



# City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

## Agenda - Final-revised

### Education, Innovation & Growth Committee

*Chairperson Betsy Sundermann*  
*Vice Chair Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney*  
*Councilmember David Mann*  
*Councilmember Wendell Young*

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Monday, March 8, 2021

11:00 AM

Council Chambers, Room 300

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### DISCUSSION

#### Town Hall about Cincinnati Public Schools Virtual and Hybrid Education

How has CPS virtual and hybrid learning during the pandemic affected you, your family, or your clients? Mental Health? Finances? Employment? Do you have concerns about returning to 5-day in-person school? Should each family get to choose virtual or in-person?

#### Invited Guests:

**Dr. Maryse Amin, Supervising Epidemiologist, Assistant Health Commissioner,  
Cincinnati Health Department**

**Dr. Grant Mussman, Interim Medical Director & Pediatrician, Cincinnati Health  
Department**

**Dr. Marilyn Crumpton, Medical Director, Growing Well**

**John Juech, Assistant City Manager, City of Cincinnati**

**Susan Gibbons, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati**

**Lenny Llambi, ParmaD**

#### Other Invited Participants:

**Parents of CPS Students**

**Current CPS Students**

**CPS Educators/Staff**

**Medical/ Mental Health/Social Work for Professionals**

**Other Educators**

### AGENDA

1. [202100599](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, **WE MOVE** for the City Administration to prepare a report detailing all major and noteworthy projects, initiatives and activities that have been undertaken in the past 5-10 years to implement smart city technology solutions for parking, lighting, traffic engineering, and other relevant operations. WE FURTHER MOVE for this report to include an analysis of the feasibility of implementing technology similar to “Smart City Platform” provided by Fybr - a secure, end-to-end IoT solution that delivers real-time data on into actionable insights that allow communities to make proactive and informed decisions. (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

**Sponsors:** Kearney

**Attachments:** [202100599](#)

2. [202100827](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Mann, With reference to the proposed charter amendment requiring the annual expenditure of \$50 million for affordable housing, but without identifying or authorizing sufficient new revenue sources for this large expenditure, we move for the following: 1. An opinion for the City Solicitor analyzing the proposal and identifying any issues as to its legality and enforceability if adopted. 2. A report from the City Manager as to the impact of the proposal on the city’s ability to continue current basic and essential services. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

**Sponsors:** Mann

**Attachments:** [Motion - Mann](#)

ADJOURNMENT



202100599

**Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney**  
Councilmember

## MOTION

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Councilmember Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney

## STATEMENT

More than 80 percent of local governments have implemented smart city technology, according to a recent national Center for Digital Government survey conducted in 2020. Nearly half (49%) are taking an enterprise-wide approach to smart city initiatives, while one-third (33%) are implementing them in one or more departments. One of many forces driving the implementation of smart city technologies is the proliferation of Internet of Things (IoT) devices. Sensors, cameras and other smart devices that can compute on the “edge” of networks are all contributing to more intelligent infrastructure.

Another factor is that smart city technologies make possible many of governments' other priorities — and the priorities of residents. Government leaders can leverage insights from smart city initiatives to improve operations and break down silos among departments or agencies. Real-time information can improve the responsiveness and flexibility of government services. For residents, having actionable information about city services, traffic and safety issues improves their daily lives. Businesses benefit from a better understanding of when and why people move through their communities, sparking economic development efforts.

For these reasons, we look forward to gaining a better understanding of the various activities, programs and initiatives planned and already underway that contribute to the continuation of Cincinnati's progress towards becoming a smart, thriving 21st century city of the future.



**David S. Mann**  
Councilmember

February 24, 2021

**MOTION**

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Councilmember David Mann

**Statement:**

**With all respect to the advocates of this proposal, they have avoided the essential requirement – proposing a new revenue source.**

The proposed charter amendment will have devastating impacts on our ability to deliver essential basic services. The \$50 million has to come from someplace and it just is not possible to take \$50 million away from what we currently do without reducing funding for policing, fire protection, ambulance services, street repair, waste collection, health clinics,

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**David S. Mann**  
*Councilmember*

parks, community recreation centers, and a long list of other vital city work, including my commitment to fund Human Services agencies. These reductions of funding to essential services will affect everyone but particularly the most fragile of our citizens who depend the most on these services.

The proposal is filled with serious legal issues as well. For instance, state law prohibits the proposed use of the monies from the lease or sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway. State law also prohibits city taxation of stock options.

The opinion of the City Solicitor should also evaluate the likely success of a court challenge should the amendment be approved.

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