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MEMORANDUM
Budget Policy Direction to City Administration for
Recommended FY2025 Budget

1. Public Safety

- a. Support recruit classes for both the Police and Fire departments and the Alternative Response to Crisis.
- b. Maintain funding for the Pedestrian Safety Program to implement traffic calming measures and prioritize the most vulnerable road users.
- c. Continued funding for the Street Rehabilitation Program to maintain our public roadways and advance the objectives of Complete Streets

2. Thriving Neighborhoods

- a. Stormwater Management Utility - Funding green stormwater infrastructure such as “bioswales” and “rain gardens” to alleviate storm sewer capacity and overland flooding in strategic locations.
- b. Continued contribution to the Human Services Fund at 1.5%
- c. Support for the construction of “launch ramps” and recreational access along the Mill Creek
- d. Continued support for home repair programs such as WarmUp Cincy and HARBOR to repair, retrofit, and weatherize aging housing stock for the purpose of reducing energy burden and code violations.
- e. Funding for Neighborhood Support Program and Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program

3. Growing Economic Opportunity

- a. Invest in workforce development, particularly the Urban Leagues’ Building Futures program.
- b. Provide relief for those struggling most with increased property taxes.

- c. Investment in multi-modal transportation planning such as bus, bike, and potential streetcar expansion infrastructure.
- d. Fund economic development organizations and anchor events such as African American Chamber, Cintrifuse, CincyTech, Black Tech Week, etc.
- e. Invest in efficiency improvements for economic development processes.

4. Fiscal Sustainability

- a. Implement measures to ensure a structurally balanced budget in FY 2026 after ARP funds run out.
- b. Increased Pension contribution on current glidepath.
- c. Continued identification and application of State and Federal grant opportunities to provide public services, maintain and improve public infrastructure, and reduce overall costs to the City.
- d. Increased funding to the Revolving Energy Loan Fund to further leverage the Inflation Reduction Act and advance the goals of the Green Cincinnati Plan.

5. Excellent and Equitable Service Delivery

- a. Abatement of litter and blight through continued support of the Department of Public Services and Buildings & Inspections.
- b. Invest in efficiency improvements for Constituent Service Request system.
- c. Additional FTEs in the Department of City Planning to support proactive zoning updates and historic preservation.
- d. Increase the capacity and scope of parking enforcement through additional FTEs in the Department of Community & Economic Development
- e. Funding deferred maintenance on the schedule outlined in the proposed “Cincy on Track.”



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