



City of Cincinnati

Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Jeff Cramerding
Vice Chair Evan Nolan
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Anna Albi
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Meeka Owens
Councilmember Scotty Johnson
Councilmember Seth Walsh
Councilmember Ryan James

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

Present: Jeff Cramerding
Vice Chair Evan Nolan
Jeff Cramerding
Anna Albi
Ryan James
Mark Jeffreys
Scotty Johnson
Meeka Owens
Seth Walsh

Excused: Jan-Michele Kearney

Also in attendance were Colleen Swim, Law Department, Steve Webb, Finance Director and Dr. Andrew Dudas, Budget Director. The meeting began at 1:02pm and adjourned at 1:31pm.

AGENDA

MOTIONS

1. MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys, Albi and James, WE MOVE that the administration work with Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) to report back within 60 days to identify which specific CRC locations are not eligible for being childcare facilities today. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202600078](#)

Adopt

2. MOTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, WE MOVE [202600080](#)
that City Council allocate to Habitat for Humanity \$350,000
from the FY'25 Carryover Budget to help to meet
Cincinnati's urgent need for affordable housing, and
affordable homeownership in particular. The funds will
support the acquisition of nine (9) properties in the West
End neighborhood of Cincinnati. (BALANCE ON FILE IN
THE CLERK'S OFFICE)

Held

3. MOTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, WE MOVE [202600085](#)
that City Council allocate \$69,000 from the Carryover
Budget for 'FY25 for completion of the West End Sports Bar
and Grill, to be located at 1776 Linn Street in the West End
neighborhood of Cincinnati. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE
CLERK'S OFFICE)

Held

4. MOTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, WE MOVE [202600095](#)
that City Council allocate to the Center for Closing the
Health Gap \$100,000 from the Special Events portion of the
FY'25 Carryover Budget to support the organization's
Health Expo on April 18, 2026 as well as its numerous other
impactful initiatives across the City throughout the year to
empower residents in improving their health, and support
the important work of tackling health disparities. (BALANCE
ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT
ATTACHED)

Held

5. MOTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, WE MOVE [202600102](#)
that City Council allocate to the Art Academy of Cincinnati
\$250,0000 from the FY'25 Carryover Budget to support
increased safety measures and infrastructure of the college.
The AAC is committed to community safety, accessibility,
and the well-being of students in the five block radius
immediately surrounding our AAC college campus in OTR.
(BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE)
(STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Held

6. MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Owens, Vice [202600073](#)

Mayor Kearney, and Councilmembers Jeffreys, Cramerding, Nolan, Walsh, Albi and James, WE MOVE that the City Administration and the Cincinnati Police Department provide an update on all \$5.42 million allocated in Motion #202501648 "Cincinnati's Increased Investment in Public Safety" approved on September 10, 2025. FURTHER WE MOVE that the Administration provide the update to the committee on Budget, Finance and Governance on January 26, 2026.

Adopt

7. MOTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney and Councilmember Johnson, WE MOVE that the City Council allocate to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission the amount of \$700,000 from the \$5.42 million allocated for public safety by Ordinance No. 290-2025 to help in funding the expansion of the Youth2Work program to year-round jobs, including afterschool jobs. Youth2Jobs includes not only preparation for the world of work through the development of soft skills, but sessions on setting and reaching goals, career exposure and exploration, financial literacy, post-high school plans, and more. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202600081](#)

Held

AMENDMENT

8. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/14/2026, AMENDING Ordinance No. 2-2025 to provide funding to the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation for remediation services at the West Fork Incinerator site.

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Recommend Passage Emergency

PAYMENTS

9. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/14/2026, AUTHORIZING the payment of \$136,586.53 from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5300x7289 to University of Cincinnati Physicians Company, LLC for paramedic training and related services provided to the Cincinnati Fire Department in the final

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months of FY 2025, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

Recommend Passage Emergency

- 10. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/14/2026, AUTHORIZING a payment of \$16,032.96 to Mike Albert Leasing, Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5300x7419 as a moral obligation for passenger van rentals in July 2025; AUTHORIZING a payment of \$5,911.36 to T-Mobile USA from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5200x7212 as a moral obligation for cellular services provided between March 2025 and August 2025; AUTHORIZING a payment of \$4,805.67 to Hamilton County from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5100x7289 as a moral obligation for services provided at the Emergency Operations Center in July 2025; AUTHORIZING a payment of \$4,020.82 to ESO Solutions, Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5300x7418 as a moral obligation for electronic health record data extraction performed in May 2025; AUTHORIZING a payment of \$3,850.00 to Bowling Green State University from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5200x7215 as a moral obligation for training registration in February 2025; AUTHORIZING a payment of \$7,173.68 to 911 Fleet and Fire Equipment Holdings, LLC from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x272x4300x7364 as a moral obligation for fire recruit gear purchased in April 2025; and AUTHORIZING a payment of \$5,000 to Joy Outdoor Education Center from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x272x4200x7289 as a moral obligation for Fire Cadet programming in June 2025.

Recommend Passage Emergency

- 11. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/14/2026, AUTHORIZING a

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payment of \$857.06 to the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) from Cincinnati Recreation Commission General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x199x1910x7452 as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to music licensing services.

Recommend Passage Emergency

CENTER HILL SOLAR POWER ARRAY

- 12. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/14/2026, AMENDING Ordinance No. 231-2025 to include the purchase or construction of solar facilities related to the installation of a solar photovoltaic array at the former Center Hill Landfill as authorized uses of bond issuance.

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Recommend Passage Emergency

- 13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/14/2026, ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261012, "Center Hill Solar Power Array," to provide for the installation of a solar photovoltaic array at the site of the former Center Hill Landfill; AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of \$475,400 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261029, "Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives," to Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758 to realign sources with uses; AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of \$6,325,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x261055, "Strategic Property Acquisition: Health," to Public Building Improvement Bond Fund 861 to realign sources with uses; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$12,100,400 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261012, "Center Hill Solar Power Array," according to the attached Schedule of Appropriation; and DECLARING expenditures for the Center Hill Solar Power Array serve a public purpose by expanding opportunities for renewable energy generation and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Cincinnati.

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Recommend Passage Emergency

DONATIONS

- 14. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/14/2026, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a donation of \$1,000 from the Rotary Foundation of Cincinnati to provide resources for team building and promotional events in the Cincinnati Fire Department; AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the donated resources into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$1,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Cincinnati Fire Department non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x7200 for Cincinnati Fire Department team building and promotional events.

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REPORTS

- 15. REPORT**, dated 1/14/2026, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Department of City Planning and Engagement Zone Change process time. (Reference Document # 202501273)

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Approve & File

ADJOURNMENT