



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, March 13, 2023

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmember Cramerding was excused from today's meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Whex Parking Garage

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AGENDA

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENTS

1. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/8/2023, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption with 8K Development Company, LLC, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at

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129-131 W. Elder Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of the upper floors of 2 buildings into approximately 4,680 square feet of residential space, consisting of approximately 10 residential units, at a total construction cost of approximately \$880,600. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List
<<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>)

Held

2. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/8/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Property Sale and Development Agreement with 8K Development Company, LLC for the sale of the upper levels of the City-owned building located at 129-131 W. Elder Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood for residential redevelopment. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List
<<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>)

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Held

3. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/8/2023, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with Moerlein Properties LLC, thereby authorizing a 12-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 115-125 W. McMillan Avenue and 124-142 Lyon Street in the CUF neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the construction of a mixed-use development comprised of a parking garage, approximately 5,000 square feet of commercial space, and approximately 263,000 square feet of residential space, consisting of approximately 103 units, at a total construction cost of approximately \$33,000,000. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List
<<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>)

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Held

REPORTS

4. REPORT, dated 3/8/2023, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Finance and Budget Monitoring Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2022.

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Approve & File

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

5. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/8/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant in an amount of up to \$2,535,400 from the Ohio Child Care Stabilization Sub-Grant through the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ALN 93.575) for the purpose of supporting approximately thirteen Cincinnati Recreation Commission licensed neighborhood childcare programs; and AUTHORIZING the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Recreation Federal Grant Projects Fund 324. [202300756](#)
- Recommend Passage Emergency
6. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/8/2023, AMENDING Ordinance No. 243-2022 to authorize the City Manager to accept the transfer of equipment purchased by the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency with funds awarded through the FY 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program, Urban Area Security Initiative (ALN 97.067). [202300757](#)
- Recommend Passage Emergency
7. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/8/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount of up to \$50,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund for the purpose of providing financial aid to Cincinnati homeowners with defective household sewage treatment systems; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536. [202300758](#)
- Recommend Passage Emergency
8. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/8/2023, AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of a donation by the Cincinnati Riding Or Walking Network in an amount up to \$1,115,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Wasson Way Trail Donations Fund No. 437 to capital improvement program project [202300755](#)

account no. 980x232x232371, "Wasson Way Trail," for the purpose of providing resources to plan, design, and construct future phases of the Wasson Way Trail Network, a shared-use path for bicycles, as well as for the labor, materials, and technologies needed to plan, design, acquire right-of-way, build, survey, and inspect the improvements.

Recommend Passage

EASEMENTS

9. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/8/2023, ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING the grant of a public utility easement in favor of the City of Cincinnati for water mains and related fixtures, equipment, and appurtenances through certain real property being part of the Garden Grove Development in Delhi Township, Hamilton County, Ohio in accordance with the plat entitled GCWW Easement Plat Garden Grove Development, 643 Covedale Avenue, WSL 3681 - Garden Grove - E-1089, as recorded in Plat Book 489, Page 91, Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office.

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Recommend Passage

10. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/8/2023, ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING the grant of a public utility easement in favor of the City of Cincinnati for water mains and related fixtures, equipment, and appurtenances through certain real property being parts of Lot B and Lots 55 through 60 of the Dunlap Grove Subdivision in Colerain Township, Hamilton County, Ohio in accordance with the plat entitled Water Line Easement Plat Dunlap Grove Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 491, Page 93, Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office.

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Recommend Passage

TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS

11. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/25/2023, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$1,480,602.25 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 and appropriation of

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\$3,280,602.25 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the non-departmental Judgments Against the City General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x951x7400 for the purpose of satisfying a legal judgment against the City as well as associated legal fees in White v. The City of Cincinnati. (VICE MAYOR KEARNEY AND COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON ARE EXCUSED FROM VOTING OF THIS ITEM).

Recommend Passage Emergency

PRESENTATIONS

12. PRESENTATION submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 3/13/2023, regarding the Whex Garage and Convention Center District plan.

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Filed

13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/13/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to enter into a Funding Agreement with Whex Garage LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (3CDC), and take such other steps as may be necessary in order to facilitate the company's financing to acquire certain real property located at 212 W. Fourth Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, upon which is located a 780-space parking garage commonly known as the Whex Garage; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$275,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Downtown South/Riverfront Equivalent Fund 481 to the Department of Finance non-personnel operating budget account no. 481x133x7200 for the purpose of providing resources to facilitate Whex Garage LLC's financing to acquire certain real property located 212 W. Fourth Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, upon which is located a 780-space parking garage commonly known as the Whex Garage; and DECLARING that expenditures from the Department of Finance non-personnel operating budget account no. 481x133x7200 are for a public purpose and constitute a "Public Infrastructure Improvement" (as defined in Section 5709.40(A)(8) of the Ohio Revised Code), that will benefit and/or serve the District 2-Downtown South/Riverfront District Incentive District, subject to

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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>>)

Recommend Passage Emergency

ADJOURNMENT