, and health-related emergencies at the county and regional public health level; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556. [202501779](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 19. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/25/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$142,500 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund 326 program account no. 2025CPF, "French Park Conservation Grant," to provide resources for trail improvements and invasive species removal at French Park; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund 326 program account no. 2025CPF, "French Park Conservation Grant." [202501780](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 20. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/24/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$1,500,000 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (ALN 15.622), as administered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Watercraft, to construct a boat dock for transient vessels at the Public Landing in Downtown Cincinnati. [202501781](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 21. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/24/2025, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with 209 Limited, a subsidiary of Urban Sites, thereby authorizing a fifteen-year tax exemption for 100 percent of the value of improvements made to real property located at 1425 Main Street, 209 Woodward Street and 1227 Walnut Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of three existing buildings to into approximately 16,498 square feet of residential space, consisting of seventeen residential units, and approximately 2,680 square feet of commercial space, consisting of two commercial units, at a total remodeling cost of approximately \$4,200,000. [202501782](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 22. COMMUNICATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council, from Rachel Hastings, Chair, Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District Assessment Equalization Board, regarding the Board's recommendations regarding objections. [202501789](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 23. MOTION**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, Vice Mayor Kearney, and Councilmembers Owens, Jeffreys, Albi, Walsh, Nolan, Parks, Johnson and Cramerding, **WE MOVE** that the City and the Union agree to create a new leave code that specifically applies to follow-up appointments related to an employee's prior occupational cancer diagnosis. (BALANCE ON FILE WITH THE CLERK'S OFFICE).

[202501751](#)

Adopted

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

- 24. MOTION**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, Vice Mayor Kearney, Councilmembers Walsh, Albi, Johnson, Parks, Cramerding, Jeffreys, Nolan and Owens, **WE MOVE** that the City Administration settle the lawsuit and subsequent appeal surrounding the Labor-Management Agreement between the City of Cincinnati and Cincinnati Fire Fighters Union Local 48. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that the City Administration use funding from the FY25 closeout to cover any financial impact from the settlement.

[202501721](#)

Adopted

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

- 25. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/17/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$438.16 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 June 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

[202501722](#)

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: 0297-2025

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: 0297-2025

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: 0297-2025

- 26. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/17/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Development Agreement with Atrium Tower One, L.P. and Acabay Atrium Two, L.P., pertaining to the redevelopment of an existing building into approximately 200 residential rental units, on property located at 201 E. Fourth Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, which property is commonly known as the Atrium One building, and providing for City assistance to the project in the form of (1) a rebate of a portion of service

[202501747](#)

payments in lieu of taxes imposed in connection with a proposed thirty-year property tax exemption for improvements pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.41, subject to the passage by Council of a separate ordinance authorizing such tax exemption, and (2) a rebate of a portion of the service payments in lieu of taxes imposed in connection with the tax exemption previously authorized by Ordinance No. 95-2024.

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: 0298-2025

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: 0298-2025

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: 0298-2025

Manager, on 9/17/2025, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x981x262534, "Fleet Replacements - Obsolete," to acquire automotive and motorized equipment funded by the sale and subrogation proceeds of obsolete automotive and motorized equipment; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$49,192.90 from the unappropriated surplus of Miscellaneous Permanent Improvement Fund 757 to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x981x262534, "Fleet Replacements - Obsolete."

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: 0299-2025

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: 0299-2025

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: 0299-2025

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 3:09 P.M.