



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, October 7, 2020 2:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:01 P.M., Mayor John Cranley, Presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman, Councilmember Jan-Michele Kearney, Councilmember Greg Landsman, Councilmember David Mann, Councilmember Jeff Pastor, President Pro Tem Chris Seelbach, Councilmember P.G. Sittenfeld, Councilmember Betsy Sundermann, and Councilmember Wendell Young

The following council member participated remotely: Vice-Mayor Smitherman and Councilmember Sundermann

Also in attendance were Interim City Solicitor Andrew Garth, Interim City Manager Paula Boggs-Muething and Clerk of Council Melissa Autry

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

Without objection the Minutes of the previous session of Council were ordered Approved and Filed.

MAYOR CRANLEY

Banks Community Authority: 5 members: 3 F/ 2 M; 1 AA/ 4 W

- 1. REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint [202001754](#) Kaitlyn Geiger as the local government representative member of the Board of Trustees governing the Banks Community Authority for a term that shall expire in September 2022. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules.
(Female/White)

Confirmed

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
 Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Mann
 Councilmember Pastor
 President Pro Tem Seelbach
 Councilmember Sittenfeld
 Councilmember Sundermann
 Councilmember Young

2. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Markiea Carter as a citizen member of the Board of Trustees governing the Banks Community Authority for a term that shall expire in September 2022. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female / AA)

[202001760](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
 Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Mann
 Councilmember Pastor
 President Pro Tem Seelbach
 Councilmember Sittenfeld
 Councilmember Sundermann
 Councilmember Young

3. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint Tony Cafeo as a citizen member of the Board of Trustees governing the Banks Community Authority for a term that shall expire in September 2021. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White)

[202001765](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
 Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Mann
 Councilmember Pastor
 President Pro Tem Seelbach
 Councilmember Sittenfeld
 Councilmember Sundermann
 Councilmember Young

4. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint Bob Deck as a citizen member of the Board of Trustees governing the Banks Community Authority for a term that shall expire in September

[202001769](#)

2021. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White)

Confirmed

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann
Councilmember Young

Tax Incentive Review Council: 1 Councilmember

5. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint Councilwoman Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney to the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA)

[202001749](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann
Councilmember Young

FC Cincinnati Community Coalition: 17 members: 9 M/ 5 F; 7 M/ 7 Minority

6. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Kimberly Hale-McCarty to the FC Cincinnati Community Coalition for a term of three years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White)

[202001777](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Mann
 Councilmember Pastor
 President Pro Tem Seelbach
 Councilmember Sittenfeld
 Councilmember Sundermann
 Councilmember Young

Excused: Vice Mayor Smitherman

7. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Amber Points to the FC Cincinnati Community Coalition for a term of three years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White) [202001784](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Mann
 Councilmember Pastor
 President Pro Tem Seelbach
 Councilmember Sittenfeld
 Councilmember Sundermann
 Councilmember Young

Excused: Vice Mayor Smitherman

8. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Marquicia Jones-Woods to the FC Cincinnati Community Coalition for a term of three years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA) [202001790](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Mann
 Councilmember Pastor
 President Pro Tem Seelbach
 Councilmember Sittenfeld
 Councilmember Sundermann
 Councilmember Young

Excused: Vice Mayor Smitherman

9. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Steven Bluth to the FC Cincinnati Community Coalition for a term of three years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and [202001794](#)

consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White)

Confirmed

Yes: Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann
Councilmember Young

Excused: Vice Mayor Smitherman

- 10. REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Noah James O'Brien to the FC Cincinnati Community Coalition for a term of three years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White)

[202001800](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann
Councilmember Young

Excused: Vice Mayor Smitherman

- 11. REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Galen Gordon to the FC Cincinnati Community Coalition for a term of three years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/AA)

[202001806](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann
Councilmember Young

