


November 6, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  202402339

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Police: Solicit and Accept Donations for Victims Assistance Liaison Unit (VALU) / Cincinnati Citizens Respect Our Witnesses (CCROW)**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager and employees of the Cincinnati Police Department to solicit and accept donations of money, in-kind contributions, and other things of value from the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors, entertainment industries, and other available sources for the Victims Assistance Liaison Unit/Cincinnati Citizens Respect Our Witnesses to provide food and gift cards to the surviving families of homicide victims during the upcoming holiday season; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit funds donated to the City of Cincinnati into Public Safety Special Projects Fund 456.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager and employees of the Cincinnati Police Department to solicit and accept donations of money, in-kind contributions, and other things of value from the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors, entertainment industries, and other available sources for the Victims Assistance Liaison Unit (VALU) / Cincinnati Citizens Respect Our Witnesses (CCROW) to provide food and gift cards to the surviving families of homicide victims during the upcoming holiday season. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit funds donated to the City of Cincinnati into Public Safety Special Projects Fund 456.

The Victims Assistance Liaison Unit/Cincinnati Citizens Respect Our Witnesses (VALU/CCROW) offers support and resources to the surviving families of homicide victims, helping them to navigate emotional and practical challenges. VALU/CCROW will provide resources for holiday meals to promote peace and comfort for the families during the upcoming winter holiday season.

Providing holiday meals to the families supported by VALU/CCROW is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” as described on pages 156-163 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to solicit and accept donations for the winter holiday season.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment