



# **City of Cincinnati**

## **Law & Public Safety Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Christopher Smitherman  
Vice Chair David Mann  
Council Member Jeff Pastor  
Council Member Betsy Sundermann  
Council Member Jan Michele Kearney  
Council Member Greg Landsman

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**Tuesday, September 1, 2020**

**8:00 AM**

**Council Chambers, Room 300**

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#### **PRESENTATIONS**

**Present:** David Mann  
Jeff Pastor  
Betsy Sundermann  
Jan-Michele Kearney  
Greg Landsman  
Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman

#### **GUN VIOLENCE IN THE CITY**

**Victor Garcia, M.D., Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center**

**Chief Eliot Isaac, CPD**

**Lt. Col. Paul Neudigate, CPD**

**Lt. Col. Michael John, CPD**

**Chief Roy Winston, CFD**

**The Hon. Charles Kubicki, Jr., Presiding Judge, Hamilton Co. Common Pleas Court**

**Iris Roley, Community Activist**

**Jason Cooper, Manager's Advisory Group**

**Dan Hils, Fraternal Order of Police**

**Matt Alter, Cincinnati Firefighters Union**

**Mitch Morris, Cincinnati Works**

**Karen Rumsey, CPD**

**Dwight Young, BLOC Ministries**

**Rev. Dock Foster, Candidate for President, Ohio State Missionary Baptist Convention**

**Pastor Peterson Mingo, Christ Temple Full Gospel Baptist Church**

**Pastor Ennis Tait, Church of the Living God**

**Dorothy Smoot, Community Police Partnering Center**

**AGENDA**

- 1. MOTION submitted by Councilmember Mann, WE MOVE **202000941**  
 that the City review recent unlawful use of fireworks during the July 4th holiday period and recommend steps to reduce such activity in the future. Recommendations might include improved local and/or state legislation and a better and more coordinated educational and enforcement effort.  
 (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Referred to CM for a Report

- Yes:**
- Councilmember Mann
  - Councilmember Pastor
  - Councilmember Sundermann
  - Councilmember Kearney
  - Councilmember Landsman
  - Vice Mayor Smitherman

- 2. MOTION dated 7/28/2020 submitted by Councilmember Landsman, when residents call 911 with an emergency, call-takers currently have two options for dispatch: Police and Fire. However, many calls that got dispatched to Police are focused on citizens experiencing homelessness, addiction or those with mental and behavioral health issues. Other cities have improved safety and saved money for taxpayers by adding alternative options for call-takers and we should pursue similar approaches. (BALANCE OF MOTION ON FILE IN THE CLERK’S OFFICE) [202001077](#)

Adopt

**Yes:** Councilmember Mann  
Councilmember Pastor  
Councilmember Kearney  
Councilmember Landsman  
Vice Mayor Smitherman

**No:** Councilmember Sundermann

3. MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Landsman, The Citizen Complaint Authority (CCA) is at the heart of the Collaborative Agreement but it faces two major challenges. The CCA has been understaffed and the submitted complaints are not being investigated and responded to in a timely manner. At one point, the CCA had a backlog of over 100 cases, including many excessive use-of-force complaints. Secondly, new data and reporting suggest that when the CCA does submit to the Administration and the Cincinnati Public Department (CPD), their findings and recommendations for the cases they have investigated appear to be largely ignored. (BALANCE OF MOTION ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE)

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Adopt

**Yes:** Councilmember Mann  
Councilmember Pastor  
Councilmember Sundermann  
Councilmember Kearney  
Councilmember Landsman  
Vice Mayor Smitherman

ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 the sum of up to \$260,000 from the Department of Transportation and Engineering's Fund 455 "Streetcar Operations" non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200, the exact amount which will be determined by the revenue generated by fares for the Cincinnati Bell Connector collected during Fiscal Year 2021; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of up to \$260,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Cincinnati Police Department's General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x222x7100 for the purpose

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of providing additional police visibility overtime for crime hotspots, the exact amount which will be determined by the revenue generated by fares for the Cincinnati Bell Connector collected during Fiscal Year 2021; and AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of up to \$260,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund 455 "Streetcar Operations" to the Department of Transportation and Engineering's non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 for the purpose of providing resources to operate and maintain the Cincinnati Bell Connector during Fiscal Year 2021, the exact amount which will be determined by the revenue generated by fares for the Cincinnati Bell Connector during Fiscal Year 2021.

Recommend Passage Emergency

**Yes:** Councilmember Sundermann  
Vice Mayor Smitherman

**No:** Councilmember Mann  
Councilmember Kearney  
Councilmember Landsman

**Abstain:** Councilmember Pastor

PRESENTATION, submitted by Vice Mayor Smitherman from Colonel Eliot K. Isaac, Cincinnati Police Chief entitled Violent Crime Update January 01- August 31, 2020. **202001438**

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PRESENTATION, submitted by Vice Mayor Smitherman from Victor Garcia, M.D., Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. **202001439**

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PRESENTATION, submitted by Vice Mayor Smitherman from Iris Roley, Community Activist. **202001440**

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ADJOURNMENT