Excused: Vice Mayor Smitherman

MRS. KEARNEY

- 12. COMMUNICATION**, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, from John K. Seibert, University of Cincinnati, Associate Vice President, regarding a letter of support for temporary, protected bike lane on Clifton Avenue. [202001844](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 13. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, concerning the FY2021 CARRYOVER BUDGET PRIORITIES. As City Council beings to work through the 2021 Carryover Budget, please accept these as my priorities for public discussion and consideration: **Cincinnati Arts Access Fund (CAAF)**: a one-time investment of \$200,000 should be made to address the loss of income and financial support that artists, creatives, and neighborhood arts organizations have faced amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The fund should be managed and administered by ArtsWave to ensure public trust and to leverage the deep expertise of a leading local institution that funds and supports 100+ art projects and organizations through impact-based grants that result in a wave of arts that connect our region and make it vibrant. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE). [202001829](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 14. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, **WE MOVE** for the City Administration to deliver a report to City Council regarding the feasibility of creating a Cincinnati Arts Access Fund (CAAF) to address the loss of income and financial support that artists, creatives, and neighborhood arts organizations have faced amid the COVID-19 pandemic. **WE FURTHER MOVE** for this fund to be managed and administered by ArtsWave to ensure public trust and to leverage the deep expertise of a leading local institution that funds and supports 100+ arts projects and organizations through impact-based grants that result in a wave of arts that connect our region and make it vibrant. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) [202001837](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

MR. SMITHERMAN

- 15. COMMUNICATION**, submitted by Vice-Mayor Smitherman, from Jen Nail concerning Barcode bar. [202001828](#)

Referred to Law & Public Safety Committee

MR. SEELBACH

MR. LANDSMAN

MR. MANN

MRS. KEARNEY

MR. PASTOR

MR. SITTFELD**MAYOR CRANLEY**

- 16.** MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Seelbach, Landsman, Mann, Kearney, Pastor, Sittenfeld and Mayor Cranley, WE MOVE that the Administration coordinate with the Hamilton County Clerk of Courts and the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners to create a searchable database of individuals convicted of animal abuse to be provided to animal shelters, adoption agencies, and foster agencies.

[202001852](#)

Referred to Equity, Inclusion, Youth & The Arts Committee

MRS. SUNDERMANN**MR. YOUNG****MR. SMITHERMAN**

- 17. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Councilmember Sundermann, Councilmember Mann, and Vice-Mayor Smitherman, **AUTHORIZING** the designation of \$235,000 of the \$1,000,000 included in the Approved FY 2021 Budget Update for the Community Safety Response Program for the Victims Assistance Liaison/Cincinnati Citizens Respect Our Witnesses Unit of the Cincinnati Police Department's Criminal Investigation Section; and **AUTHORIZING** the designation of \$20,000 of the \$1,000,000 included in the Approved FY 2021 Budget Update for the Community Safety Response Program for the UCanSpeakForMe program for assistance in community outreach and crime solving initiatives; and **AUTHORIZING** the designation of \$20,000 of the \$1,000,000 included in the Approved FY 2021 Budget Update for the Community Safety Response Program for a new anti-violence mentoring youth program from Cincinnati Works.

[202001845](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

CITY MANAGER

- 18. REPORT**, dated 10/7/2020 submitted by Paula Boggs, Muething, Interim City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Bissan INC, DBA Good Neighbor Market, 549-553 Finlay Street. (#0723833, C1, C2, New) [Objections: None]

[202001603](#)

Filed

- 19. REPORT**, dated 10/7/2020 submitted by Paula Boggs, Muething, Interim City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Reds Westside VenYou LLC, DBA None listed, 3050 Harrison Avenue, 1st FL, Cincinnati, OH 45211. (#7248059, D5J, New) [Objections: None]

[202001699](#)

Filed

- 20. REPORT**, dated 10/7/2020 submitted by Paula Boggs, Muething, Interim

[202001743](#)

City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Kroger Limited Partnership I LP, 3760 Paxton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45209. (#48888880625, D1, New) [Objections: NONE]

Filed

- 21. REPORT**, dated 10/7/2020 submitted by Paula Boggs, Muething, Interim City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Queen City Sausage & Provisions INC, 1136 Straight Street, Cincinnati, OH 45214. (#7136960, D5J, NEW) [Objections: Cincinnati Police Department and Department of Buildings & Inspections] [202001744](#)

