



City of Cincinnati Cincinnati City Council Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

2:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:02 P.M., Vice Mayor Kearney, Presiding

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Greg Landsman, Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, Councilmember Liz Keating, Councilmember Jeff Cramerding, Councilmember Reggie Harris, Councilmember Mark Jeffreys, Councilmember Scotty Johnson, Councilmember Meeka Owens, and President Pro Tempore Victoria Parks

In attendance were Interim City Manager John Curp, City Solicitor Andrew Garth and Clerk of Council Melissa Autry.

Council observed a moment of silent prayer and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

There being no objection, Minutes of the previous session of Council were ordered Approved and Filed.

MS. KEATING

1. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Keating from Andrew Garth, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** and honoring Team Pig 311 for their success in placing first at the first annual City of Cincinnati Hackathon. [202201238](#)

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0064-2022

2. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Keating from Andrew Garth, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** and honoring Innovation Girls Team 1 and [202201239](#)

their founder Richard Zreik for their success in placing second at the first annual City of Cincinnati Hackathon.

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0063-2022

MR. CRAMERDING

MR. HARRIS

3. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Cramerding and Harris from Andrew Garth, City Solicitor, **EXPRESSING** the wholehearted support of the Mayor and City Council for Ohio Senate Bill 334 that would prevent national companies from buying foreclosed homes in bulk, giving tenants, local governments, and housing nonprofits the opportunity to buy these homes first, thereby reducing the harm done by out-of-state landlords and creating better housing conditions for renters and homeowners in Cincinnati.

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Passed

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0065-2022

MR. HARRIS

MR. CRAMERDING

MR. JEFFREYS

4. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Harris, Cramerding and Jeffreys from Andrew Garth, City Solicitor, **EXPRESSING** the support of

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the Mayor and City Council of Ohio House Bill No. 560, known as "The Ohio Affordable Housing Tax Credit Program," which would establish a state affordable housing tax credit.

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Enactment No: 0066-2022

MS. KEARNEY

5. **MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** for a report from the administration on the City of Cincinnati's fee requirements for special neighborhood events such as the Second Saturday in Westwood and the Hyde Park Farmers Market. In particular, information is needed on fees for insurance, street closings, and other city fees assessed on community councils and on individuals. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that the report include suggestions on adjusting some of the fees to make the special events in neighborhoods more affordable, especially for events that are not being hosted by a community council.

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Referred to Healthy Neighborhoods Committee

MR. CRAMERDING

6. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Councilmember Cramerding from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, **MODIFYING** Chapter 121, "Remote Public Meetings," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by amending the title of Chapter 121, "Remote Public Meetings," to "Open Meetings" to expand the Chapter's scope to address the use of executive sessions; and **ORDAINING** new Section 121-7 "Use of Executive Session by the Board of the Cincinnati Retirement System" to allow the Board of the Cincinnati Retirement System to adjourn into executive session to discuss disability retirement applications, other individual eligibility issues, and personal medical and financial information of individual members and beneficiaries of the Cincinnati Retirement System related to the benefits provided to the members of the system, in order to protect the personal information of its members and beneficiaries.

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Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

CITY MANAGER

7. **REPORT**, dated 5/25/2022, submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, regarding Cincinnati Police Department District 5 Update and

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Public Safety Facilities Master Plan Proposal. (SEE DOC. #202200504)

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

8. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 5/25/2022, **DETERMINING** to proceed with a special assessment for the Urban Forestry Program for the calendar year 2023, for the control of blight and disease of shade trees and for planting, maintaining, trimming, and removing shade trees in the public right-of-way in the City of Cincinnati's Urban Forestry Maintenance District. [202201232](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

9. **ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 5/25/2022, **LEVYING** a special assessment for the Urban Forestry Program for the calendar year 2023, for control of blight and disease of shade trees and for planting, maintaining, trimming, and removing shade trees within the public right-of-way in the City of Cincinnati's Urban Forestry Maintenance District. [202201233](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

