



City of Cincinnati

Budget and Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Jeff Cramerding
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Scotty Johnson
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Anna Albi
Councilmember Meeka Owens
Councilmember Seth Walsh
President Pro Tem Victoria Parks
Councilmember Evan Nolan

Monday, November 18, 2024 **1:00 PM** **Council Chambers, Room 300**

ROLL CALL

Present: Mark Jeffreys
Anna Albi
Jan-Michele Kearney
Jeff Cramerding
Meeka Owens
Scotty Johnson
Seth Walsh
Victoria Parks
Evan Nolan

AGENDA

REPORTS

1. **REPORT**, dated 11/6/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Department of Finance Investment Policy update. [202402318](#)
Approve & File
2. **REPORT**, dated 11/6/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding residential sidewalk repair assistance. (See Doc. #202401457) [202402319](#)
Approve & File

REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS

3. **RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE) (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/6/2024, **DECLARING** the intent to appropriate to public use certain real-property interests necessary to secure, stabilize, repair, improve, and protect a portion of the public [202402341](#)

roadway known as Harrison Avenue, and the sidewalk and retaining wall adjacent thereto.

Recommend Passage Emergency

4. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/6/2024, **APPROPRIATING** to public use certain real property interests necessary to secure, stabilize, repair, improve, and protect a portion of the public roadway known as Harrison Avenue, and the sidewalk and retaining wall adjacent thereto.

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TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS

5. **ORDINANCE**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RENAMING** General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, "Deferred Appropriations," to "Discretionary Reserve"; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$1,782,421 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to renamed General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, "Discretionary Reserve," to reserve resources to be used for one-time FY 2026 General Fund Operating Budget priorities.

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Recommend Passage

6. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/6/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate up to \$25,000 from the City of Norwood to capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242308, "Street Rehabilitation," to rehabilitate the section of Edwards Road from Wasson Road to Madison Road, a portion of which is located within the City of Norwood; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242308, "Street Rehabilitation."

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Recommend Passage

7. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/6/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate up to \$180,000 from Hamilton County to capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242308, "Street Rehabilitation," to provide resources for rehabilitating the section of West Galbraith Road from Vine Street to the corporation line, a portion of which is located in Springfield Township; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the resources from Hamilton County into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242308, "Street Rehabilitation."

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PAYMENTS

8. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/6/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$2,257.14 from Parks Department capital improvement program project account

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980x203x242000, "Park Infrastructure Rehabilitation," as a moral obligation to W. W. Grainger, Inc. for charges related to the purchase of shop supplies for the Parks Department Division of Natural Resources building.

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9. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/14/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$2,288.01 from Parks Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x202x1000x7316 to CDW Government LLC as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to the purchase of telephones and headsets for use in City parks.

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10. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/14/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$999.99 to W. W. Grainger, Inc. from Parks Department Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 non-personnel operating budget account no. 430x202x1059x7379 as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to the purchase of a workbench for the new Division of Natural Resources building.

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11. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/6/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$5,487.50 from Parks Department Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 non-personnel operating budget account no. 430x202x3137x7373 to Forevergreen Complete Ground Care for charges related to the clearing of the Fort Washington Way planter irrigation systems, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

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12. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/6/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$3,000 from Parks Department capital improvement program project account 980x203x242000, "Park Infrastructure Rehabilitation," to Southwestern Ohio Services pursuant to the attached certificate from the Director of Finance to repair the pickleball courts at Sawyer Point.

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GRANTS AND DONATIONS

13. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/6/2024, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x251056, "Public Access EV Charging Ports - Grant," to provide grant resources for public-facing electric vehicle charging infrastructure at City-owned properties that are in or adjacent to disadvantaged communities; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$854,547 from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant

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Program (ALN 20.205) to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x251056, "Public Access EV Charging Ports - Grant"; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x251056, "Public Access EV Charging Ports - Grant."

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- 14. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/6/2024, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252321, "Columbia Parkway Landslide OPWC Grant," to provide Ohio Public Works Commission ("OPWC") grant resources for landslide stabilization work along Columbia Parkway and new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252322, "Warsaw Avenue OPWC Grant," to provide OPWC grant resources for the Warsaw Avenue rehabilitation project; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources of up to \$2,438,518 from OPWC Funding Round 38 to provide OPWC grant resources of up to \$1,166,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252321, "Columbia Parkway Landslide OPWC Grant," for landslide stabilization work along Columbia Parkway and up to \$1,272,518 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252322, "Warsaw Avenue OPWC Grant," for the Warsaw Avenue rehabilitation project; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit OPWC grant resources of up to \$1,166,000 into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252321, "Columbia Parkway Landslide OPWC Grant," and up to \$1,272,518 into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252322, "Warsaw Avenue OPWC Grant"; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

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- 15. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/14/2024, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x234x252352, "Lunken Runway 3L-21R 2025 OH AIP Grant," to provide grant matching resources for the decommissioning of runway 3L-21R at Lunken Airport; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$76,265 from the 2025 Ohio Airport Improvement Program awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x234x252352, "Lunken Runway 3L-21R 2025 OH AIP Grant," for the purpose of decommissioning Runway 3L-21R at Lunken Airport; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account 980x234x252352, "Lunken Runway 3L-21R 2025 OH AIP Grant."

