



City of Cincinnati

Budget and Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Reggie Harris
Vice Chair Jeff Cramerding
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Scotty Johnson
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Liz Keating
Councilmember Meeka Owens
Councilmember Seth Walsh
President Pro Tem Victoria Parks

Monday, November 13, 2023 1:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

Present: Seth Walsh
Jan-Michele Kearney
Liz Keating
Councilmember Jeff Cramerding
Mark Jeffreys
Scotty Johnson
Meeka Owens
Victoria Parks
Councilmember Harris

Also in attendance were Erica Faaborg, Deputy Solicitor, Karen Alder, Finance Director and Dr. Andrew Dudas, Budget Director. The meeting began at 1:07 pm and ended at 5:06 pm.

Councilmember Keating moved for the committee to enter into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the employment and compensation of a public employee. Councilmember Cramerding seconded the motion. The meeting began at 1:07 pm. The committee went into executive session at 2:47 pm. The meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm.

AGENDA

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AGREEMENT

1. ORDINANCE, submitted by Councilmembers Harris and [202302198](#) Jeffreys, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, ESTABLISHING certain policies and conditions regarding the application of residential Community Reinvestment Area

real property tax abatements for the Arcadia housing project in the Oakley neighborhood of Cincinnati, notwithstanding Ordinance No. 106-2023

Recommend Passage

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

2. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/8/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of a therapy dog, related equipment and supplies, and training services from K9s for Warriors, valued at up to \$10,576, to be used by the Cincinnati Fire Department's Peer Support Program. [202302313](#)
Recommend Passage
3. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/8/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and deposit a donation of \$65,483 from the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners' Fund into Fund No. 430, "Parks Private Endowment and Donations," to provide resources for improvements to Sawyer Point to eliminate safety hazards, halt deterioration of infrastructure, and make aesthetic improvements to the park; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$65,483 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund No. 430, "Parks Private Endowment and Donations," to capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232036, "Sawyer Point Improvements." [202302311](#)
Recommend Passage
4. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/8/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of third-party professional services from FC Cincinnati valued at up to \$151,775 for the construction and installation of a mini-pitch soccer facility at Lunken Play Field. [202302314](#)
Recommend Passage Emergency
5. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/8/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of goods and professional services from Perfect North Slopes, through Corbeau Ski Club, valued at approximately \$36,550 to support the Cincinnati Recreation Commission's Ski and Snowboard [202302317](#)

program.

Recommend Passage

FUND ADVANCE

6. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/8/2023, AUTHORIZING the repayment of a fund advance of \$200,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Emergency Shelter Grant Fund 445 to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050.

[202302316](#)

Recommend Passage

MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

7. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/8/2023, ADOPTING the Hamilton County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency's "2023 Hamilton County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan," which will allow the City of Cincinnati to be eligible for future disaster mitigation funds provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

[202302326](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

8. RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE) (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/1/2023, DECLARING by legislative resolution the necessity of the special assessment project at 4710 Madison Road in the City of Cincinnati, Ohio involving the City of Cincinnati, Ohio Energy Special Improvement District.

[202302293](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

9. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/1/2023, DETERMINING to proceed with the special assessment project at 4710 Madison Road in the City of Cincinnati involving the City of Cincinnati, Ohio Energy Special Improvement District

[202302294](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

10. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/1/2023, LEVYING special assessments for the purpose of the special assessment project at 4710 Madison Road in the City of Cincinnati involving the City of Cincinnati, Ohio Energy Special

[202302295](#)

Improvement District.

Recommend Passage Emergency

11. PETITION, submitted by the Clerk of Council, A petition regarding Oakley Parke Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing Petition and Supplemental Plan- 4710 Madison Road.

[202302376](#)

File

UTILITY EASEMENTS

12. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/25/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Grant of Easement in favor of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., granting utility easements across portions of City-owned property generally located along Kellogg and Renslar Avenues in the California neighborhood of Cincinnati. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List

[202302263](#)

<<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>)

Recommend Passage Emergency

13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/25/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Grant of Easement in favor of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., granting utility easements across portions of City-owned property generally located along Beechmont Avenue and Canoe Court in the Linwood and Mt. Washington neighborhoods of Cincinnati. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List

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Recommend Passage Emergency

14. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/25/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Grant of Easement in favor of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., granting utility easements across portions of City-owned property generally located along Canoe Court and Renslar Avenue in the Mt. Washington and California neighborhoods of Cincinnati. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List

[202302257](#)

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Recommend Passage Emergency

CARRYOVER

15. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$3,850,000 from balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3440, "Infrastructure and Capital Project Reserve," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x241624, "Industrial Site Redevelopment - GF CO," to provide resources for industrial site redevelopment projects; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$1,600,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to newly created capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x241624, "Industrial Site Redevelopment - GF CO," to provide resources for industrial site redevelopment projects; ESTABLISHING new balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3423, "West End Community Development Initiatives," within the General Fund; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to newly created balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3423 "West End Community Development Initiatives," to provide resources for various community development initiatives in the West End neighborhood; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 to provide resources to Keep Cincinnati Beautiful for capital facilities improvements; and DECLARING certain projects to be for a public purpose, all for the purpose of carrying out the Capital Improvement Program.

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- Yes:**
- Councilmember Walsh
 - Vice Mayor Kearney
 - Councilmember Keating
 - Councilmember Cramerding
 - Councilmember Jeffreys
 - Councilmember Johnson
 - Councilmember Owens
 - President Pro Tempore Parks
 - Councilmember Harris

- 19.** MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Keating and Cramerding, WE MOVE for City Council to begin the annual review of the City Manager. The review will be based on the 10 categories listed below and will follow the timeline listed below. WE FURTHER MOVE that the City Manager present to Council a self-evaluation, including the 10 categories listed below. WE FURTHER MOVE that Councilmembers communicate to internal and external stakeholders to provide informal feedback to use for their own evaluation of the City Manager. (STATEMENT ATTACHED) [202302469](#)
- 16.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/1/2023, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$7,095,646 from balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3440, "Infrastructure and Capital Project Reserve," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$7,095,646 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various capital improvement program project accounts according to the attached Schedule A of the Capital Budget Schedule of Transfer to provide resources for identified one-time infrastructure and capital projects for identified urgent needs. [202302301](#)
- Held
- 17.** MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Harris and Cramerding, WE MOVE to accept the Mayor and administration's FY24 Carryover dollar recommendations as listed in Ordinance #202302300 without modification as indicated in the following chart: Industrial Site Redevelopment- GF CO \$1,600,000, West End Community Development Initiatives \$2,000,000, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful Capital Facilities Improvement \$250,000. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) [202302439](#)
- Held
- 18.** MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys and Johnson, WE MOVE that, the administration prepare an ordinance in accordance with the following: Use: Homebase-CDC "Quickstrike" Acquisition & Project Funding: \$1,000,000, Community Pedestrian Safety Projects: \$500,000, Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses [202302455](#)

Community Development Initiatives:\$2,400,000, African American Homeownership Initiatives:\$100,000, Restoration and construction of storefronts for community serving businesses: \$1,400,000, Administration's Recommended One-Time Deferred Maintenance Uses: \$3,195,646. Sources: The Administration's recommendations for the FY24 carryover dollars: \$7,095,646. (STATEMENT ON FILE IN THE CLERKS OFFICE).

Held

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Adopt

ADJOURNMENT