



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 2:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:00 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

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 Approved and Filed.

MAYOR AFTAB

Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens Board of Trustees

- 1. REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint Daniel Rajaiah to the Board of Trustees for the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens for a term expiring on Dec 31, 2027. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/Indian American). [202402583](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Johnson

Cincinnati Accessibility Board of Advisors

2. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint [202402584](#)
Tonia Smith to the Cincinnati Accessibility Board of Advisors for a term
expiring December 31st, 2026. This appointment is submitted to City
Council for its advise & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA)

Confirmed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Johnson

3. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint [202402585](#)
Sgt. Deon Mack to the Cincinnati Accessibility Board of Advisors as the
First Responder representative, for a term expiring December 31st, 2026.
This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent
pursuant to its Rules. (Male/AA).

Confirmed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Johnson

MS. PARKS

4. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Councilmember Parks from [202500011](#)
Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of
\$2,800 within the General Fund from President Pro Tem Parks' General
Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x027x7100 to President
Pro Tem Parks' General Fund non-personnel operating budget account
no. 050x027x7200 to realign the office budget for President Pro Tem
Parks.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

MR. WALSH

5. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Walsh, **WE MOVE** that the Administration provide a report within 30 days, or before the held fee adjustments (item # 202402562) are considered by Council, on the rationale and impacts of the fee adjustments for planning-related services. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202402596](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

MR. NOLAN

6. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Nolan, **I MOVE** that the Clerk of Council be registered with the State of Ohio Office of the Attorney General as my public records training designee for the term ending in January 2026. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202500014](#)

Adopted

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

CITY MANAGER

7. **REPORT**, dated 12/11/2024 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Garden on the Rock Bar & Grill LLC, 1686 Blue Rock Street 1st floor & Patio. (#3027835, TRFO, D5 D6) [Objections: Yes]

[202402517](#)

Filed

8. **REPORT**, dated 12/18/2024 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Crawfish Creek LTD, DBA Catalinas, 1032 1034 Delta Avenue. (#1893565, TFOL, D5 D6) [Objections: None]

[202402581](#)

Filed

9. **REPORT**, dated 12/18/2024 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for 835 Main Event LLC, DBA Main Event, 835 Main Street. (#2382568, TRFO, D2 D2X D3 D3A) [Objections: Yes]

[202402582](#)

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- Filed
10. **REPORT**, dated 1/8/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Cold Nights and Warm Spirits. [202402626](#)
- Filed
11. **REPORT**, dated 1/8/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Bockfest 2025. [202402627](#)
- Filed
12. **REPORT**, dated 1/8/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Bock Beer 5K. [202402628](#)
- Filed
13. **REPORT**, dated 1/8/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Reds Opening Day Block Party. [202402629](#)
- Filed
14. **REPORT**, dated 1/8/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Kids Opening Day Block Party. [202402631](#)
- Filed
15. **REPORT**, dated 1/8/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Special Olympics Polar Plunge. [202402632](#)
- Filed
16. **REPORT**, dated 1/8/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Reddy Clifton Mart Inc, 2330 Clifton Avenue 1st Flr & Basement. #7224803, TRFO, C1 C2) [Objections: None] [202402633](#)
- Filed
17. **REPORT**, dated 1/8/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding HR Department's response to Motion 202400694. [202500001](#)
- Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee
18. **REPORT**, dated 1/8/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Liquor Permit Violations and Enforcement. (Ref. Doc. 202402230) [202500002](#)
- Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee
19. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/8/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$100,000 from the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to continue funding the Cincinnati Youth Climate [202500005](#)
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Action Program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant revenues into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 revenue account no. 436x8571.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 20. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/8/2025, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x252347, "Ped Safety ODOT FY25 Grant PID 119754," to implement pedestrian safety at six locations throughout the City (the "PID 119754 projects"); **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a Highway Safety Improvement Program Systemic Safety grant awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT") of up to \$981,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x252347, "Ped Safety ODOT FY25 Grant PID 119754"; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x252347, "Ped Safety ODOT FY25 Grant PID 119754"; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into a Local Public Agency agreement with ODOT to complete the PID 119754 projects; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete the pedestrian safety PID 119754 projects.

[202500006](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 21. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/8/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$42,918.38 from Department of Transportation and Engineering capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x5000x7666x192367, "Maintenance Fund for Bridges 2017-2021," to Michael Baker International, Inc. for charges related to the inspection of the Western Hills Viaduct, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

[202500007](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 22. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/8/2025, **ESTABLISHING**, the classification and salary range schedule for new employment classifications of Arborist 1 and Arborist 2 and **ORDAINING** Sections 843 and 844 of Division 1, Chapter 307, "Classified Compensation Schedules," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to reflect these new employment classifications.

[202500008](#)

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

- 23. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/8/2025, **MODIFYING** Chapter 307, "Classified Compensation Schedules," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Section 932 of Division 4 to increase the salary schedule for the classification of Municipal Worker.

[202500009](#)

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

- 24. REPORT**, dated 1/8/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Finance and Budget Monitoring Report for the Period Ending October 31, 2024.

[202500010](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 25. REPORT**, dated 1/8/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Appointing Representatives to the Board of Directors of Organizations Receiving City Funding. (Ref. Doc. # 202401578)

[202500013](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 26. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Reginald Harris/Former Councilmember. (ETHICS)

[202500012](#)

Filed

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Item held during the 12/18/2024 Council meeting

A motion was made by Councilmember Walsh, seconded by Vice Mayor Kearney, to hold the Ordinance.

- 27. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 12/16/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the Department of City Planning and Engagement (“DCPE”) to adjust fees charged for certain services for planning-related functions and in administering the Cincinnati Zoning Code to allow the DCPE to recover a higher portion of its true cost of the services provided.

[202402562](#)

Held

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 2:13 P.M.