



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Agenda - Final

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilmember David Mann, Chairperson
Councilmember Chris Seelbach, Vice Chair
Councilmember Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Greg Landsman
Councilmember Jeff Pastor
Councilmember P.G. Sittenfeld
Councilmember Betsy Sundermann
Councilmember Wendell Young

Monday, September 28, 2020

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

AGENDA

- [202001536](#) REPORT, dated 9/16/2020, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, regarding Department of Finance Reports for the Month Ended July 31, 2020.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Report](#)
[Comparative Statement](#)
[Statement of Revenue](#)
[Statement of Balances](#)
- [202001445](#) REPORT, dated 9/10/2020, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, regarding FY 2020 Carryover to FY 2021.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [FY 2020 Carryover Report 9-20](#)

3. [202001583](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/23/2020, AUTHORIZING the transfer of the sum of \$2,729,245 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Working Capital Reserve Fund 754 for the purpose of increasing the City's working capital reserve; AUTHORIZING the transfer of the sum of \$2,811,948 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2585, "Economic Downturn Reserve," for the purpose of increasing the City's emergency reserve to 5.0% of FY 2020 General Fund revenues; AUTHORIZING the transfer of the sum of \$5,676,785 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," for the purpose of providing resources for unanticipated emergencies including those caused by unusual weather events, in order to increase the City's reserve for this purpose to 2.0% of FY 2020 General Fund revenues; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$700,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund 050 to the Cincinnati Police Department's General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x222x7100 for the purpose of funding police visibility overtime as part of the City's violence reduction initiatives; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund 050 to the Law Department's General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x111x7100 for the purpose of funding an additional prosecuting attorney as part of the City's violence reduction initiatives; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$200,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 for the purpose of funding a Safety Coordinators/Organizers Program as part of the City's violence reduction initiatives; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$330,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund 050 to the Cincinnati Police Department's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x222x7400 for the purpose of funding tuition reimbursement expenses for sworn officers; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund 050 to the Tuition Reimbursement General Fund NonDepartmental non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x928x7400 for the purpose of funding tuition reimbursement expenses for General Fund employees; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Law Department's non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x111x7200, for the purpose of providing funding for costs associated with the creation of the Housing Court; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$40,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund 050 to the Department of Finance's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no.

050x131x7200 for the purpose of providing funding for contractual services related to increasing compliance with the City's Short-Term Rental Excise Tax; AUTHORIZING the transfer of the sum of \$339,245 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$339,245 from the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416 to the Cincinnati Health Department's Cincinnati Health District Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 416x263x7200 for the purpose of providing funding for COVID-19 related expenses including the 2 cost of contact tracers and testing; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$95,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Department of Recreation's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x199x7200 for the purpose of providing funding to upgrade WIFI access at Recreation Centers to allow students to attend school virtually; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$50,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 for the purpose of replacing CitiCable's Video Playback System; REVISING the Classification and Salary Range Schedule for all employment classifications in Divisions 0, 5, 7 (LAW), 8, and 9 of Chapter 307 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to reflect the new Classification and Salary Range Schedule for said classifications and to provide for a cost-of-living ("COLA") adjustment of 2.0% effective October 4, 2020; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$596,570 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various General Fund personnel operating budget accounts according to the attached Schedule of Transfer for the purpose of restoring merit pay for FY 2021 for non-represented employees and providing for a 2.0% COLA adjustment for non-represented employees effective October 4, 2020; AUTHORIZING the transfer of the sum of \$78,430 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$78,430 from the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416 to the Cincinnati Health Department's Cincinnati Health District Fund personnel operating budget accounts according to the attached Schedule of Transfer for the purpose of restoring merit pay for FY 2021 for non-represented employees and providing for a 2.0% COLA adjustment for non-represented employees effective October 4, 2020; and further AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$278,050 from the unappropriated surplus of the various Restricted Funds to personnel operating budget accounts of the various Restricted Funds according to the attached Schedule of Transfer for the purpose of restoring merit pay for nonrepresented employees and providing for a 2.0% COLA adjustment for non-represented employees effective

October 4, 2020.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)
[Attachments](#)

4. [202001600](#) REPORT, dated 9/23/2020, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, regarding Avondale Grocery Store. (Reference Document #202001164)

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Report](#)

5. [202001571](#) MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Mann, I move that West Eighth Street in Price Hill be returned to a safer place for neighborhood traffic, pedestrians and children by ending parking restrictions on the curbside lane during morning and evening commuting hours from Elberon to Nebraska. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Sponsors: Mann

Attachments: [MOTION 202001571](#)

6. [202001578](#) MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Mann, WE MOVE that the City administration immediately work with the Homeless Coalition, Strategies to End Homelessness and other appropriate stakeholders to address the challenges of homeless citizens and folks on the verge of becoming homeless as Winter approaches in the midst of the pandemic. (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

Sponsors: Mann

Attachments: [MOTION](#)

7. [202001435](#) MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Young and Kearney, WE MOVE that the Administration amend the existing CRA agreement with 2347 Reading Road, LLC, an affiliate of Kingsley & Co., for its 2347 Reading Road hotel project to: (1) extend the project completion deadline through December 31, 2024, and (2) extend the outside tax year by which the abatement would commence through 2024. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Sponsors: Young and Kearney

Attachments: [MOTION 202001435](#)