10. **REPORT**, dated 5/25/2022 submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Cinema OTR LLC, 1517 Vine Street. (#1491571, D5J D6, Transfer) [Objections: None] [202201234](#)

Filed

11. **REPORT**, dated 5/25/2022 submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Julians Lounge LLC, DBA Julians Lounge, 7532 Reading Road. (#4409966, D1, New) [Objections: Yes] [202201235](#)

Filed

12. **ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 5/25/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Grant of Easement in favor of Daniel K. Epstein, Trustee of the D.K. Epstein Revocable Trust, dated March 7, 2019, pursuant to which the City of Cincinnati will grant an encroachment easement upon a portion of Brookfield Avenue in Mt. Lookout. [202201241](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

13. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 5/25/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept donations in an amount of up to \$705,100 from Cincinnati, LLC for the purpose of supporting the operations and maintenance of the Cincinnati streetcar; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donations into Streetcar Operations Fund revenue account no. 455x8571; and further **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of service payments received in lieu of taxes for streetcar operations, in accordance with agreements with third-party developers, from Urban Redevelopment Tax Increment Equivalent II Fund 763 to Streetcar Operations Fund 455 for the purpose [202201246](#)

of operating and maintaining the City's streetcar system.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 14. ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 5/25/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$393,598, effective in FY 2023 pending award timing, from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, FY 2022 American Rescue Plan Act Law Enforcement Violence Reduction & Staffing Grant (ALN 21.027) for the purpose of covering costs for overtime, researchers, and equipment to assist with dynamic investigations of emerging violent crime hot spots and prolific offender networks; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 22ARPA, effective in FY 2023 pending award timing.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 15. ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 5/25/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$6,250,000, effective starting FY 2023 pending award timing, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, FY 2022 COPS Hiring Program (ALN 16.710) for the hire of up to fifty entry-level police officers; and further **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 22COPS, effective starting FY 2023 pending award timing and recruit class start date.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 16. ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 5/25/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$60,000, effective FY 2023 pending award timing, from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, FY 2022 Violence Against Women Act Grant Program (ALN 16.588) to support two domestic violence advocates from Women Helping Women for the Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Advocate Program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 22VAWA, effective FY 2023 pending award timing.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 17. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 5/25/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Property Sale, Funding, and Development Agreement* with Total Property care, LLC for the sale of City-owned real property located at 3584 Alaska Avenue and adjoining property on Harvey Avenue in the Avondale neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the development of a residential subdivision consisting of 18 buildable lots for the construction of 18 single-family homes and a street that will be dedicated for use by the general public. (Subject to the [Temporary Prohibition List](https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business) [<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>](https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business))

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 18. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 5/25/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Lease and Operating Agreement* with Great Parks of Hamilton County pursuant to which Great parks of Hamilton County will lease and operate the City-owned shared-use path known as Lunken Trail in Linwood and the East End.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 19. SUCCESSOR (UPDATED)** submitted by the Clerk of Council that the Successor Designation Certificate for Councilmember Victoria Parks was received.

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Filed

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 20. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 5/18/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,470,554.92 from the unappropriated surplus of Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 to various project accounts, according to the attached Schedule of Transfer.

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Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0123-2022

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0123-2022

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0123-2022

- 21. ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 5/18/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$175,000, effective in FY 2023 pending award timing, from the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, to fund a Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor assigned to the Ohio Department of Public Safety, which position will provide training, education, and technical support to traffic crimes prosecutors and law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Ohio, and work to develop a coordinated statewide, multidisciplinary planned approach to the prosecution of impaired driving and other traffic crimes in Ohio; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds received by the City of Cincinnati into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 23TSRP, effective in FY 2023 pending award timing.

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Passed

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0124-2022

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0124-2022

22. ORDINANCE submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 5/18/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and deposit a donation totaling \$16,000 from the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners' Fund to Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430; **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222021, "Mt. Airy Forest Accessible Spinner" for the purpose of purchasing and installing an accessible spinner in Mt. Airy Forest; and further **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$16,000 from Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to newly created capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222021, "Mt. Airy Forest Accessible Spinner."

