



# City of Cincinnati

## Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Jeff Cramerding  
Vice Chair Evan Nolan  
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys  
Councilmember Anna Albi  
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney  
Councilmember Meeka Owens  
Councilmember Scotty Johnson  
Councilmember Seth Walsh  
Councilmember Ryan James

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**Monday, April 6, 2026**

**1:00 PM**

**Council Chambers, Room 300**

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**Present:** Jeff Cramerding  
Vice Chair Evan Nolan  
Anna Albi  
Ryan James  
Mark Jeffreys  
Scotty Johnson  
Jan-Michele Kearney  
Meeka Owens  
Seth Walsh

Also in attendance were Dr. Andrew Dudas, Budget Director, Steve Webb, Finance Department and Colleen Swim, Law Department. The meeting began at 1:05pm and adjourned at 3:23pm.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### Department of City Planning & Engagement

**Katherine Keough-Jurs, Director**

#### Office of Environment and Sustainability

**Oliver Kroner, Director**

#### City Credit Overview

**Davenport & Company**

**Kyle Laux, Senior Vice-President**

**Roland Kooch, Senior Vice-President**

**A.J. Allen, Associate Vice-President**

**AGENDA**

**URBAN FORESTRY ASSESSMENT**

1. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/1/2026, DETERMINING to proceed with a special assessment for the Urban Forestry Program for the calendar year 2027, for the control of blight and disease of shade trees and for planting, maintaining, trimming, and removing shade trees in the public right-of-way in the City of Cincinnati's Urban Forestry Maintenance District.  
Recommend Passage Emergency [202601181](#)
  
2. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/1/2026, LEVYING a special assessment for the Urban Forestry Program for calendar year 2027 for control of blight and disease of shade trees and for planting, maintaining, trimming, and removing shade trees within the public right-of-way in the City of Cincinnati's Urban Forestry Maintenance District.  
Recommend Passage [202601191](#)

**FUNDING AGREEMENT**

3. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/1/2026, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a funding agreement with Groundwork Ohio River Valley to provide one-time operational funding for Green Cincinnati Plan climate resilience programming in Cincinnati; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to expend up to \$50,000 of existing resources from Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7400 to provide one-time operational funding to Groundwork Ohio River Valley for Green Cincinnati Plan climate resilience programming in Cincinnati; and DECLARING such expenditure to serve a public purpose by supporting Green Cincinnati Plan implementation in Cincinnati.  
Recommend Passage Emergency [202601192](#)

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**TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS**

4. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/1/2026, AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of \$565,000 from various capital improvement program project accounts to decrease the funding allocated to those accounts in accordance with Schedule A of the attached Schedule of Transfer; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Railway Trust Infrastructure Fund 712 to an existing capital improvement program project account to provide resources for a certain capital improvement program project account in accordance with Schedule B of the attached Schedule of Transfer; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$65,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to an Enterprise Services General Fund non-personnel operating budget account in accordance with Schedule C of the attached Schedule of Transfer.

[202601194](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

**GRANTS AND DONATIONS**

5. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/1/2026, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of \$2,000 from the American Heart Association to support the Cincinnati Health Department's participation in the Ambulatory Quality Improvement Program; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8571.

[202601195](#)

Recommend Passage

6. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/1/2026, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation from Taking Root and the University of Cincinnati, valued at up to \$40,000, consisting of land improvements on City-owned property in the Camp Washington neighborhood of Cincinnati.

[202601193](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

**UNCLAIMED FUNDS**

7. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M.

[202601197](#)

Long, City Manager, on 4/1/2026, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept up to \$11,056.91 from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Unclaimed Funds to reimburse the City for unclaimed funds owed to the City; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit unclaimed funds as follows (i) up to \$81.92 in the unappropriated surplus of Parking System Facilities Fund 102, (ii) up to \$639.72 in the unappropriated surplus of Community Health Center Activities Fund 395, and (iii) up to \$10,335.27 in unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050.

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### **COMMUNICATIONS**

8. COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Walsh regarding Budget Priorities for FY27 Recommended Budget. [202601206](#)  
Held
9. COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Johnson regarding Budget Priorities for FY27 Recommended Budget. [202601207](#)  
Held
10. COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Owens regarding Budget Priorities for FY27 Recommended Budget. [202601208](#)  
Held
11. COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys regarding Budget Priorities for FY27 Recommended Budget. [202601209](#)  
Held
12. COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Nolan regarding Budget Priorities for FY27 Recommended Budget. [202601226](#)  
Held
13. COMMUNICATION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney regarding Budget Priorities for FY27 Recommended Budget. [202601227](#)  
Held
14. COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Albi [202601232](#)

regarding Budget Priorities for FY27 Recommended Budget.

Held

- 15.** COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember James regarding Budget Priorities for FY27 Recommended Budget. [202601230](#)

Held

**PRESENTATIONS**

- 16.** PRESENTATION, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 4/6/2026, regarding Department of City Planning and Engagement (CPE) Budget Presentation. [202601204](#)

Filed

- 17.** PRESENTATION, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 4/6/2026, regarding Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES) Budget Presentation. [202601203](#)

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- 18.** PRESENTATION submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 4/6/2026, regarding Capital Planning, Debt Capacity, and Debt Affordability. [202601231](#)

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ADJOURNMENT