



# City of Cincinnati

## Cincinnati City Council

### Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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**Tuesday, January 6, 2026**

**11:00 AM Cincinnati Music Hall Ballroom, 1241  
Elm St, Cincinnati, OH 45202**

#### **2026 Cincinnati Mayor and Council Inaugural Ceremony/City Council Session**

Council convened at 11:08 A.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, President Pro Tempore Scotty Johnson, Councilmember Ryan James, Councilmember Meeka Owens, Councilmember Evan Nolan, Councilmember Seth Walsh, Councilmember Anna Albi, Councilmember Jeff Cramerding, and Councilmember Mark Jeffreys

In attendance were City Manager Sheryl Long, City Solicitor Emily Smart Woerner and Clerk of Council Anthony Covington.

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

#### **MAYOR AFTAB**

1. **MOTION**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, **WE MOVE** that the following Councilmembers be appointed to the committees listed below for the 2026-2028 term of Cincinnati City Council and that such committees convene on the days and times indicated: Budget, Finance & Governance Committee - Weekly, Monday @ 1:00 p.m., Climate, City Service & Infrastructure Committee - Week B, Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., Economic and Cultural Opportunity - Week A, Monday @ 10:00 a.m., Housing & Growth Committee - Week B, Tuesday @ 1:00 p.m., Youth & Human Services Committee - Week A, Tuesday @ 12:30 p.m., and Public Safety & Quality of Life - Week A, Tuesday @ 9:30 a.m. Week A begins on Monday, January 12, 2026, and Week B begins on Monday, January 19, 2026.

**202600033**

Adopted

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
President Pro Tempore Johnson  
Councilmember James  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys

2. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, Pursuant to Article III, Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Cincinnati, I am appoint the following committee chairs: Budget, Finance & Governance Committee: Councilmember Jeff Cramerding; Climate, City Service, Infrastructure Committee: Councilmember Meeka Owens; Economic and Cultural Opportunity: Vice Mayor Jan Michele Lemon Kearney; Housing and Growth Committee: Councilmember Mark Jeffreys; Public Safety & Quality of Life: Councilmember Scotty Johnson; Youth & Human Services Committee: Councilmember Anna Albi.

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3. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, pursuant to Article III, Section 3 of the Charter of the City of Cincinnati, I am appointing Councilmember Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney as the Vice Mayor of the City of Cincinnati, effective January 2, 2026.

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### MS. KEARNEY

4. **MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** for Cincinnati City Council to name Cincinnati City Councilmember Scotty Johnson as President Pro Tem for the 2026-2028 term of Cincinnati City Council.

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Adopted

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
President Pro Tempore Johnson  
Councilmember James  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys

5. **MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, Pursuant to Article II, Section 5a of the Charter of the City of Cincinnati, **WE MOVE** that, Anthony Covington be appointed to Clerk of Council, term beginning January 6, 2026.

[202600039](#)

Adopted

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
President Pro Tempore Johnson  
Councilmember James  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys

6. **MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, WE MOVE that Cincinnati City Council adopt the Rules of Council from the immediate past council as last amended on January 4, 2022, until Council adopts new rules or further revises those adopted today excluding the following which replaces Rule 10.2 Standing Committees in whole: 10.2 Standing Committees. (a) The Standing Committees of Council, commencing January 6, 2026 shall be: (1) Budget, Finance & Governance Committee, (2) Climate, City Service & Infrastructure Committee, (3) Economic and Cultural Opportunity, (4) Housing & Growth Committee (5) Youth & Human Services Committee, (6) Public Safety & Quality of Life; (b) Appointment of a Member to the Standing Committee shall be for the Term.

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Adopted

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney  
President Pro Tempore Johnson  
Councilmember James  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Albi  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys

### CLERK OF COUNCIL

7. **REPORT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council that the Certification of Election of Councilmembers-Elect for the 2026-2028 term were received from the Hamilton County Board of Elections.

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8. **SUCCESSOR**, submitted by the Clerk of Council that the Successor Designation Certificates of all Councilmember-Elected for the 2026-2028 term were received.

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9. **OATH OF OFFICE**, submitted by the Clerk of Council, for Mayor-Elect

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Aftab Pureval for the term ending 2030.

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**10. OATH OF OFFICE**, submitted by the Clerk of Council, for the following Councilmembers-Elect for the term ending 2028; Albi, Cramerding, James, Jeffreys, Johnson, Kearney, Nolan, Owens, and Walsh.

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**11. NOTICE**, submitted by the Clerk of Council. of the 2026 City Council Inaugural Ceremony/City Council Session will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 11:00 a.m., at the Music Hall Ballroom, 1241 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

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Council adjourned at 1:12 P.M.