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- 16. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/6/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a donation of \$4,999 from Paul M. Jurgensen to be used for Cincinnati Police Department members' special weapons and tactics (SWAT)

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training; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donation into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$4,999 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to Cincinnati Police Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x222x7200.

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- 17. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/6/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager and employees of the Cincinnati Police Department to solicit and accept donations of money, in-kind contributions, and other things of value from the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors, entertainment industries, and other available sources for the Victims Assistance Liaison Unit/Cincinnati Citizens Respect Our Witnesses to provide food and gift cards to the surviving families of homicide victims during the upcoming holiday season; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit funds donated to the City of Cincinnati into Public Safety Special Projects Fund 456.

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- 18. ORDINANCE**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of event space valued at \$2,200 from the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation for the purpose of holding the State of the City address at Memorial Hall on November 12, 2024.

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CAPITAL SUNSET

- 19. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/14/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of capital improvement program project account nos. 980x203x252038, "Mt. Airy Trails Expansion - GF," to provide resources for the expansion of trails in the Mt. Airy Park; 980x203x252037, "Park Trails Expansion - GF," to provide resources for trail expansions in the Cincinnati Park network; 980x255x252501, "City Facility Renovation and Repairs - CSR," to provide resources for the continuation of ongoing repairs, alterations, and upgrades to City facilities such as those used by the Police, Fire, and Public Services Departments; and 980x252x252533, "Brine Equipment," to provide resources for the upgrade of the City's salt brine system; **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of permanent improvement program project account no. 758x227x252226, "Records Management System Peripherals," to provide resources for printers, scanners, and other peripherals to support the upgrade and conversion of the existing records management system; **AUTHORIZING** the redirection of \$11,797.82 in Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners Private Endowment Funds from existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x182017, "Drabner-Funded Infrastructure Improvements," to the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to close out or decrease existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x182017, "Drabner-Funded Infrastructure

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Improvements”; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$7,707,176.06 from various General Capital Budget capital improvement program project accounts to close out or decrease certain existing capital improvement program project accounts according to Section A of the attached Schedule of Transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$6,602,832.06 from the unappropriated surplus of various General Capital Funds to new or existing capital improvement program project accounts to provide resources for certain capital improvement program project accounts according to Section B of the attached Schedule of Transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$716,344 from the unappropriated surplus of Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758 to new or existing permanent improvement project accounts to provide resources for certain permanent improvement project accounts according to Section C of the attached Schedule of Transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$3,281,585.40 from various Restricted and Special Revenue Funds capital improvement program project accounts to close out or decrease certain existing capital improvement program project accounts according to Section D of the attached Schedule of Transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,180,973.23 from the unappropriated surplus of various Restricted and Special Revenue Funds to new or existing capital improvement program project accounts to provide resources for certain capital improvement program project accounts according to Section E of the attached Schedule of Transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$17,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Parking System Facilities Fund 102 to Parking System Facilities Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 102x3441, “U-Square Garage - Reserve for Capital Projects”; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$308,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to City Manager’s Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 to provide resources for emergency rental assistance and audio-visual equipment contract support; and further **DECLARING** certain projects to be for a public purpose, all for the purpose of carrying out the Capital Improvement Program.

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DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

20. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 11/18/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to Development Agreement with Oakley Yards Land, LLC, an affiliate of Neyer Properties, Inc., pertaining to the redevelopment of property located at 2800 Robertson Avenue in the Oakley neighborhood of Cincinnati. (Subject to the [Temporary Prohibition List <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>](https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business)) (COUNCILMEMBER NOLAN IS EXCUSED FROM THIS ITEM).

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MOTIONS

- 21. MOTION (AMENDED)**, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, **WE MOVE** [202402360](#)
*, that within 90 days, the administration compile a report with recommendations for how to best leverage the \$1,782,421 being returned to the City of Cincinnati from the Hamilton County Auditor’s Real Estate Assessment Fund, with a primary focus being relief for individuals with delinquent property taxes. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Referred to CM for a Report

- 22. MOTION (AMENDED)** submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys, Parks and Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the administration *allocate \$250,000 in FY 2025 and another \$250,000 in FY 2026 from the Cincinnati Health Department for mental health and safety services for transgender and gender nonbinary youth. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK’S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED). [202402384](#)

Adopt

- Yes:** Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Albi
Vice Mayor Kearney
Vice Chair Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Parks
Councilmember Nolan

ADJOURNMENT