



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

2:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

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

ROLL CALL

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

In attendance were City Manager Sheryl Long, City Solicitor Emily Smart Woerner, and Clerk of Council Melissa Autry.

Councilmembers Cramerding, Nolan and Parks were absent from today's session of Council.

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 Arts Association

1. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Laura A. Carr to the Cincinnati Arts Association for a term of three years, expiring January 31, 2028. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/African American)

[202500568](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

2. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Marvel Gentry Harmon to the Cincinnati Arts Association for a term of three years, expiring January 31, 2028. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/African American)

[202500569](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

Lunken Airport Oversight & Advisory Board

3. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint [202500570](#)
James Murray to the Lunken Airport Oversight & Advisory Board for a
term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its
advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council
4. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint [202500571](#)
Louis Beck to the Lunken Airport Oversight & Advisory Board for a term of
three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice
and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council
5. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint [202500573](#)
Susan Brownknight to the Lunken Airport Oversight & Advisory Board for
a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its
advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council
6. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint [202500574](#)
Neil Tilow to the Lunken Airport Oversight & Advisory Board for a term of
three years expiring October 20, 2027. This appointment is submitted to
City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council
7. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint [202500575](#)
Robert Roark to the Lunken Airport Oversight & Advisory Board for a term
of three years expiring April 14, 2027. This appointment is submitted to
City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council
8. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint [202500576](#)
Elissa Pogue to the Lunken Airport Oversight & Advisory Board for a term
of three years expiring April 14, 2027. This appointment is submitted to
City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules.
(Female/White)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council
9. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint [202500577](#)
Anne Sesler to the Lunken Airport Oversight & Advisory Board for a term
of three years expiring April 4, 2027. This appointment is submitted to
City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules.
(Female/White)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

MAYOR AFTAB

MS. KEARNEY

MS. PARKS

MS. ALBI

MR. CRAMERDING

MR. JEFFREYS

MR. JOHNSON

MR. NOLAN

MS. OWENS

MR. WALSH

- 10. RESOLUTION**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, Vice Mayor Kearney, and Councilmembers Parks, Albi, Cramerding, Jeffreys, Johnson, Nolan, Owens, and Walsh, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** the crew members of the USS Cincinnati during their 2025 namesake visit to the City of Cincinnati and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for the USS Cincinnati's crew members' service to our country.

[202500593](#)

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0014-2025

MR. JOHNSON

- 11. RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Johnson, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** the tenth anniversary of the passing of Daryl Gordon; **HONORING** his legacy of bravery, dedication, and sacrifice; and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for his extraordinary career in public service.

[202500555](#)

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0015-2025

MS. ALBI

- 12. RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Albi, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** Susan Storer as a Women's History Month Honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for Susan's selfless dedication to the community and future generations.

[202500560](#)

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0016-2025

MR. CRAMERDING

- 13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Councilmember Cramerding, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$1,294,008 from balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3440, "Infrastructure and Capital Project Reserve," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$300,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x241900, "Outdoor Facilities Renovation," to provide resources for the Camp Washington Skate Park project; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$994,008 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x981x252586, "Fleet Replacements - GF," to provide resources for the purchase of automotive and motorized equipment for the Department of Public Services, the Fire Department, and the Police

[202500557](#)

Department.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

MR. NOLAN

MR. JOHNSON

MR. JEFFREYS

- 14. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Nolan, Johnson and Jeffreys, **WE MOVE** that the administration consider operationalizing the Vacant Building Registry to be a data input to connect city property owners with capital resources. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that the administration produces a report within 60 days on existing City programs that are available for rehabilitation of vacant buildings or have the potential to be expanded for that use. (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

[202500567](#)

Referred to Equitable Growth & Housing Committee

CITY MANAGER

- 15. REPORT**, dated 3/26/2025 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 Bharat 06 OH LLC, DBA Boudinot BP, 3200 Harrison. (#0683847, TRFO, C1 C2) [Objections: None]

[202500531](#)

Filed

- 16. REPORT**, dated 3/26/2025 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 Cincinnati Park Board, DBA Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Drive (#14934050002, Temp, F8) [Objections: None]

[202500533](#)

Filed

- 17. REPORT**, dated 3/26/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Sidewalk Tree Conflict Repair Process. (Reference Document # 202401119)

[202500534](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 18. REPORT**, dated 3/26/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Give Back Cincinnati - Reds Opening Day 2025 at Fountain Square.

[202500538](#)

Filed

- 19. REPORT**, dated 3/26/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Sidewalk Repair Pilot Program. (Reference Document # 202500110)

[202500539](#)

Referred to Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee

- 20. REPORT**, dated 3/26/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Pride in OTR

[202500540](#)

Weekend Street Faire.

