



# City of Cincinnati

## Cincinnati City Council

### Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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**Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

**2:00 PM**

**Council Chambers, Room 300**

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Council convened at 2:04 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

In attendance were City Manager Sheryl Long, City Solicitor Emily Smart Woerner and Clerk of Council Melissa Autry.

**Council observed a moment of silent prayer and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

**There being no objection, the Minutes of the previous session of Council were Approved and Filed.**

**MS. KEARNEY**

**MS. ALBI**

**MR. CRAMERDING**

**MR. JEFFREYS**

**MS. OWENS**

**MR. WALSH**

- 1. RESOLUTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney and Councilmembers Albi, Cramerding, Jeffreys, Owens and Walsh, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **EXPRESSING** the opposition of the Mayor and Council for Senate Bill 1; and **URGING** the Ohio House of Representatives to defeat this bill that would prohibit diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts at Ohio's public universities of higher education.

[202500484](#)

Passed

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Enactment No: 0012-2025

**MS. KEARNEY**

2. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **DECLARING** that Windsor Street at Gilbert Avenue in the Walnut Hills neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Larry A. Donald Way" in honor of Larry A. Donald, and in recognition of his contributions to the Cincinnati community and the sport of boxing. [202500464](#)

Referred to Healthy Neighborhoods Committee

**MS. ALBI**

3. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Albi, **WE MOVE** that the City Administration implement an opt-in text messaging pilot program leveraging either our existing CincyAlerts platform or another community engagement platform. This program would ensure that the City is proactive in using push communication to inform residents about important events happening in Cincinnati. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE). [202500468](#)

Referred to Healthy Neighborhoods Committee

**MR. JEFFREYS**

**MR. CRAMERDING**

4. **MOTION (AMENDED)**, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys and Cramerding, **WE MOVE** that the Cincinnati Parks Department work with Great Parks of Hamilton County to evaluate: The Futures Commission's recommendation to have Great Parks manage Mt. Airy Forest and French Park, any associated costs to Great Parks, as well as any cost savings to Cincinnati Parks. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED). [202500471](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

5. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys and Cramerding, **WE MOVE** that within 90 days, the Cincinnati Parks Department and Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) evaluate the Futures Commission's proposal for transferring the management of the 954 acres [202500472](#)

of greenspace currently under CRC to Cincinnati Parks, including any implications for staffing, equipment, potential cost savings, and the ability of CRC to focus on managing recreation centers and continue to deliver best-in-class programming. (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

### **CITY MANAGER**

6. **REPORT**, dated 3/12/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Cincinnati Park Board, DBA Oak Ridge Lodge, 5083 Colerain Avenue. (#14934000003, Temp, F8) [Objections: None] [202500431](#)  
Filed
7. **REPORT**, dated 3/12/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Cincinnati Park Board, DBA Mt Echo Park, 381 Elberon Avenue. (#14934010002, Temp, F8) [Objections: None] [202500432](#)  
Filed
8. **REPORT**, dated 3/12/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Cincinnati Park Board, DBA French Park, 3012 Section Road. (14934020002#, Temp, F8) [Objections: None] [202500433](#)  
Filed
9. **REPORT**, dated 3/12/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Cincinnati Park Board, DBA Alms Park Pavilion, 710 Tusculum Avenue. (#14934040002, Temp, F8) [Objections: None] [202500434](#)  
Filed
10. **REPORT**, dated 3/12/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Cincinnati Park Board, DBA Burnet Woods, 3251 Brookline Avenue. (#1514087, Temp, F8) [Objections: None] [202500435](#)  
Filed
11. **REPORT**, dated 3/12/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for KHUSB LLC, Queen City Wine & Spirits, 120 E Fourth Street. (#46213360001, TRFL, C1 C2) [Objections: None] [202500437](#)  
Filed
12. **REPORT**, dated 3/12/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City [202500438](#)

Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for CNOH Associates LLC, DBA Hilton Cincinnati Netherland PLZ, 35 W 5th Street entire building & concourse level. (#1683421, TRFO, D5A) [Objections: None]

