



City of Cincinnati Cincinnati City Council Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 2:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:03 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

In attendance were City Manager Sheryl Long, City Solicitor Emily Smart Woerner 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, the Minutes of the previous session of Council were ordered Approved and Filed.

MR. HARRIS

1. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Harris, **WE MOVE** that the administration produces a report within thirty (30) days on program recommendations for the \$2,125,000 set aside to implement the Cities for Financial Empowerment's "Financial Freedom" blueprint. This should include any relevant updates on partnerships or other work being done to prepare implementation of the program(s). (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202302108](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

MS. OWENS

2. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Councilmember Owens, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **MODIFYING** a provision of Chapter 209 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, "Housing Advisory Board," by **AMENDING** Section 209-5, "Composition of Board," for the purpose of increasing the membership of the Housing Advisory Board to consist of up to sixteen members for the purpose of broadening community engagement by ensuring deeper representation of residential tenant stakeholders.

[202301951](#)

Referred to Equitable Growth & Housing Committee

Enactment No: 0339-2023

MR. HARRIS**MS. PARKS**

- 3. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Harris and Parks, **WE MOVE** [202302101](#)
that the administration transfer \$87,350 from the project
“Highspeed/Broadband Access - GF” to be allocated to Cincinnati Works
to operate their Digital Literacy “D-Lit” program. (STATEMENT
ATTACHED)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
- CITY MANAGER**
- 4. REPORT**, dated 10/2/2023, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, [202302046](#)
regarding the Tax Incentive Review Council Status of Property Tax Exemp
for Year End 2022.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
- 5. REPORT**, dated 10/4/2023 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City [202302082](#)
Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor
Control, advising of a permit application for Palomar Events LLC, DBA
The Palomar Cincinnati, 2622 Gilbert Ave. (#6664957, D1, New)
[Objections: None]

Filed
- 6. REPORT**, dated 10/4/2023 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City [202302083](#)
Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor
Control, advising of a permit application for Bang Bang Tiki Inc.
(#0404808, D5J D6, TRFO,) [Objections: None]

Filed
- 7. REPORT**, dated 10/4/2023 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City [202302084](#)
Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor
Control, advising of a permit application for Green Living By Design LLC,
DBA Green Living By Design, 117 E Galbraith Rd. (#3350566, D5, New)
[Objections: None]

Filed
- 8. REPORT**, dated 10/4/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City [202302085](#)
Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Asian Food Fest
2024.

Filed
- 9. REPORT**, dated 10/4/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City [202302086](#)
Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Pumpkin Chuck.

Filed
- 10. REPORT**, dated 10/4/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City [202302087](#)
Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Thanksgiving
Day Race.

Filed

11. **REPORT**, dated 10/4/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Downtown Dazzle. [202302090](#)

Filed

12. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/4/2023, **DECLARING** improvements to certain real property located at 7 West 7th Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, to be constructed pursuant to a *Development Agreement* between the City of Cincinnati and 7 West 7th Property LLC, to be a public purpose and exempt from real property taxation for a period of 30 years pursuant to R.C. Section 5709.41; and **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 413-2002, passed on December 18, 2002, as amended, to remove such real property from the operation of that ordinance. [202302091](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
Enactment No: 0334-2023

13. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/4/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of seven used concrete barriers valued at up to \$500 each from Nicholas Hollan to be used by the Department of Public Services Traffic and Road Operations Division. [202302092](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
Enactment No: 0337-2023

14. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/4/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Property Transfer Agreement with Riverside Lots LLC, pursuant to which the City will sell certain real property located at 256 Wenner Street and 248 Watson Street and acquire a portion of real property located at 260 Wenner Street to facilitate the development of a public parking lot in the East End neighborhood. [202302093](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
Enactment No: 0335-2023

15. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/4/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a Reconnecting Communities grant and a Neighborhoods Equity Program grant (ALN 20.940) awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation in an amount up to \$149,812,300 to construct cap structures above Fort Washington Way. [202302097](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
Enactment No: 0336-2023

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

16. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/27/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and [202302042](#)

appropriation of \$323,014 from the unappropriated surplus of Park Board Permanent Improvement Fund 752 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232032, "DNR Team HQ Renovation," to provide resources for improvements to the former District 5 police station site, located at 1012 Ludlow Avenue.