Filed

- 22. ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 10/7/2020, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation in order to facilitate the completion of pedestrian improvements at various locations in the City of Cincinnati in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation's Pedestrian Safety Improvement Program. [202001692](#)

Referred to Major Projects & Smart Government Committee
Enactment No: 0352-2020

- 23. REPORT**, dated 10/7/2020, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, regarding Unlawful Use of Fireworks during the Fourth of July Holiday. (SEE REFERENCE DOC #202000941) [202001808](#)

Referred to Law & Public Safety Committee

- 24. REPORT**, dated 10/7/2020, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, regarding Department of Finance Reports for the Month Ended August 31, 2020. [202001813](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 25. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 10/7/2020, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Quitclaim Deed in favor of the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation, to convey land adjacent to Interstate 75 in the Hartwell neighborhood of Cincinnati in connection with transportation improvement project HAM 75 - 11.09. [202001816](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
Enactment No: 0347-2020

- 26. REPORT**, dated 10/7/2020, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, regarding Alternatives to Traditional Policing Roles. (SEE REFERENCE DOC#202000777) [202001819](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 27. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, dated 10/7/2020, **AUTHORIZING** the ongoing [202001820](#)

operation of the Cincinnati Bell Connector as a fare-free transit service upon the expiration of the sixty-day period established by Ordinance 281-2020, and MODIFYING the provisions of Title VII, "General Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by AMENDING, Section 723-26 "Streetcar Designated Paid Fare Zone," of Chapter 723, "Streets and Sidewalks, Use Regulations," and Section 770-1-D, "Designated Paid Fare Zone," Section 770-1-F, "Fare Enforcement Agent," Section 770-3, "Unlawfully Obtaining Streetcar Services," Section 770-5, "Unlawful Interference with Streetcar Services," Section 770-7, "Notice of Violation; Exclusion from Streetcar System; Misdemeanor," and Section 770-9, "Enforcement of Civil Violations," of Chapter 770, "Streetcar Transit," to provide for the ongoing fare-free operation of the Cincinnati Bell Connector.

Referred to Major Projects & Smart Government Committee
Enactment No: 0353-2020

NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

- 28. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Councilmember Pastor, **DECLARING** that Dana Avenue between Duck Creek Road and Madison Road shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of Tony "TNT" Tubbs Way in honor of Tony "TNT" Tubbs and in recognition of his contributions and dedication to the City of Cincinnati.

[202001814](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann
Councilmember Young
Enactment No: 0336-2020

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann
Councilmember Young
Enactment No: 0336-2020

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann
Councilmember Young
Enactment No: 0336-2020

- 29. MOTION (AMENDED)**, submitted by Councilmember Jeff Pastor, **WE MOVE** that the Neighborhoods Committee of the Cincinnati City Council hold a public hearing at Cincinnati City Council Chambers, 801 Plum Street, Room 300, Cincinnati, OH 45202 at 6pm on October 26, 2020 regarding the City of Cincinnati's CRA Residential and Commercial Tax Abatement Program, the disparity in utilization of Residential Property Tax Abatements between neighborhoods that are predominantly white and black, and the concerns of de facto housing segregation persisting in our city. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that this public hearing shall be organized in accordance with the Governor's health orders so that citizens may participate in person or online. (AMENDED ON THE FLOOR OF COUNCIL 10/7/2020)

[202001817](#)

Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann
Councilmember Young

NEW BUSINESS

30. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Mayor John Cranley, **APPROVING** the recommendation of the Mayor of the City of Cincinnati for the appointment of Paula Boggs Muething as City Manager of the City of Cincinnati, effective as of 12:00 a.m. on October 15, 2020, and establishing the terms and compensation for the position, pursuant to Article III, Section 2 and Article IV, Section 1 of the Charter of the City of Cincinnati.

[202001857](#)

Referred to Major Projects & Smart Government Committee
Enactment No: 0337-2020

No announcements at this time

Council adjourned at 2:17 P.M.