8. [202001675](#) COMMUNICATION, dated 09/24/2020, submitted by Councilmember Mann, from James J. McGraw Jr., Keating Muething & Klekamp, PLL, regarding Pending Motion by Council Members Young and Kearney to Approve an Extension of the Project Completion Date of a CRA for 2347 Reading Road LLC.
- Sponsors:** Mann
- Attachments:** [202001675](#)
9. [202001676](#) COMMUNICATION, dated 09/22/2020, submitted by James J. McGraw, Jr., Keating Muething & Klekamp, PLL, regarding Pending Motion by Council Members Young and Kearney to Approve an Extension of the Project Completion Date of a CRA for 2347 Reading Road LLC.
- Sponsors:** Mann
- Attachments:** [Communication](#)
10. [202001677](#) COMMUNICATION, dated 09/22/2020, submitted by Councilmember Mann, from Carol Gibbs, Mt. Auburn Community Development Corporation (MACDC) regarding the Monday September 14 Mt. Auburn Community Council voted to rescind our support for Mr. Chin Ndukwe's request of an extension of his tax abatement on the hotel that he is building on Reading Rd. in Mt. Auburn.
- Sponsors:** Mann
- Attachments:** [Communication](#)
11. [202001327](#) MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Sundermann, dated 8/31/2020, WE MOVE the City Administration prioritize the payoff of the \$50 million operating debt for emergency financing which was incurred by the City of Cincinnati for unforeseen and other necessary expenses that have arisen due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Prioritization means earmarking any available closeout monies for the payment of the loan after the Funds Stabilization Policy distributions have been made to the General Fund Carryover Balance and Reserve for Weather and One Time Events per City Council Ordinance, then to the Economic Downturn Reserve Fund, Working Capital Reserves, and Additional Reserves. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)
- Sponsors:** Sundermann
- Attachments:** [MOTION 202001327](#)

12. [202001599](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/28/2020, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Funding Agreement with Fountain Place, LLC, a subsidiary of Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (3CDC), providing for a forgivable loan of \$2,929,750 to fund redevelopment of 505 Vine Street (formerly known as Fountain Place) and proximate public infrastructure, located in the Central Business District of Cincinnati; ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x211636, "Fountain Place Redevelopment - TIF" to provide resources for the redevelopment of 505 Vine Street and proximate public infrastructure; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$2,093,071.13 from unappropriated surplus of Downtown/OTR West Equivalent Fund 482 (Downtown/OTR West TIF District) to the newly-established capital improvement program account no. 980x164x211636, "Fountain Place Redevelopment - TIF," to provide resources for the redevelopment of 505 Vine Street and proximate public infrastructure; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$836,678.87 from the unappropriated surplus of Fountain Square West Trust Fund 156 to the newly-established capital improvement program project account no.980x164x211636, "Fountain Place Redevelopment - TIF," to provide resources for the redevelopment of 505 Vine Street and proximate public infrastructure; and further DECLARING expenditures from such project account serve a public purpose

Sponsors: City Manager

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[Ordinance](#)
[Attachments](#)

13. [202001689](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/28/2020, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge) with 2330 VP Apartments, LLC, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 2332 Victory Parkway in the Walnut Hills neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of an existing building into approximately 35,173 square feet of residential space, approximately 6,400 square feet of office space, and approximately 1,240 square feet of commercial space, which remodeling shall be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total remodeling cost of approximately \$2,100,000.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)
[Attachment A](#)

14. [202001690](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/28/2020, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge) with Zeta House Corporation of Delta Delta Delta, thereby authorizing a 14-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of the improvements made to real property located at 2605 University Court in the CUF neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the construction of a new sorority house at the University of Cincinnati, consisting of approximately 15,478 square feet of residential space, which construction shall be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total construction cost of approximately \$2,250,000.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)
[Attachment A](#)

15. [202001691](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/28/2020, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge) with 602 Main Street, LLC, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 216 E. Sixth Street and 600-610 Main Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of an existing building into approximately 168,883 square foot hotel with 163 rooms, and approximately 9,500 square feet of commercial space, which remodeling shall be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total remodeling cost of approximately \$53,718,163.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)
[Exhibit A](#)

16. [202001695](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), dated 09/25/2020, submitted by Councilmember Landsman, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$150,000 from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$150,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Department of Community and Economic Development's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. analysis necessary to implement a tiered residential tax abatement program; and AUTHORIZING the designation of \$250,000 of the \$1,000,000 included in the Approved FY 2021 Budget Update for the Community Safety Response Program be designated for the Women Helping Women's Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) program.

Sponsors: Landsman

Attachments: [Transmittal - 202001695](#)
[Emergency Ordinance - 202001695](#)

17. [202001696](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), dated 09/25/2020, submitted by Mayor Cranley, from Andrew W. Garth, Interim City Solicitor, ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x211033, "Findlay Park Recreation Improvements," for the purpose of partnering with Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation ("3CDC") to provide resources for the design and construction of new state-of-the-art recreation improvements in and around Findlay Park in the Over-The-Rhine neighborhood; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$50,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Downtown/OTR West Equivalent Fund 482 ("Downtown/OTR West TIF District") to newly created capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x211033, "Findlay Park Recreation Improvements," for the purpose of providing resources for the design and construction of such recreation improvements; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept in-kind donations from 3CDC by providing design, community engagement, and development services to complete the "Findlay Park Recreation Improvements" valued at \$50,000; and DECLARING expenditures from capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x211033, "Findlay Park Recreation Improvements," to be for a public purpose.

Sponsors:

Mayor

Attachments:

[Transmittal - 202001696](#)

[Emergency Ordinance 202001696](#)

ADJOURNMENT