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0324-2023

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0324-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0324-2023

- 17. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/27/2023, **ESTABLISHING** capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x241050, "West Fork Garage Solar Improvements," to provide resources for a new transformer and other electrical upgrades needed to connect the solar panel system being installed on the West Fork Garage to the electrical grid; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$211,094 from the unappropriated surplus of Revolving Energy Loan Fund 883 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x241050, "West Fork Garage Solar Improvements," to provide the resources necessary to cover the cost of these improvements.

[202302043](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0325-2023

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0325-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
 Enactment No: 0325-2023

- 18. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/27/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$50,000 from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund Summer Jobs Connection Academy to develop and implement a plan to integrate banking access and financial education into summer youth employment programming; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Citizens Jobs Fund 308x8571.

[202302044](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
 Enactment No: 0326-2023

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0326-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
 Enactment No: 0326-2023

- 19. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/2/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of goods and services provided by Cincinnati Firefighters Union Local 48, valued at approximately \$750, for the purpose of presenting a reception for incoming Fire Chief Frank McKinley, to be held on October 6, 2023, at the Cincinnati Fire Museum, to introduce incoming Fire Chief McKinley to members of the Cincinnati community.

[202302096](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
 Enactment No: 0327-2023

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
 Enactment No: 0327-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
 Enactment No: 0327-2023

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

PUBLIC SAFETY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

- 20. MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the Administration provide a report within 60 days on our Cincinnati Fire Department’s preparedness to treat electric vehicle fires. The report should include whether we can transport sufficient amounts of water and what alternative treatments we have, as well as what we need to acquire. (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

[202301910](#)

Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks

21. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/7/2023, **MODIFYING**, Chapter 307, "Classified Compensation Schedules," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Section 867 of Division D0C to increase the salary range schedule for the position of Building and Grounds Maintenance Crew Leader.

[202301949](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0328-2023

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0328-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0328-2023

22. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/7/2023, **ESTABLISHING** the salary schedule and classification title for the classification of Fire Personal Protective Equipment Specialist by enacting Section 309 of Division 1, Chapter 307 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, in order to establish a new salary schedule and classification title of Fire Personal Protective Equipment Specialist, consistent with the organizational changes described herein.

[202301952](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0329-2023

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0329-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
 Enactment No: 0329-2023

23. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/7/2023, **MODIFYING** Chapter 321, "Procurement and Disposal of Supplies, Services and Construction," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Section 321-7, "Procurement Statutes Declared Inoperative."

[202301957](#)

Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
 Enactment No: 0330-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
 Enactment No: 0330-2023

HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

24. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from

[202301946](#)

Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **DECLARING** that Goethe Street at Sycamore Street in the Mt. Auburn neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "City Gospel Mission Courage Way" in honor of City Gospel Mission and in recognition of its 99 years as a staple of the Cincinnati community, working to stop the cycle of poverty and despair one life at a time.

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0331-2023

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0331-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0331-2023

- 25. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **DECLARING** that Auburn Avenue at Dorchester Avenue in the Mount Auburn neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Carl B. Westmoreland Way” in honor of Carl B. Westmoreland and in recognition of his contributions to the Cincinnati community along with his service in historic research and advocacy for civil rights.

[202302003](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0332-2023

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0332-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks

Enactment No: 0332-2023

- 26. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **DECLARING** that Borden Street at Elmore Street in the South Cumminsville neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Dave Parker Way” in honor of Dave Parker and in recognition of his contributions to the Cincinnati community along with his lasting impact on the sport of baseball.

[202302062](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0333-2023

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0333-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0333-2023

- 27. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Parks, **WE MOVE** that the administration prepare a report within sixty (60) days outlining the costs of supplying period products in the restrooms of city facilities. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that the administration begins supplying period products in at least one restroom per floor of City Hall.

[202300380](#)

Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 28. REPORT**, dated 10/3/2023, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Cincy on Track: A Spending Plan for the Proceeds of the Proposed Sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway.

[202302088](#)

Approved & Filed

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 2:31 P.M.