

May 8, 2024

Cincinnati City Council
Council Chambers, City Hall
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Members of Council:

We are transmitting herewith an Ordinance captioned as follows:

AUTHORIZING the construction of an outdoor plaza and related improvements on the real property located at 150 W. 5th Street in the Central Business District **NOTWITHSTANDING** the provisions contained in Section 1411-15, “Minimum Façade Height,” and Section 1411-17, “Commercial Continuity,” of Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 1411, and any other applicable zoning regulations that would prevent the property’s redevelopment as an outdoor plaza.

The City Planning Commission recommended approval of the zone change at its May 8, 2024 meeting.

Summary:

The proposed development, to be called Elm Street Plaza, will consist of an outdoor plaza across the current Elm Street, utilizing the previous Millennium Hotel site to incorporate a mix of gathering space, a pavilion with outdoor seating and public restrooms, a dog park, a lawn, fencing, landscaping and greenery, and new entrance spaces complimenting the soon to-be renovated Duke Energy Convention Center (DECC).

Motion to Approve: Mr. Weber

Ayes:

Ms. Beltran

Mr. Eby

Seconded: Mr. Eby

Ms. Kearney

Mr. Stallworth

Mr. Weber

THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION



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