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Passed

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0125-2022

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Enactment No: 0125-2022

- 23. ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 5/18/2022, **LEVYING** assessments to recover the unpaid costs of necessary sidewalk, sidewalk areas, curb, and gutter repairs incurred by the City of Cincinnati in the Mount Washington neighborhood in accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 721 and Ohio Revised Code Chapter 729.

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Passed

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Enactment No: 0126-2022

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Enactment No: 0126-2022

- 24. ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 5/18/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager and employees of the Department of Economic Inclusion to solicit and accept donations of

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money, in-kind contributions, participation fees, and other things of value from the business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources for the City of Cincinnati's 2022 Business Enterprise Expo; and AUTHORIZING the Finance Director to deposit the donated funds into Fund 314, "Special Events."

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0127-2022

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0127-2022

- 25. ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 5/18/2022, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 0084-2022 to increase the amount of a grant award from the Dater Foundation from \$15,000 to \$20,000 for the purpose of providing resources to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission's annual RiverTrek program.

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Passed

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0128-2022

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0128-2022

- 26. ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 5/18/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources awarded by the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, from the FY 2022 Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Grant Program (ALN 16.590) in an amount up to \$36,000 for the purpose of reimbursing the Cincinnati Police Department for the cost of providing an Immigration Liaison Officer to work assigned hours at the Family Justice Center of the Young Women's Christian Association of Greater Cincinnati, effective FY 2023 pending award timing; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 22YFJC, effective FY 2023 pending award timing.

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Passed

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0129-2022

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0129-2022

- 27. REPORT**, dated 5/18/2022, submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, regarding Department of Finance Report for the Month Ended March 31, 2022.

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Approved & Filed

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

- 28. ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 4/27/2022, **MODIFYING** Title V, "Traffic Code," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Section 507-1-M4, "McMillan Street, east from Clifton Avenue to the I-71 northbound on-ramp and from Victory Parkway to Woodburn," and Section 507-1-T, "William Howard Taft Road, west from Woodburn Avenue to Victory Parkway and May Street to Vine Street," and by **REPEALING** Section 507-1-W8, "Woodburn Avenue, north from McMillan Street to William Hoard Taft Road," to convert portions of Woodburn Avenue, William Howard Taft Road, and McMillan Street from one-way streets to two-way streets to promote traffic calming and improve pedestrian safety in the East Walnut Hills neighborhood.

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Passed

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Enactment No: 0130-2022

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Enactment No: 0130-2022

EQUITABLE GROWTH & HOUSINGS COMMITTEE

29. ORDINANCE, submitted by Councilmembers Parks and Harris, from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 914, "Unlawful Discriminatory Practices," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by AMENDING Section 914-1-D1, "Discriminate," Section 914-1-E1, "Employer," Section 914-1-H, "Housing Accommodations," SECTION 914-1-P1, "Place of Public Accommodation," Section 914-1-T1, "Natural Hair Types and Natural Hair Styles Commonly Associated With Race," Section 914-3, "Housing Discrimination Prohibited," Section 914-5, "Employment Discrimination Prohibited," and Section 914-15, "Exclusions"; ORDAINING new Section 914-1-B, "Breastfeeding Status," Section 914-1-F, "Familial Status," Section 914-1-G, "Gender Expression," Section 914-1-G1, "Gender Identity," Section 914-1-M1, "Military Status," and Section 914-1-S1, "Sex"; and REPEALING in its entirety Section 914-1-T, "Transgender," in order to update and enhance the provisions of Chapter 914, "Unlawful Discriminatory Practices," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.

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Passed

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0131-2022

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Landsman
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0131-2022

NEW BUSINESS

- 30. REPORT, dated 6/2/2022 submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Corp Findlay Market, Breezeway Farm Shed N & S Pking Lot W Elder ST Race - Elm 1 W Elder - 300 & 1719-1819 Elm & 1709-1828 Race ST. (#17512670010, F8, Temporary) [Objections: None]

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Filed

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 3:10 P.M.