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MOTION

In an effort to further environmental development and climate protection in the City of Cincinnati, WE MOVE that the Administration provide a report within thirty (30) days on the status of the 2018 Green Cincinnati Plan, outlining:

- 1) which recommendations have been completed; and
- 2) which recommendations have been started but are not yet completed; and
- 3) which recommendations have yet to be addressed or begun; and
- 4) the cost, feasibility, and potential timeline to complete the remaining, uncompleted recommendations.

In addition, we further MOVE that the Administration present recommendations for projects that could be undertaken if a Green Cincinnati Fund were to be established within the City of Cincinnati using the rebate of up to \$100,000 per year from Dynegy Energy Services, LLC pursuant to the Dynegy Greenback Program, including the rebate that has already been accepted by the City Manager for FY 2022, and the rebates that will be given to the city for FY 2023 through FY 2026.

STATEMENT

In 2011, Cincinnati voters approved a ballot initiative to implement an opt-out electric aggregation program that enables the City to negotiate reduced energy rates on behalf of program participants and take advantage of collective purchasing power. The City entered an agreement with Dynegy Energy Services, LLC ("Dynegy") beginning in May 2021 to administer the electric aggregation program. The City's agreement with Dynegy includes the Dynegy Greenback Program, which offers up to \$100,000 in annual rebates for energy efficiency work performed and completed at City services locations each calendar year from 2021 to 2025. City Council authorized the acceptance of these rebates in January 2022.

As the rebates from the Dynegy Greenback Program come from energy efficiency work, the funds saved should be reapplied towards other green projects that fight climate change and improve the environment so that Cincinnati can continue to be a more sustainable, equitable, and resilient city.

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