



City of Cincinnati

Budget and Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Reggie Harris
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Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Scotty Johnson
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Anna Albi
Councilmember Meeka Owens
Councilmember Seth Walsh
President Pro Tem Victoria Parks

Monday, June 3, 2024

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(3)

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

AGENDA

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

1. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/30/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$350,000, effective FY 2025, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2024 Smart Prosecution - Innovative Prosecution Solutions Program (ALN 16.825), to create a criminal case management screening program; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into General Government Grants Fund

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404x8544, Department of Law project account no. 25IPSP.

Recommend Passage Emergency

2. ORDINANCE, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/30/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$65,000, effective FY 2025, from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Traffic Safety Office's FY25 Impaired Driving Enforcement Program (ALN 20.608), to aid in reducing death and injuries resulting from vehicular accidents; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 24IDEP.

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Recommend Passage

3. ORDINANCE, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/30/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program ("STEP") grant of up to \$70,000, effective FY 2025, from the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Traffic Safety Office (ALN 20.600), to aid in reducing deaths and injuries resulting from vehicular accidents; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the STEP grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 24STEP.

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Recommend Passage

4. ORDINANCE, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/30/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$190,000, effective FY 2025, from the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Traffic Safety Office, FY 2025 Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Program (ALN 20.600), to provide resources for a Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor to provide training, education, and technical support to traffic crimes prosecutors and law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Ohio and to develop a coordinated statewide, multidisciplinary planned approach to the prosecution of impaired driving and other traffic crimes in Ohio; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 25TSRP.

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Recommend Passage

5. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/30/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a donation of up to \$850,000 from Cincinnati, LLC to support the operations and maintenance of the Cincinnati streetcar; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the donation into Streetcar Operations Fund revenue account no. 455x8645. [202401479](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

6. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 6/3/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of goods and professional services from the Cincinnati Police Athletic League valued at up to \$95,000 associated with operating the Children in Trauma Intervention Camp (C.I.T.I. Camp). [202401509](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

PAYMENTS

7. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/30/2024, AUTHORIZING the payment of up to \$25,000 from various Cincinnati Recreation Commission General Fund accounts, as provided in Attachment A, as a moral obligation to the Cintas Corporation for cleaning chemicals and chemical mixing station services previously provided. [202401478](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

ACCESS TO CAPITAL

8. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/30/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute an Operations Agreement with Build Cincinnati Development Fund LLC and Cincinnati Housing Development Fund LLC; ESTABLISHING a new Cincinnati Access to Capital Fund for the purpose of receiving and disbursing resources to provide a loan loss reserve for the Cincinnati Access to Capital program; AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to redirect and appropriate \$3,000,000 from the Build Cincinnati Development Fund to the newly established Cincinnati Access to Capital Fund; and further DECLARING expenditures from the Build Cincinnati [202401475](#)

Development Fund and the Cincinnati Access to Capital Fund to be for a public purpose.

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TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS

9. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/30/2024, AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$1,281,534.68 from the unappropriated surplus of College Hill Equivalent Fund 527 to the Department of Community and Economic Development (“DCED”) non-personnel operating budget account no. 527x164x7200 to provide resources for the acquisition of the improvements located at College Hill Plaza at 5819-5851 Hamilton Avenue and 1613-1617 Cedar Avenue; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$468,465.32 from the unappropriated surplus of Municipal Public Improvement Equivalent Fund 491 to the DCED non-personnel operating budget account no. 491x164x7200 to provide resources for the acquisition of the improvements located at College Hill Plaza at 5819-5851 Hamilton Avenue and 1613-1617 Cedar Avenue; and DECLARING that expenditures from the DCED non-personnel operating budget account nos. 527x164x7200 and 491x164x7200 for the acquisition of the improvements located at College Hill Plaza at 5819-5851 Hamilton Avenue and 1613-1617 Cedar Avenue are for a public purpose and constitute a “Public Infrastructure Improvement” (as defined in Section 5709.40(A)(8) of the Ohio Revised Code), that will benefit and/or serve the District 27-College Hill District Incentive District, subject to compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43.

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COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA (CRA) AGREEMENT

10. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/28/2024, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with Indybear, LLC, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 604-608 Crown Street in the Walnut Hills

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neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of an existing building to include approximately 3,304 square feet of residential space, consisting of five residential units, which remodeling shall be completed in compliance with Leadership Energy and Environmental Design Silver standards, at a total construction cost of approximately \$926,954.

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LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

- 11. ORDINANCE**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/30/2024, DECLARING the intent of Council to waive the provisions of R.C. Section 4117.14(G)(11) during the current collective bargaining negotiations with Cincinnati Fire Fighters Union, IAFF Local 48, and Cincinnati Assistant Fire Chiefs Union, IAFF Local 48, to allow increases in rates of compensation or any other issues with cost implications to be retroactive to January 1, 2024; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager and City Solicitor negotiating the collective bargaining agreements to negotiate retroactive provisions that involve compensation increases or have cost implications.

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- 12. ORDINANCE**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/30/2024, DECLARING the intent of Council to waive the provisions of R.C. Section 4117.14(G)(11) during the current collective bargaining negotiations with Queen City Lodge No. 69 Fraternal Order of Police and City of Cincinnati Non-Supervisors and Queen City Lodge No. 69 Fraternal Order of Police and City of Cincinnati Supervisors, to allow increases in rates of compensation or any other issues with cost implications to be retroactive to May 1, 2024; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager and City Solicitor negotiating the collective bargaining agreements to negotiate retroactive provisions that involve compensation increases or have cost implications.

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- 13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, ESTABLISHING capital improvement program project

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account no. 980x164x251622, "Community Economic Advancement Initiatives - GF," to make resources available to Community Economic Advancement Initiatives ("CEAI") for economic development initiatives; ESTABLISHING capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x251606, "American Dream Down Payment Initiative - GF," to make resources available to the American Dream Down Payment Initiative ("ADDI") program; AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source Fund 050 of \$4,040,000 from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies non-departmental non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x990x7200; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251622, "Community Economic Advancement Initiatives - GF," to make resources available to CEAI for economic development initiatives; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x251606, "American Dream Down Payment Initiative - GF," to make resources available to the ADDI program; Authorizing the transfer and appropriation of \$3,290,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund 050 to various operating budget accounts within the General Fund according to Schedule A of the attached Schedule of Transfer, to implement the Mayor's recommended changes to the FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget Update; and APPROVING the recommendation of the Mayor for a five percent merit increase in compensation for City Manager Sheryl M. M. Long retroactive to September 1, 2023.

Held

ADJOURNMENT