



City of Cincinnati

Climate, City Services & Infrastructure

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Meeka Owens
Vice Chair Ryan James
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Seth Walsh

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

10:00 AM

Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Owens
Vice Chair Ryan James
Mark Jeffreys
Seth Walsh

The meeting began at 10:00 A.M. and ended at 11:55 A.M.. In attendance from the Administration - Assistant City Manager, Cathy Bailey. Director Oliver Kroner, Office of Environment & Sustainability and from the Law Department - Jeremy Seebom. Also in attendance, Vice Mayor Kearney until 10:34, Councilmember Anna Albi until 10:35 A.M. Councilmember Evan Nolan. Item #1 was filed. Items #2 & #3 were held. Items #4 & #5 were passed to the City Council Calendar for Passage. Item #6 was Amended on the floor and passed to the City Council Calendar for passage.

PRESENTATIONS

JULY FLOODING IMPACTS

Assistant Chief Matthew Flagler, Cincinnati Fire Department

Director Oliver Kroner, Office of Environment & Sustainability

Director Diana Christy, Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati

Deputy Director Jason Fleming, Greater Cincinnati Water Works

Assistant City Manager Cathy Bailey, City Manager's Office

BUILDING ENERGY BENCHMARKING OVERVIEW

Director Oliver Kroner, Office of Environment & Sustainability

Energy Manager, Rob McCracken, Office of Environment & Sustainability**AGENDA****PRESENTATIONS**

1. PRESENTATION submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 8/4/2026, regarding the July 2026 Flash Flood Response.

This Presentation was Filed

2. PRESENTATION submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 8/4/2026, regarding Building Energy Benchmarking Overview.

This Presentation was Held

ORDINANCE

3. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Councilmember Owens, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, ORDAINING new Chapter 1051, "Building Energy Benchmarking," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to require annual energy benchmarking and reporting for certain large publicly and privately owned buildings and to provide for the administration and enforcement of a building energy benchmarking program.

This Ordinance was Held

MOTIONS

4. MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Albi, Walsh, Cramerding and Owens, WE MOVE that the Administration provide a report within 60 days to City Council regarding the costs, timelines, and best practices associated with roadway resurfacing and reconstruction throughout the City of Cincinnati. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

This Motion was Adopt to the Cincinnati City Council

5. MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Owens, WE MOVE that the City Administration take into all needed steps to establish a technical committee to identify the components of future building energy policies, as in alignment with Report #202601935. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

This Motion was Adopt to the Cincinnati City Council

6. MOTION, (Amended) submitted by Councilmembers Walsh, Owens, Cramerding, James and Albi, WE MOVE that the Administration, in coordination with the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD), evaluate the feasibility of implementing: 1. Expanded green infrastructure solutions to reduce stormwater runoff. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE)

This Motion was Adopted as Amended to the Cincinnati City Council

Yes: Chairperson Owens
Vice Chair James
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Walsh

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.,