



City of Cincinnati

Budget and Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Reggie Harris
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Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Scotty Johnson
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Anna Albi
Councilmember Meeka Owens
Councilmember Seth Walsh
President Pro Tem Victoria Parks

Monday, January 22, 2024

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

Present: Mark Jeffreys
Anna Albi
Jan-Michele Kearney
Jeff Cramerding
Meeka Owens
Reggie Harris
Scotty Johnson
Seth Walsh
Victoria Parks

Also in attendance were Dr. Andrew Dudas, Budget Director, Erica Faaborg, Deputy City Solicitor and Monica Morton, Assistant Finance Director. The meeting began at 1:03 pm and ended at 2:16 pm.

PRESENTATIONS

Admissions Tax Proposed CMC Changes

Karen Alder, Finance Director

Streamlining our Affordable Housing Approval Process

Markiea Carter, Director, Community & Economic Development

AGENDA

MUNICIPAL CODE CHANGES

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

[202400218](#)

Long, City Manager, on 1/18/2024, MODIFYING Chapter 309, "Admissions Taxes," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by ORDAINING Sections 309-1-M, "Marketplace Facilitator," 309-1-P, "Pay; Payment," 309-1-P2, "Place" 309-1-R, "Reseller; Resold; Resale" 309-1-S, "Seller; Sold; Sale," and 309-1-V, "Vendor"; by AMENDING Sections 309-1-A, "Admission," 309-1-P, "Person," 309-1-T, "Treasurer," 309-3, "Rate of Tax," 309-5, "Admission, Exempt from Tax," 309-7, "Price to be Marked on Ticket or Displayed," 309-9, "Monthly and Annual Reports; Contents; Payments of Tax," 309-11, "Administration of Chapter; Adoption of Rules and Regulations; Records; Bond," 309-13, "License Required; Application; Contents; Fee; Issuance; Restrictions; Renewal; Suspension or Revocation; Liability of Owner of Premises; Exemptions," 309-17, "Taxes Made a Lien," 309-19, "Treasurer May Make Additional Assessment; Notice, Hearing," 309-21, "Estimated Assessment Made; Penalty; Notice," 309-23, "Estimated Additional Assessment Made; Penalty; Notice, Hearing," 309-25, "When Taxes by Assessment are Due and Payable," 309-27, "Application for Reassessment," 309-29, "Notices Authorized to be Mailed," 309-31, "Refunds; Application," and 309-99, "Penalties"; and by REPEALING Section 309-15, "Refund," to address the application and collection of admission taxes to ticket sales that occur through online marketplaces, and to modernize and standardize the administration of the admissions tax.

Recommend Passage Emergency

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

2. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/18/2024, AMENDING Ordinance No. 166-2021, as previously amended by Ordinance No. 0464-2021, to add "After Hours Programming" to the title of American Rescue Plan Account Number ARP065, "Cincinnati Recreation Commission Extended Hours" on the Schedule of Appropriations and to change the description from "Recreation Centers Extended Hours" to "Recreation Centers Extended Hours and After Hours Programming" per the attached Schedule of Appropriations (AMENDED).

[202400214](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

DONATIONS

3. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager and the employees of the Office of the City Manager to solicit and accept donations of money, in-kind contributions, and other things of value from the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors, and other available sources to support the Just Heal, Bro Tour Mental Health Awareness event, in partnership with the Center for Closing the Health Gap, on February 1, 2024; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit any funds donated to the City of Cincinnati for the Just Heal, Bro Tour event into "Special Events" Fund 314 revenue account no. 314x8571. [202400305](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

LEASE AGREEMENTS

4. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/18/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement with Kaiser Properties-Central, LTD., pursuant to which the City will lease for a term of up to thirty years a portion of John Street public right-of-way located north of York Street in the West End neighborhood. [202400213](#)

Recommend Passage

5. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/18/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement with Onflight, Inc. pursuant to which the company will enter into a new lease for the use and occupancy of Lunken Airport Lease Area 12 for up to 33 years. [202400216](#)

Recommend Passage

REPORTS

6. REPORT, dated 1/18/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Finance and Budget Monitoring Report for the Period Ending October 31, 2023. [202400215](#)

Approve & File

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA (CRA) AGREEMENTS

7. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/18/2024, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with Price Hill Will, thereby authorizing a fifteen-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 3104 Warsaw Avenue in the East Price Hill neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of an existing building into approximately 5,005 square feet of residential space, consisting of nine residential units, and approximately 1,774 square feet of commercial space, at a total construction cost of approximately \$2,536,765.

[202400220](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

8. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/18/2024, APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with The Beta Nu of Beta Theta Pi Building Company and the State of Ohio, for the use of the University of Cincinnati, thereby authorizing an eight-year tax exemption for 100 percent of the value of improvements made to real property located at 2630 University Court in the CUF neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of an existing building into nine residential units as well as meeting, academic, and social space consisting of approximately 12,690 square feet in aggregate, at a total remodeling cost of approximately \$5,084,640.

[202400221](#)

Held

MOTIONS

9. MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Harris, Vice Mayor Kearney, and Councilmembers Owens, Albi and Walsh, WE MOVE that Council accept the administration's recommendations and authorize the transfer of \$1,875,000 of the \$2,125,000 set aside to implement the Cities for Financial Empowerment "Financial Freedom" blueprint to the appropriate accounts. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202400205](#)

Adopt

PRESENTATIONS

10. PRESENTATION, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 1/22/2024, regarding Admissions Tax Proposed CMC Changes. [202400285](#)

Filed

11. PRESENTATION, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 1/22/2024, regarding Streamlining Affordable Housing Approval Process. [202400315](#)

Filed

COMMUNICATIONS

12. COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Harris regarding Administrative CRA Approvals for NOFA and AHLF Projects. [202400304](#)

Filed

ADJOURNMENT