



# City of Cincinnati

## Budget and Finance Committee

### Meeting Minutes

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

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**Monday, June 9, 2025**

**1:00 PM**

**Council Chambers, Room 300**

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### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **AGENDA**

#### **REPEAL**

1. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Councilmember Parks, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, REPEALING Ordinance No. 352-2023, passed by Council on October 25, 2023, pertaining to the expenditure of \$29,000 from Special Events Fund 314 to provide resources for Girls in Government programming.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

#### **FINAL FINAL ADJUSTMENT ORDINANCE (FFAO)**

2. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$400,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Emergency Remediation

of Defects in Rental Housing Fund 346 to provide resources for a private sewer line replacement; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$750,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x7200 to provide resources for necessary fleet repairs before the end of FY 2025.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

### **GRANTS AND DONATIONS**

3. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$600,000, effective FY 2026, from the Ohio Department of Health Bureau of Environmental Health and Radiation Protection Public Health Lead Safe Housing Program to provide resources to the Cincinnati Health Department to assist in the control of lead paint, dust, and soil hazards in residential properties, and to provide lead prevention education and training in local high-risk communities; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage to the Cincinnati City Council

4. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252047, "CROWN ORT Safety Grant"; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate State of Ohio Capital Budget grant resources of up to \$140,000, to be distributed by the Ohio Office of Budget and Management and as authorized by House Bill 2 for Fiscal Years 2025-2026, to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252047, "CROWN ORT Safety Grant," to provide resources for the removal of railroad tracks and ties and repaving a portion of the Ohio River Trail/Oasis Trail; AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit State of Ohio Capital Budget grant funds into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252047, "CROWN ORT Safety Grant"; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage to the Cincinnati City Council

5. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for,

accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$20,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to Water Works non-personnel operating budget account no. 101x301x7200 for supplies, services, and costs associated with Greater Cincinnati Water Works Source Water Protection Program to educate the public on water quality at events such as Greater Cincinnati Water University; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to receive and deposit grant funds into Water Works Fund revenue account no. 101x8527.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

6. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a donation of up to \$5,000 from the Trust for Public Land to reimburse the City for expenses incurred to support events and activities related to the 2024 National Walk to a Park Day held between October 3 and October 13, 2024; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into W.M. AMPT Free Concerts Fund revenue account no. 8572, "Donations - General Purpose".

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage to the Cincinnati City Council

7. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of up to \$60,000 from the Cincinnati Blue Line Foundation, Inc. to support the Children in Trauma Intervention Camp; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into Public Safety Special Projects Fund revenue account 456x8571.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

### **TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS**

8. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$7,741 within the General Fund, from and to various City Council operating budget accounts, according to the attached Schedule of Transfer, to realign the office budgets of various Councilmembers; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$8,700 from Councilmember Nolan's General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x014x7100 and \$1,250 from Councilmember Nolan's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x014x7200, for a total of \$9,950, to City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 to provide resources for short-term emergency rental assistance initiatives;

AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$2,200 from Councilmember Owens' General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x025x7100 and \$500 from Councilmember Owens' General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x025x7200, for a total of \$2,700, to City Manager's Office non-personnel operating budget account no.

050x101x7200 to provide resources for Access to Counsel;

AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$7,700 from Councilmember Parks' General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x027x7100 and \$1,000 from Councilmember Parks' General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x027x7200, for a total of \$8,700 to Department of Community and Economic Development General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x7400 to provide resources for the Urban League's Building Futures Program.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

9. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$81,280.30 from the unappropriated surplus of Miscellaneous Permanent Improvement Fund 757 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x981x232522, "Fleet Replacements - Obsolete," to acquire automotive and motorized equipment funded by the sale and subrogation proceeds of obsolete automotive and motorized equipment.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

### **PAYMENTS**

10. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/4/2025, AUTHORIZING a payment of \$5,679.13 from Cincinnati Parks Department Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 430x202x5100x7278 as a moral obligation to Mad Scientist Associates, LLC for invasive species removal in Burnet Woods for the service period of December 2024.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

### **EXPENDITURES**

11. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/4/2025, AMENDING Ordinance No. 11-2025, which authorized the Greater Cincinnati Water Works to expend up to \$30,000 for the installation of separate private water service lines for 2112, 2114,

