



# City of Cincinnati

## Budget and Finance Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Chairperson David Mann  
Vice Chair Chris Seelbach  
Councilmember Steve Goodin  
Councilmember Jan-Michele Kearney  
Councilmember Liz Keating  
Councilmember Greg Landsman  
Councilmember Betsy Sundermann  
Councilmember Wendell Young

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**Monday, October 25, 2021**                      **1:00 PM**                      **Council Chambers, Room 300**

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#### ROLL CALL

**Present:**                      Chairperson Mann  
   Vice Chair Chris Seelbach  
   Jan-Michele Kearney  
   Steve Goodin  
   Greg Landsman  
   Betsy Sundermann  
   Wendell Young  
   Liz Keating

#### PRESENTATIONS

#### AGENDA

1. REPORT, dated 10/8/2021, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding Implementation of Recommendations of the Economic Development Reform Panel. (SEE DOC. #202102641, #202102532, and #202102535) [202102934](#)  
Filed
2. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), dated 10/15/2021, submitted by Councilmember Mann, from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, ADOPTING a Council Code of Conduct pursuant to Section 101-45, "Code of Conduct," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to govern conduct by Councilmembers and [202103003](#)

their staff.

Held

3. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), (B VERSION) dated 10/15/2021, submitted by Councilmember Goodin, from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, MODIFYING Title I, "Council and Corporation Miscellany," by enacting new Chapter 119, "Prohibition on the Solicitation or Acceptance of Campaign Contributions from Persons with a Financial Interest in City Business," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to restore public trust in elected officials by prohibiting the solicitation or acceptance of campaign contributions from person having a financial interest in City business while it is pending before Council; and MODIFYING Section 1501-8, "Class C-1 Civil Offenses," of Title XV "Code Compliance and Hearings," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to establish penalties for certain violations of Chapter 119.

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indefinite postponement

4. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), (B VERSION) dated 10/15/2021, submitted by Councilmember Landsman, from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, AMENDING Section 10, "Code Compliance and Administrative Hearings," of Article III, "Department of Law," of the Administrative Code of the City of Cincinnati for the purpose of establishing a new position of ethics and good government counselor within the Department of Law to support ethics, election, and campaign finance efforts; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$375,000 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 \$200,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Law Department General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x111x7100 for the purpose of providing funding for the new position of ethics and good government counselor and support staff; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$100,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Law Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x111x7200 for the purpose of providing funding to support the operations of the ethics and good government

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counselor and support staff; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$75,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Enterprise Software and Licenses non-departmental General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x952x7400 for the purpose of providing funding to implement a campaign finance transparency system; and REPEALING Section 13, "Office of Municipal Investigation," of Article II, "City Manager," of the Administrative Code to remove obsolete language regarding the Office of Municipal Investigation.

Recommend Passage Emergency

5. MOTION, dated 10/21/2021, submitted by Councilmember Mann, I MOVE that the City Administration identify the funds necessary to repair all existing security cameras around the city, at a cost estimate of \$150,000. I FURTHER MOVE that the city administration present a management plan for these assets. (STATEMENT ATTACHED) [202103018](#)

Adopt

6. ORDINANCE, (EMERGENCY), 10/21/2021, submitted by Councilmember Mann, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$24,000 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 to the General Fund City Manager's Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 505x101x7200 for the purpose of providing additional one-time funding for In Focus Programming in the Office of Human Relations. [202103022](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

7. ORDINANCE, dated 10/20/2021, submitted by Councilmember Goodin, from Andrew Garth, City Solicitor, MODIFYING Title I, "Council and Corporations Miscellany," by enacting new Chapter 119, "Prohibition on the Solicitation or Acceptance of Campaign Contributions from Persons with a Financial Interest in City Business," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to restore public trust in elected officials by prohibiting the solicitation or acceptance of campaign contributions from persons having a financial interest in City business while that business is pending before Council; and MODIFYING Section 1501-8, "Class [202103025](#)

C-1 Civil Offenses,” of Title XV, “Code Compliance and Hearings,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to establish penalties for certain violations of Chapter 119.

Recommend Passage

**Yes:** Chairperson Mann  
Councilmember Kearney  
Councilmember Goodin  
Councilmember Landsman  
Councilmember Sundermann  
Councilmember Young  
Councilmember Keating

**No:** Vice Chair Seelbach

8. MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Goodin, As we emerge from the pandemic, pedestrian safety has emerged as one of the primary quality of life issues in our City’s neighborhoods. Nowhere is the need more acute than in Northside. Recent events have shown that the lack of new pedestrian safety measures is, in the most literal sense, a matter of life and death. Past council efforts to secure additional funding for pedestrian measures in this neighborhood have not been successful. Accordingly, WE MOVE that the Administration IMMEDIATELY engage with the Northside Community Council and other community stakeholders to ascertain which intersections merit enhanced pedestrian safety measures consistent with VisionZero goals (including, but not limited to, curb bump-outs, raised crosswalks and road diets); instruct the Department of Transportation & Engineering (DOTE) to prepare a proposed budget for such enhancements; and prepare a list of potential sources of funding for such enhancements (including, but not limited to, any unallocated American Rescue Plan dollars).

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9. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 10/20/2021, AUTHORIZING the establishment of new capital improvement program project accounts in the Parks Department according to the attached Schedule of Appropriation for the purpose of having necessary funding in place to allow the Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners to move forward with appropriate

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contracting in order to stabilize and repair infrastructure at various locations throughout the park system; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and deposit an amount of up to \$415,500 from the Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioner's Fund into Parks Private Endowments and Donations Fund 430; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of resources totaling \$825,500 from various Restricted Funds 318, 329, 430, and 752 to the newly established capital improvement program project accounts per Section A of the attached transfer schedule.

Recommend Passage Emergency

- 10.** ORDINANCE submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 10/20/2021, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Rail Administration under the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program for the purpose of ensuring the timely completion of various road and at-grade rail crossing signalization construction projects throughout Cincinnati on U.S. Route 50.

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- 11.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 10/20/2021, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$25,000 from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation to the Office of Environment and Sustainability's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7400 for the purpose of providing resources to support the City's Urban Agriculture Program; and AUTHORIZING the Finance Director to deposit the grant resources into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571.

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- 12.** ORDINANCE submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 10/20/2021, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Lease and Management Agreement with The Northside Business Association, pursuant to which the City will lease a public parking lot commonly known as the Lingo Street Parking Lot in the Northside neighborhood for up to 20 years.

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- 13.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 10/20/2021, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Property Transfer Agreement with Cincinnati Zoo Properties, LLC, pursuant to which the City will vacate and convey portions of certain real property designated as public right-of-way known as Louis Avenue, Euclid Avenue, and an unnamed alley; release and terminate portions of public right-of-way easements located at the intersection of Vine Street and Louis Avenue; and grant and convey encroachment easements on, under, over, and across Erkenbrecher Avenue to facilitate the construction of a new surface parking lot and aerial pedestrian bridge for the benefit of the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden in the Avondale neighborhood.

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- 14.** REPORT, dated 10/20/2021, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding Department of Finance Reports for the Month Ended August 31, 2021.

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