Filed

- 21. REPORT**, dated 3/26/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Dewey's Run to Raise Dough 5K. [202500541](#)

Filed

- 22. REPORT**, dated 3/26/2025 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 HNDL Bar LLC, 1107 Vine Street 1st floor basement & patio. (#3498731, TRFO, D5 D6) [Objections: None] [202500543](#)

Filed

- 23. REPORT**, dated 3/26/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Juneteenth Festival. [202500545](#)

Filed

- 24. REPORT**, dated 3/26/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Queensgate to Downtown concerns. (Reference Document # 202402548) [202500547](#)

Referred to Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee

- 25. REPORT**, dated 3/26/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Rock/Walk the Mohawk. [202500548](#)

Filed

- 26. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/26/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind media promotion donation from Urban One, Inc. dba Radio One valued at up to \$35,200 in support of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and the Radio One Spring Fling 2025 Festival Event on April 19, 2025. [202500561](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 27. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/26/2025, **RENAMING** a portion of Smith Alley to Frazier Alley in the California neighborhood. [202500572](#)

Referred to Equitable Growth & Housing Committee

- 28. REPORT**, dated 3/26/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Encampment Update and Resources. (Reference Document # 202402557) [202500578](#)

Referred to Equitable Growth & Housing Committee

- 29. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/26/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the expenditure of \$1,900,000 from OneOhio Opioid Distributor Settlement funds for a grant program in [202500579](#)

partnership with Hamilton County to provide resources to community partners for harm reduction programming, and \$304,000 to Hamilton County Public Health for expansion of the Harm Reduction/Stigma-Free Access for Everyone Service program.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 30. REPORT**, dated 3/26/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Parking Citation Amnesty Period. (Reference Document # 202401714) [202500582](#)

Referred to Healthy Neighborhoods Committee

- 31. REPORT**, dated 3/26/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding The Finance and Budget Monitoring Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2025. [202500584](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 32. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Walsh, **WE MOVE** that the Administration provide a report within forty-five (45) days regarding all policies related to TIF funding and how it be utilized. This report should be an audit of all policies adopted by Council or implemented by the Administration since the establishment of the TIFs as well as the adoption date of each policy. (STATEMENT ATTACHED) [202500505](#)

Adopted

Yes: Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Nolan

- 33. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/19/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate energy credits from energy projects and U.S. Department of the Treasury Elective Pay benefits of up to \$1,100,000 in FY 2025 to Revolving Energy Loan Fund 883 to reinvest resources into other City energy projects; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit proceeds into Revolving Energy Loan Fund 883 revenue account no. 883x8569. [202500524](#)

Held

- 34. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/19/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$3,536 from the State of Ohio, [202500523](#)

Office of the Attorney General, National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Project to provide resources for the Cincinnati Police Department's Victims Assistance Liaison Unit and the Cincinnati Citizens Respect Our Witnesses program to host the 9th Annual Homicide Memorial Ceremony; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8533, project account no. 25CVRW.

Held

- 35. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/19/2025, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 99-2023 to increase the amount of funding the City Manager is authorized to accept from the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (ALN 20.205) awarded through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, from \$1,199,998 to \$1,325,370 and to appropriate the additional \$125,372 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x222355, "Wasson Way Federal STBG 2022," to provide additional resources to complete the Wasson Way Trail project.

[202500522](#)

Held

- 36. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/17/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to take any and all steps as may be necessary in order to vacate as public right-of-way and retain approximately 0.1341 acres of public right-of-way, being a portion of Republic Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati.

[202500529](#)

Held

- 37. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/17/2025, **DEDICATING, ACCEPTING, AND CONFIRMING** the dedication to public use of an approximately 0.0332-acre tract of real property as a portion of Bardes Alley, a public right-of-way in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati.

[202500530](#)

Held

- 38. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/12/2025, **PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,525,000 OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS (OTR HEALTH CENTER PROJECT), OR NOTES IN ANTICIPATION THEREOF, OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, COUNTY OF HAMILTON, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING A PLEDGE AND LIEN ON CERTAIN REVENUES AND OTHER CITY RESOURCES TO SECURE SUCH BONDS OR NOTES; AUTHORIZING NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO SECURE SUCH BONDS OR NOTES.**

[202500473](#)

Held

- 39. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/12/2025, **PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF NOT TO EXCEED \$29,005,000 OF ECONOMIC**

[202500474](#)

DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS (FINDLAY COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT), OR NOTES IN ANTICIPATION THEREOF, OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, COUNTY OF HAMILTON, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING A PLEDGE AND LIEN ON CERTAIN REVENUES AND OTHER CITY RESOURCES TO SECURE SUCH BONDS OR NOTES; AUTHORIZING NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO SECURE SUCH BONDS OR NOTES.

Held

- 40. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/24/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Funding Agreement with OTR Holdings, Inc., an affiliate of 3CDC, providing for a grant from the City to fund the acquisition of real property located at 1506 and 1518 Vine Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$1,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the Downtown/OTR West Equivalent Fund 482 (Downtown/OTR West TIF District) to the Department of Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account no. 482x164x7200 to provide resources for the acquisition of real property located at 1506 and 1518 Vine Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati; and further **DECLARING** expenditures from such project account related to the acquisition of real property located at 1506 and 1518 Vine Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, to be a public purpose and constitute a "Public Infrastructure Improvement" (as defined by Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40(A)(8)) the will benefit and/or serve the District 3-Downtown/OTR West District Incentive District, subject to compliance with the Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43.

[202500585](#)

Held

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

- 41. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Owens, Nolan, and Walsh, **WE MOVE** that the Administration prepare a report within the next 30 days to devise a strategy for protecting native plant/pollinator gardens in the City of Cincinnati. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202500354](#)

Adopted

Yes:

- Councilmember Albi
- Councilmember Walsh
- Councilmember Johnson
- Vice Mayor Kearney
- Councilmember Jeffreys
- Councilmember Owens

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Nolan

- 42. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Owens, Jeffreys, Nolan and Cramerding, **WE MOVE** that the administration prepare a report within 60 days to create a directory of all city owned or city-maintained cemeteries. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that the administration directly reference what department(s) have the responsibility of maintaining specific cemeteries.

[202500444](#)

Adopted

Yes: Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens

Absent: President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Nolan

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 3:21 P.M.