Filed

- 13. REPORT**, dated 3/12/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Cincinnati Park Board, DBA Bellevue Hill Park, 2191 Ohio Avenue (#1493410, Temp, F8) [Objections: None]

[202500439](#)

Filed

- 14. REPORT**, dated 3/12/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Cincinnati Park Board, DBA Ault Park, 5090 Observatory Avenue. (#14934030002, Temp, F8) [Objections: None]

[202500440](#)

Filed

- 15. REPORT**, dated 3/12/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Cincinnati Park Board, DBA Gibson House, 425 Oak Street. (#14934080002, Temp, F8) [Objections: None]

[202500441](#)

Filed

- 16. REPORT**, dated 3/12/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Cincinnati Park Board, DBA Maple Ridge Lodge, 3040 Westwood Northern Blvd (#14934070002, Temp, F8) [Objections: None]

[202500442](#)

Filed

- 17. REPORT**, dated 3/12/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding a Cincinnati permanent gun violence victims memorial. (Reference Document # 202401206)

[202500448](#)

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

- 18. REPORT**, dated 3/12/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Cincinnati Park Board, DBA Friendship Pavilion, 1135 Riverside Drive. (#1493409, Temp, F8) [Objections: None]

[202500451](#)

Filed

- 19. REPORT**, dated 3/12/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Cincinnati Park Board, DBA Sawyer Point, 705 E Pete Rose Way. (#14933910001, Temp, F8) [Objections: None]

[202500452](#)

Filed

- 20. REPORT**, dated 3/12/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Wagwan Jerki LLC, Gees Caribbean Kitchen, 140 W McMillan. (#9343906, New, D3) [Objections: None]

[202500456](#)

Filed

- 21. REPORT**, dated 3/12/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for MLK Coalition Beloved March.

[202500457](#)

Filed

- 22. REPORT**, dated 3/12/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for A Peaceful Block Party.

[202500458](#)

Filed

- 23. REPORT**, dated 3/12/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding motion to promote health and wellness of Cincinnati Firefighter. (Reference Document # 202402178)

[202500459](#)

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

- 24. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/12/2025, **MODIFYING** Chapter 307, "Classified Compensation Schedules," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Section 634 to move the classification of Carpenter from Division 03 to Division D1.

[202500460](#)

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

- 25. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/12/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a U.S. Department of Energy Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation grant (ALN 81.117) of up to \$100,000 from the University of Cincinnati to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to research and develop building performance standards; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8543, Office of Environment and Sustainability project account no. 25DOERECL, "FY 2025 DOE Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation."

[202500461](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 26. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/12/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$15,881 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Mosquito Control Grant Program to investigate the prevalence of mosquito vectors and the incidence of infection in the mosquito populations, to identify density locations for mosquito vector species, and to educate communities in the immediate area on how to reduce the mosquito populations; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund

[202500462](#)

revenue account no. 350x8536.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 27. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/12/2025, **PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,525,000 OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS (OTR HEALTH CENTER PROJECT), OR NOTES IN ANTICIPATION THEREOF, OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, COUNTY OF HAMILTON, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING A PLEDGE AND LIEN ON CERTAIN REVENUES AND OTHER CITY RESOURCES TO SECURE SUCH BONDS OR NOTES; AUTHORIZING NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO SECURE SUCH BONDS OR NOTES.**

[202500473](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 28. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/12/2025, **PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF NOT TO EXCEED \$29,005,000 OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS (FINDLAY COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT), OR NOTES IN ANTICIPATION THEREOF, OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, COUNTY OF HAMILTON, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING A PLEDGE AND LIEN ON CERTAIN REVENUES AND OTHER CITY RESOURCES TO SECURE SUCH BONDS OR NOTES; AUTHORIZING NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO SECURE SUCH BONDS OR NOTES.**

[202500474](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 29. REPORT**, dated 3/12/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding current availability and quality of lactation rooms in City properties. (Reference Document # 202402435)

[202500476](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

### CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 30. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Karen S. Alder/Finance Director.

[202500485](#)

Filed

- 31. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Melissa Autry/Clerk of Council.

[202500486](#)

Filed

- 32. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Edward Philip Cunningham/Buildings & Inspections/Deputy Director.

