



City of Cincinnati

Budget and Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

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

Monday, September 8, 2025 1:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

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

Also in attendance were Colleen Swim, Law Department, Steve Webb, Finance Director and Dr. Andrew Dudas, Budget Director. The meeting began at 1:07pm and adjourned at 3:47pm.

PRESENTATIONS

CINCINNATI RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CRS) UPDATE- CRS BORD OF TRUSTEES

Jon Salstrom, Director

Bill Moller, Chair

PUBLIC SAFETY INVESTMENTS

Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

Teresa Theetge, Police Chief

AGENDA**MOTIONS**

1. MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Cramerding, Walsh, Owens and Jeffreys, WE MOVE that the \$2 million allocated to public safety in Motion #202501522 and an additional \$2.63 million from the General Fund Contingency Account be used for the following items: [202501624](#)
 - Police, Public Visibility Overtime for CPD*, \$1,500,000.00
 - Police PIVOT Specialized Training \$30,000.00
 - Police CPD Recruitment Efforts \$90,000.00
 - Police Bond and Sentencing Project \$250,000.00
 - Outreach 3CDC Expanded Ambassador Program \$880,000.00
 - Outreach Curfew Center - Lighthouse \$195,000.00
 - Outreach Curfew Center - Seven Hills \$185,000.00
 - Technology DOTE/CPD Streetlighting and Cameras \$500,000.00
 - Technology License Plate Readers \$360,000.00
 - Technology CPD West End Camera Expansion \$150,000.00
 - Technology Findlay Market Safety Improvements \$150,000.00
 - Technology CGIC/PIVOT Drones \$40,000.00
 - Technology Drone Expansion \$100,000.00
 - Technology Fusus Expansion \$100,000.00
 - Technology Mobile Safety Camera Trailers \$100,000.00
 - Total \$4,630,000.00 (BALANCE ON FILE IN CLERK'S OFFICE)

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2. MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Albi, WE MOVE that the City Administration provide a report within 30 days to evaluate the potential for reviving the Capital Arts Grant Program. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED) [202501623](#)

Adopt
3. MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Albi, WE MOVE that the City Administration allocate \$200k for Youth Outreach Workers at Ziegler and Washington Parks to provide a proactive presence that supports youth [202501679](#)

engagement, promotes safety, and helps address curfew compliance through mentorship, outreach, and community connection. This allocation would come from the General Fund Contingency Reserve.

Indefinitely Postponed

4. MOTION , submitted by Councilmember Owens, [202501680](#)
Councilmember Owens provides the following recommendations that are in alignment with the previous motion submitted by Councilmember Cramerding but aim to ensure that greater investments are made to improve public safety in the urban core and surrounding neighborhoods. WE MOVE that the \$2 million allocated to public safety in Motion #202501522 and an additional \$3.5 million from the General Fund Contingency Account be used for the following items: ITEM Amount Police Visibility Overtime! \$750,000 PIVOT Specialized Training \$30,000 CPD Recruitment Efforts? \$100,000 3CDC Expanded Ambassadors Program \$900,000 3CDC Outreach Workers and FUSUS \$100,000 City's Youth Outreach Workers \$200,000 Curfew Center — Lighthouse \$195,000 Curfew Center — Seven Hills \$185,000 Bond and Sentencing Review* \$140,000 Towing \$50,000 DOTE/CPD Street Lighting and Cameras \$1,750,000 CPD West End Camera Expansion Proposal? \$200,000 Findlay Market Safety Improvements? \$200,000 CGIG/PIVOT Drones \$40,000 Drone Expansion \$100,000 FUSUS Expansion \$100,000 Mobile Safety Camera Trailers \$100,000 License Plate Reading Cameras and Technologies® \$360,000 TOTAL \$5,500,000 (BALANCE OF MOTION ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE)

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5. MOTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, WE MOVE for approval of the additional investments in public safety as shown below. It is critical that these investments are both equitable, addressing the needs in our neighborhoods across the City, as well as transformative, creating real and lasting change rather than just ephemeral fixes. (BALANCE OF MOTION ON FILE IN THE CLERKS OFFICE) [202501683](#)

Failed of Adoption

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Parks

No: Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Albi
Vice Chair Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Nolan

6. MOTION (AMENDED), submitted by Councilmembers Cramerding, Owens and Jeffreys, WE MOVE that the \$2 million allocated to public safety in Motion #202501522 and an additional ** \$3.42 million from the General Fund Contingency Account be used for the following items:

[202501684](#)

Category	Item	Amount
Police	Public Visibility Overtime for CPD*	\$1,200,000.00
Police	PIVOT Specialized Training	\$30,000.00
Police	CPD Recruitment Efforts	\$100,000.00
Police	Bond and Sentencing Project	\$250,000.00
Police	Towing	\$50,000.00
Outreach	3CDC Expanded Ambassador Program	\$880,000.00
Outreach	3CDC Outreach Workers and FUSUS	\$100,000.00
Outreach	Youth Outreach Workers	\$200,000.00
Outreach	Curfew Center - Lighthouse	\$195,000.00
Outreach	Curfew Center - Seven Hills	\$185,000.00
Technology	DOTE/CPD Streetlighting and Cameras	\$1,200,000.00
Technology	License Plate Readers	\$360,000.00
Technology	CPD West End Camera Expansion	\$150,000.00
Technology	Findlay Market Safety Improvements	\$180,000.00
Technology	CGIC/PIVOT Drones	\$40,000.00
Technology	Drone Expansion	\$100,000.00
Technology	FUSUS Expansion	\$100,000.00
Technology	Mobile Safety Camera Trailers	\$100,000.00
	Total	\$5,420,000.00**

*Funds may be used by the city for other public safety needs if not spent by December 31st, 2025.

