



# 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

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**Monday, October 9, 2023**                      **1:00 PM**                      **Council Chambers, Room 300**

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#### ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** Victoria Parks

Also in attendance were Erica Faaborg, Law Department, Karen Alder, Finance Director and Dr. Andrew Dudas, Budget Director. The meeting began at 1:05 p.m. and ended at 1:35 p.m.

#### **AGENDA**

#### **REPORTS**

1. REPORT, dated 10/2/2023, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Tax Incentive Review Council Status of Property Tax Exemptions for Year End 2022. [202302046](#)  
Approve & File

#### **TIF EXEMPTION**

2. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/4/2023, DECLARING improvements to certain real property located at 7 West 7th [202302091](#)

Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, to be constructed pursuant to a Development Agreement between the City of Cincinnati and 7 West 7th Property LLC, to be a public purpose and exempt from real property taxation for a period of 30 years pursuant to R.C. Section 5709.41; and AMENDING Ordinance No. 413-2002, passed on December 18, 2002, as amended, to remove such real property from the operation of that ordinance.

Recommend Passage Emergency

### **PROPERTY TRANSFER AGREEMENT**

3. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/4/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Property Transfer Agreement with Riverside Lots LLC, pursuant to which the City will sell certain real property located at 256 Wenner Street and 248 Watson Street and acquire a portion of real property located at 260 Wenner Street to facilitate the development of a public parking lot in the East End neighborhood.

[202302093](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

### **GRANTS AND DONATIONS**

4. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/4/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a Reconnecting Communities grant and a Neighborhoods Equity Program grant (ALN 20.940) awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation in an amount up to \$149,812,300 to construct cap structures above Fort Washington Way.

[202302097](#)

Recommend Passage

5. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/4/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of seven used concrete barriers valued at up to \$500 each from Nicholas Hollan to be used by the Department of Public Services Traffic and Road Operations Division.

[202302092](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

### **MOTIONS**

6. MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Harris, WE MOVE that the administration produces a report within thirty (30)

[202302108](#)

days on program recommendations for the \$2,125,000 set aside to implement the Cities for Financial Empowerment's "Financial Freedom" blueprint. This should include any relevant updates on partnerships or other work being done to prepare implementation of the program(s). (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Adopt

7. MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Harris and Parks, WE MOVE that the administration transfer \$87,350 from the project "Highspeed/Broadband Access - GF" to be allocated to Cincinnati Works to operate their Digital Literacy "D-Lit" program. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202302101](#)

Adopt

**RULE 7.14- SUNSET OF PRIOR LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

8. MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Cramerding and Vice Mayor Kearney, WE MOVE that the Administration prepare a comprehensive and prioritized list of Deferred Maintenance projects, categorized by department and neighborhood, with specific cost associated with each project. This report should be produced before the closeout recommendation.

[202201639](#)

Filed

9. MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Cramerding, WE MOVE that the City of Cincinnati offer a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the safe return of the historic Romulus and Remus Statue (aka Capitoline Wolf) statue in Eden Park. This statue was a gift from the City of Rome in 1932 and holds historic and artistic value. This was a crime against art, a crime against Parks, and a crime against all the citizens of Cincinnati. We hope to see it safely returned to its original place in Eden Park.

[202201480](#)

Filed

10. MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Landsman, Harris and Owens, WE HEREBY MOVE that the Administration provide a report on the impact of additional litigators on increasing the number of successful cases against problem properties. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

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Filed

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11. MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Harris and Owens, [202200746](#)  
To continue initiatives to restore public trust in City government, WE MOVE that the Administration provide a report within forty-five days regarding the status of the implementation of Item #202103025, passed on October 22, 2021, which enacted Chapter 119 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code. The report should include two public lists: first, the “Temporary Prohibition List” mandated by C.M.C. Sec. 119-1-T, identifying developers currently doing business with the City and second, the “City Business List” mandated by C.M.C. Sec. 119-1-C3, identifying companies and individuals with financial interest in city business. The report should also include a plan for the continued implementation and maintenance of the list.

Filed

ADJOURNMENT