[202500488](#)

Filed

- 33. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Jamie O. Edrosa/DOTE/Division

[202500489](#)

Manager.

Filed

- 34. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Mollie Kathleen Flynn/City Manager's Office/Director of Communications.

[202500490](#)

Filed

- 35. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Bobbi K. Hageman/Office of Procurement/Director.

[202500491](#)

Filed

### **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- 36. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Cramerding, Johnson, Parks, Jeffreys and Nolan, **WE MOVE** that the remaining \$1,294,008 in the Capital Project Fund be disbursed as follows: \$300,000 for the Camp Washington Skatepark Project and \$994,008 for DPS, Fire, and Police Fleet needs. (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

[202500443](#)

Adopted

**Yes:** President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan

**No:** Councilmember Albi  
Vice Mayor Kearney

- 37. REPORT**, dated 3/5/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Finance and Budget Monitoring Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2024.

[202500418](#)

Approved & Filed

- 38. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/5/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$3,300 from the State of Ohio Department of Development's TechCred Credential Reimbursement Program to reimburse Cincinnati Police Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x225x72000 for eligible costs incurred by the Cincinnati Police Department in providing its employees with technology-focused credentials; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8533.

[202500426](#)

Passed



**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Enactment No: 0050-2025

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Enactment No: 0050-2025

- 39. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/5/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for grants of up to \$3,000,000 on a quarterly basis from the Ohio Department of Transportation for pedestrian and bicycle related projects that make walking and biking throughout the City a safe, convenient, and accessible transportation option for all Ohioans.

[202500427](#)

Passed

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Enactment No: 0051-2025

Suspension of the three readings



**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Enactment No: 0051-2025

- 40. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/5/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for Highway Safety Improvement Program ("HSIP") Systemic Safety grants awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT") of up to \$2,000,000 to provide resources for pedestrian safety improvements; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for HSIP Abbreviated Safety grants awarded by ODOT of up to \$500,000 for traffic safety countermeasures, such as safety signage, high-visibility pavement markings, centerline hardening, temporary bump-outs, and other safety improvements; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for HSIP Formal Safety Process grants awarded by ODOT of up to \$5,000,000 to reduce serious injury and traffic deaths on all public roads.

[202500428](#)

Passed

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Enactment No: 0052-2025

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Enactment No: 0052-2025

- 41. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/5/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of \$500 from Carol A. McQueary to support the Cincinnati Police Department Honor Guard; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donation into Public Safety Special Projects Fund 456.

[202500425](#)

Passed Emergency

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Enactment No: 0053-2025

Emergency clause to remain

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Enactment No: 0053-2025

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Enactment No: 0053-2025

### **SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

#### **EQUITABLE GROWTH & HOUSINGS COMMITTEE**

**42.**

**[202500256](#)**

**ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/20/2025, **APPROVING** a major amendment to the concept plan governing a portion of Planned Development District No. 101, "Santa Maria Community Services," to facilitate the construction of two new buildings closer to the perimeter property line than was established in the concept plan. (Subject to the [Temporary Prohibition List](https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business) <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>)

Passed Emergency

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Enactment No: 0054-2025

Emergency clause to remain

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Enactment No: 0054-2025

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Enactment No: 0054-2025

**43.**

**[202500228](#)**

**ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/20/2025, **AMENDING** the official zoning map of the City of Cincinnati to rezone the real property located at 2608-2622 Euclid Avenue in the Corryville neighborhood from the RMX-T, "Residential Mixed-Use Transportation Corridor," and OG-T, "Office General Transportation Corridor," zoning districts to Planned Development District No. 102, "Euclid Student Housing Development." (Subject to the [Temporary Prohibition List <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>](https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business))

Passed

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Enactment No: 0055-2025

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Councilmember Albi  
President Pro Tempore Parks  
Councilmember Walsh  
Councilmember Johnson  
Vice Mayor Kearney  
Councilmember Cramerding  
Councilmember Jeffreys  
Councilmember Owens  
Councilmember Nolan  
Enactment No: 0055-2025

**No announcements at this time.**

Council adjourned at 3:00 P.M.