****Council is to be notified if any of these funds are still outstanding by June 1st, 2026, with the administration either providing a plan to allocate these funds or recommendations to reallocate them for other public safety investments. (BALANCE OF MOTION ON FILE IN THE CLERKS OFFICE)**

Adopted as Amended

Yes: Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Albi
Vice Chair Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Nolan

No: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Parks

PUBLIC SAFETY INVESTMENTS

7. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/8/2025, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$4,500,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$4,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various General Fund personnel and non-personnel operating budget accounts according to the attached Schedule of Transfer to fund public safety measures and the deterrence of violent crime in the Central Business District and other crime hot spots in the City.
- indefinite postponement

[202501666](#)

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

8. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate an award of \$14,845 in American Rescue Plan ("ARP") resources from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program ("HOME") (ALN 14.239) to a newly established Home Investment

[202501607](#)

Trust Fund 411 project account in accordance with Section A of the attached Schedule of Transfer; AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source Fund 411, "Home Investment Trust," of \$1,011,994.51 to close out or decrease certain existing project accounts in accordance with Section B of the attached Schedule of Transfer; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$1,011,994.51 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund 411, "Home Investment Trust," to realign resources with needs to ensure that funding is available to support administering, planning, monitoring, and reporting the use of HOME ARP resources in accordance with Section C of the attached Schedule of Transfer; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to file the 2021 Annual Action Plan Amendment.

Recommend Passage Emergency

9. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source Fund 411, "Home Investment Trust," of \$679,483.94 to close out or decrease certain existing project accounts, according to Section A of the attached Schedule of Transfer; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$679,483.94 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund 411, "Home Investment Trust," to various Strategic Housing Initiatives Program project accounts, according to Section B of the attached Schedule of Transfer, to provide funding that will be spent in a timely manner to support vital City programs.

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Recommend Passage Emergency

PROGRAM INCOME

10. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate program income of \$8,660 from the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant (ALN 14.905) to Lead Hazard Control Research Grant Fund revenue account no. 387x162x0000x8927 to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible, privately owned housing for low-income residents; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit grant program income into Lead Hazard Control Research Grant Fund revenue account no. 387x162x0000x8927.

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Recommend Passage Emergency

TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS

11. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$643,263 within General Fund 050 according to the attached Schedules of Transfer to realign and provide resources for the ongoing needs of City departments; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$502,100 from the unappropriated surplus of Municipal Golf Fund 105 to a Cincinnati Recreation Commission non-personnel operating budget account according to the attached Schedules of Transfer to provide resources for planned expenditures; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$965,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Stormwater Management Fund 107 to various non-personnel and property operating budget accounts according to the attached Schedules of Transfer to provide resources to the Department of Law for Private Lot Abatement Program (PLAP) collection agency fees and the Department of Public Services for the purchase of streetsweepers; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$1,540,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Recreation Special Activities Fund 323 to various Cincinnati Recreation Commission personnel, fringe benefit, and non-personnel operating budget accounts according to the attached Schedules of Transfer to provide resources for planned expenditures; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Community Health Center Activities Fund 395 to a Cincinnati Health Department non-personnel operating budget account according to the attached Schedules of Transfer to provide resources for planned expenditures; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$265,390 from the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416 to various Cincinnati Health Department non-personnel operating budget accounts according to the attached Schedules of Transfer to provide resources for planned expenditures.

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12. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/4/2025, AUTHORIZING the

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transfer and return to source of \$75,000 from the Office of the City Manager non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$75,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252312, "Wall Stab. & Landslide Correction," to provide resources to stabilize a landslide and inspect, rehabilitate, and replace the retaining wall and appurtenances at 1769 Carll Street; and DECLARING such expenditures to be for a public purpose.

Recommend Passage Emergency

13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/8/2025, AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of \$150,000 from existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x231600, "Economic Development Initiatives - GF," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$150,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Department of Community and Economic Development General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x7200 to provide resources for operating support for Represent Cincy to retain and attract small businesses primarily to the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood; and DECLARING that the operating support for Represent Cincy serves a public purpose because the small business support will foster local improvements and investment and increase neighborhood vitality.

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Recommend Passage Emergency

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA (CRA) AGREEMENT

14. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/4/2025, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with OTR Historical Development, LLC, thereby authorizing a twelve-year tax exemption for 100 percent of the value of improvements made to real property located at 43 E. Clifton Avenue in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of existing buildings into

[202501615](#)

approximately 10,933 square feet of residential space, consisting of 16 residential units, at a total construction cost of approximately \$1,700,000.

Recommend Passage Emergency

DOWNTOWN CINCINNATI IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

- 15.** ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/8/2025, ESTABLISHING the Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District Assessment Equalization Board, appointing three members thereto, and setting the time and place for hearings in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Ohio Revised Code. [202501669](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

PRESENTATIONS

- 16.** PRESENTATION, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 9/8/2025, regarding the Cincinnati Retirement System Board of Trustees 2024 Annual Report. [202501625](#)

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- 17.** PRESENTATION submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 9/8/2025, regarding Public Safety Investments. [202501670](#)

Filed

ADJOURNMENT