



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Meeting Minutes 2 - Final

Budget and Finance Committee

Chairperson, Greg Landsman
Vice Chairperson, Reggie Harris
Councilmember Jeff Cramerding
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Scotty Johnson
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Liz Keating
Councilmember Meeka Owens
President Pro Tem Victoria Parks

Monday, March 28, 2022

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

Councilmember Greg Landsman called the Budget & Finance Committee meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Reggie Harris
Jan-Michele Kearney
Liz Keating
Jeff Cramerding
Mark Jeffreys
Scotty Johnson
Meeka Owens
Victoria Parks

Also in attendance was Assistant City Manager William Webber, Director of Finance Karen Alder, Director of Budget Dr. Andrew Dudas, Assistant City Solicitor Samantha Brandenburg, Director of Community and Economic Development Markiea Carter, Chief of Staff, Councilmember Landsman's Office, Barbara Bell, MSOL and Acting Clerk to the Committee Sheila Andrews.

The following registered to speak remotely during the meeting: Derrick Blassingame, Julie Shifman, Tanner Yess

PRESENTATIONS

Cincinnati Retirement System 2022 Update
Cincinnati Parks Department: Urban Forestry Special Assessment
Cincinnati Parks Department: Urban Forestry Special Assessment

AGENDA

1. [202200811](#) PRESENTATION submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, dated 3/28/2022, regarding the Cincinnati Retirement System (CRS) 2022 Update.
Sponsors: City Manager
Filed

2. [202200817](#) PRESENTATION submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on behalf of the Cincinnati Parks Department, dated 3/28/2022, regarding the 2023 Urban Forestry Special Assessment.
Sponsors: City Manager
Filed

3. [202200526](#) **RESOLUTION** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 3/2/2022, **DECLARING** the necessity of assessing for the control of blight and disease of shade trees along the streets and the public right-of-way, and for planting, care, maintenance, trimming, and removing of shade trees in and along the streets within the City of Cincinnati's Urban Forestry Maintenance District for the year 2023.
Sponsors: City Manager
File

4. [202200746](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Harris and Owens, To continue initiatives to restore public trust in City government, **WE MOVE** that the Administration provide a report within forty-five days regarding the status of the implementation of Item #202103025, passed on October 22, 2021, which enacted Chapter 119 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code. The report should include two public lists: first, the "Temporary Prohibition List" mandated by C.M.C. Sec. 119-1-T, identifying developers currently doing business with the City and second, the "City Business List" mandated by C.M.C. Sec. 119-1-C3, identifying companies and individuals with financial interest in city business. The report should also include a plan for the continued implementation and maintenance of the list.
Sponsors: Harris and Owens
Referred to CM for a Report

5. [202200791](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys, Harris and Owens, **WE MOVE** that, the Administration provide a report back to Council within ninety (90) days with a feasibility analysis of Council pre-authorizing all necessary legislative items that are directly associated with PACE financing as well as a potential framework by which the Administration can evaluate future PACE deals administratively. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that, the Administration also report back to Council with a feasibility analysis of allowing for more than one program administrator to support PACE deals in the city as well as any metrics the City can use to evaluate future program administration. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that, the Administration outline: 1) Cincinnati's and Hamilton County's current fee structures as it relates to PACE, 2) how much revenue the City's fees generate annually, and 3) how Cincinnati's and Hamilton County's fee structures compares to other peer cities and counties. (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

Sponsors: Jeffreys, Harris and Owens

Referred to CM for a Report

6. [202200777](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Landsman, Harris and Owens, **WE HEREBY MOVE** that the Administration provide a report on the impact of additional litigators on increasing the number of successful cases against problem properties. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Sponsors: Landsman, Harris and Owens

Referred to CM for a Report

7. [202200702](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 3/23/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount of up to \$75,000 from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund for the purpose of creating a blueprint to address racial wealth inequity through residential financial empowerment in the City of Cincinnati; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571; and further **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of up to \$75,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Office of Performance and Data Analytics' non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x108x7200.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

Yes: 9 - Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Harris
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks

8. [202200703](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 3/23/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant awarded by the United States Department of Transportation in the amount of up to \$25,000,000 for the purpose of conducting a Complete Streets project, which includes improving the safety of city streets and enhancing bicycle and pedestrian connections and safety.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

Yes: 9 - Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Harris
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks

9. [202200704](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 3/23/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate the sum of up to \$150,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund for the purpose of providing financial assistance to Cincinnati homeowners with defective household sewage treatment systems; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund 350.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

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10. [202200724](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 3/23/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute *Property Sale Agreements* with Anne Marie Wuertemberger and William Barone to sell two equal half portions of City-owned real property located at 6006 Belmont Avenue in the College Hill neighborhood.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

Yes: 9 - Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Harris
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Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks

11. [202200825](#) ORDINANCE (B VERSION) submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 3/30/2022, DECLARING the necessity of assessing for the planting, care, maintenance, trimming, and removal of public trees in and along the streets and the public right-of-way within the City of Cincinnati's Urban Forestry Maintenance District for the year 2023.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

Yes: 8 - Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Harris
Vice Mayor Kearney
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Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
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Abstain: 1 - Councilmember Keating

BY-LEAVE AGENDA

12. **202200841** COMMUNICATION, dated 03/25/2022, submitted by Councilmember Landsman, regarding the City of Cincinnati's Presentation on "Vision Zero".

Sponsors: Landsman

Filed

The Budget & Finance Committee Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. by Councilmember Greg Landsman. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee is Monday, April 4, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Sheila Andrews, Deputy Clerk
Acting
Clerk to the Committee