



City of Cincinnati

Budget and Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Reggie Harris
Vice Chair Jeff Cramerding
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Scotty Johnson
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Liz Keating
Councilmember Meeka Owens
Councilmember Seth Walsh
President Pro Tem Victoria Parks

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 1:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

Present: Seth Walsh
Jan-Michele Kearney
Liz Keating
Councilmember Jeff Cramerding
Mark Jeffreys
Scotty Johnson
Meeka Owens
Victoria Parks
Councilmember Harris

Also in attendance were Dr. Andrew Dudas, Budget Director, Karen Alder, Finance Director and Erica Faaborg, Deputy Solicitor. The meeting began at 1:00 and went into recess from 1:01 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. The meeting ended at 1:35 p.m.

AGENDA

REPORTS

1. REPORT, dated 8/2/2023, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, [202301856](#)
City Manager, regarding the Department of Finance Reports
for the Month Ended May 31, 2023.

Approve & File

MOTIONS

2. MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Cramerding and [202301876](#)
Harris, WE MOVE that the administration prepare a report
within the next thirty (30) days on the financial implications

of the sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway to Norfolk Southern, pending approval from Cincinnati voters. The report should address the possible spending opportunities for these funds, including the extent to which these funds can be used to remedy the City's outstanding \$500 million of critical failing infrastructure, the City's operating budget, and the City's pension liability. It should consider these challenges to our city budget as well as others that impede attaining a structurally balanced budget. It should also address how the spending of these funds is restricted and what they cannot be used for. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Adopt

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

3. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a Resilience Improvements grant of up to \$10,200,000 from the United States Department of Transportation, Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) grant program (ALN 20.205) to provide resources to ensure surface transportation resilience to natural hazards including improving the safety of City streets by addressing numerous landslide and retaining wall failures in City neighborhoods.

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Recommend Passage

4. ORDINANCE, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$10,000 from the Ohio Department of Health Capacity Building for Healthy Eating and Active Living program to assist the Cincinnati Health Department in supporting local communities to build capacity for healthy eating and active living policy, systems, and environmental change strategies; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund 350x8536.

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Recommend Passage

5. ORDINANCE, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$190,650 from the Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Maternal,

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Child and Family Health, and its “Cribs for Kids” program to purchase and distribute cribs in Hamilton County, educate families about safe sleep practices, and conduct a safe sleep assessment; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund 350x8536.

Recommend Passage

6. ORDINANCE, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$100,000 from the Ohio Department of Health Safety Net Dental Care Program to assist the Cincinnati Health Department with covering uncompensated care for uninsured Cincinnati residents through age 21 and women up to age 45 who are at high risk for dental disease and lack access to care; and AUTHORIZING the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund 350x8536.

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Recommend Passage

7. ORDINANCE, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a subgrant of up to \$149,000 from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for Refugee Support Services (ALN 93.566) to provide patient navigation, coordination, documentation, communication, and education support for up to 288 eligible refugees; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund, account no. 350x8556.

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Recommend Passage

8. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$2,000 from the State of Ohio Department of Development’s TechCred Credential Reimbursement Program for eligible costs incurred by the Cincinnati Police Department in providing its employees with technology-focused credentials; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8533.

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9. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency of up to \$801,503 to provide resources for the recruitment and retention of new firefighters for the Cincinnati Fire Department; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Fire Grant Fund 472, revenue account no. 472x8522. [202301943](#)
- Recommend Passage Emergency
10. ORDINANCE, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2023, authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program, Urban Area Security Initiative (ALN 97.067) (the "UASI Grant"); and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept the transfer of equipment and supplies valued at up to \$425,000 from the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency, which acts as the regional fiscal agent for the UASI Grant. [202301944](#)
- Recommend Passage
11. ORDINANCE, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2023, authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program, Urban Area Security Initiative (ALN 97.067) (the "UASI Grant"); and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept the transfer of equipment and supplies valued at up to \$251,247.50 from the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency, which acts as the regional fiscal agent for the UASI Grant. [202301936](#)
- Recommend Passage
12. ORDINANCE, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a Fiscal Year 2021 State Homeland Security Program Grant (ALN 97.067) of up to \$41,872 from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, administered by the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, to purchase [202301938](#)
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personal radiation detectors; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Fire Grant Fund 472, revenue account no. 472x8542.

Recommend Passage

- 13.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of used fire gear from the Toledo Department of Fire and Rescue valued at \$0 to be used by the Cincinnati Fire Department's Rapid Assistance Team training program.

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PAYMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS

- 14.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2023, AUTHORIZING a payment of \$3,974.40 to Axon Enterprise for outstanding charges related to annual servicing of TASER equipment provided to the Cincinnati Fire Department, to be paid from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x272x3400x7253 pursuant to the attached certificate from the Director of Finance.

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- 15.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2023, AUTHORIZING the transfer of the sum of \$400,000 within the General Fund, from the non-departmental Lump Sum Payments General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x924x7100 to the non-departmental Judgments Against the City General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x951x7400 for the purpose of realigning and providing funds for the ongoing needs within the non-departmental accounts; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$1,100,000 from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$1,100,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the non-departmental Judgments Against the City General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no.

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050x951x7400 for the purpose of providing funds for various settlements and judgments expected to be finalized in FY 2024.

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ASSESSMENTS

- 16.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/5/2023, AMENDING Ordinance No. 228-2012 passed by City Council on June 20, 2012, as previously amended by Ordinance No. 246-2013, Ordinance No. 179-2014, Ordinance No. 272-2015, Ordinance No. 268-2016, Ordinance No. 213-2017, Ordinance No. 244-2018, Ordinance No. 321-2019, Ordinance No. 270-2020, Ordinance No. 311-2021, and Ordinance No. 237-2022 for the purpose of reducing those special assessments levied and to be collected in 2024 (with tax year 2023 property taxes) based upon a report of the administrator for bonds issued by the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority related to the Oakley Station development project.

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ADJOURNMENT