2116, 2118, and 2122 St. Leo Place in the North Fairmount neighborhood, to correctly identify the GCWW non-personnel operating budget account no. as 101x301x1000x7266.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

### **ASSESSMENTS**

12. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/4/2025, DETERMINING to proceed with special street lighting assessments in Lighting Group 3 for three years beginning August 1, 2024, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 727.23, on the streets or portions of the streets described in Attachment A hereto.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage to the Cincinnati City Council

13. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/4/2025, TO LEVY special assessments to pay for a portion of the cost of special street lighting in Lighting Group 3, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 727.25, for the three-year period beginning on August 1, 2024.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage to the Cincinnati City Council

### **COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX AGREEMENT**

14. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/4/2025, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Second Amendment to Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with Traction Partners, LLC, amending an agreement previously authorized by Council for a 100 percent tax exemption of the value of improvements made to real property located at 432 Walnut Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, removing the obligation for the company to obtain certification of compliance with LEED standards. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>).

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage Emergency to the Cincinnati City Council

### **EASEMENTS**

15. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/4/2025, ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING the grant of a public utility easement in favor of the City of Cincinnati (the "City") for water mains and related fixtures, equipment, and appurtenances through certain real property in the Mt. Auburn neighborhood of the City of Cincinnati in

accordance with the plat entitled CIN 321 - Bigelow St. Phase 3 GCWW Easement No. 1075, as recorded in Plat Book 490, Page 81 of the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage to the Cincinnati City Council

- 16. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/4/2025, **ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING** the grant of a public utility easement in favor of the City of Cincinnati for water mains and related fixtures, equipment, and appurtenances through certain real property in Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio in accordance with the plat entitled Skytop Redevelopment 5218 Beechmont Avenue WSL 3684 - Skytop Redevelopment E-1092 as recorded in Plat Book 491, Page 53 of the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage to the Cincinnati City Council

### **WATER RATE STRUCTURE**

- 17. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/4/2025, **ORDAINING** new Section 401-84, "Affordability Customer Assistance Program" of Chapter 401, "Water Works" of Division H, "Water Rates" of Title IV, "Public Utilities," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code for the purpose of implementing a modified water rate structure for qualifying low-income senior citizens and disabled veteran customers reflecting a 25 percent reduction from the generally applicable water rates.

This Ordinance was Recommend Passage to the Cincinnati City Council

### **DOWNTOWN CINCINNATI IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

- 18. RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE) (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/4/2025, **APPROVING** the petition for the 2026-2029 Services Plan that was submitted by property owners within the Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District; **APPROVING** the 2026-2029 Services Plan adopted by Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District, Inc.; and **DECLARING** the necessity of assessing the real property within the Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District in order to raise funds for the implementation of the 2026-2029 Services Plan in accordance with Chapters 727 and 1710 of the Ohio Revised Code.

This Resolution was Recommend Passage to the Cincinnati City Council

### **BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

- 19. COMMUNICATION**, submitted by Councilmember Albi, regarding: Budget Adjustment for FY26 Budget.

This Communication was Filed

- 20.** COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, regarding:  
Budget Adjustment for FY26 Budget.

This Communication was Filed

- 21.** COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Parks, regarding:  
Budget Adjustment for FY26 Budget.

This Communication was Filed

- 22.** COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Owens, regarding:  
Budget Adjustment for FY26 Budget.

This Communication was Filed

- 23.** COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Johnson, regarding:  
Budget Adjustment for FY26 Budget.

This Communication was Filed

- 24.** COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Walsh, regarding:  
Budget Adjustment for FY26 Budget.

This Communication was Filed

- 25.** COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Nolan, regarding:  
Budget Adjustment for FY26 Budget.

This Communication was Filed

- 26.** COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, regarding:  
Budget Adjustment for FY26 Budget.

This Communication was Filed

## ADJOURNMENT

**Present:** Mark Jeffreys  
Anna Albi  
Jan-Michele Kearney  
Jeff Cramerding  
Meeka Owens  
Scotty Johnson  
Seth Walsh  
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