



# City of Cincinnati Cincinnati City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

2:00 PM

**Council Chambers, Room 300** 

Council convened at 2:03 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

## **ROLL CALL**

Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, Councilmember Liz Keating, Councilmember Jeff Cramerding, Councilmember Reggie Harris, Councilmember Mark Jeffreys, Councilmember Scotty Johnson, Councilmember Meeka Owens, President Pro Tempore Victoria Parks, and Councilmember Seth Walsh

In attendance were City Manager Sheryl Long, City Solicitor Emily 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 ordered Approved and Filed.

## **MAYOR AFTAB**

# **Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Board**

1. APPOINTMENT, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Pete Metz to the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Board to fill the unexpired term of Brendon Cull, expiring on December 16, 2023. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White)

202300666

Confirmed

Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding

Councilmember Harris Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Owens

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh

2. REAPPOINTMENT, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint Gwen Robinson the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Board for a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/African American)

202300747

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

## **MS. PARKS**

**3. RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Parks, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** Gwen McFarlin as a 2023 City of Cincinnati Black History Month honoree and EXPRESSING the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for her service to the Black community and residents of the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

202300721

#### Passed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Keating Councilmember Cramerding

Councilmember Harris Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Owens

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Enactment No: 0013-2023

**MR. JEFFREYS** 

MR. CRAMERDING

MR. HARRIS

MR. WALSH

**4. RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys, Cramerding, Harris and Walsh, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **EXPRESSING** the support of the Mayor and City Council of the efforts of

Amazon workers at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport to form a union.

## Passed

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Keating Councilmember Cramerding

Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Enactment No: 0014-2023

#### MS. OWENS

#### MS. PARKS

that the City Administration provide a strategic alignment report in coordination with the priorities and strategies outlined by the OneOhio Region 2 Foundation Governance Board. The report should provide recommendations for both short-term and long-term use of the OneOhio Settlement Funds that have been and will be disbursed, outlining how the City's portion can be used to benefit City residents. These recommendations should be made to complement the allocations by the OneOhio Region 2 Board and Hamilton County. Funds should be used to support projects or initiatives that are highly-leverageable and able to obtain funding from other sources as well. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

#### CITY MANAGER

**6. REPORT,** dated 3/1/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Hyde Park Blast.

<u>202300693</u>

Filed

**7. REPORT**, dated 3/1/2023 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 Shahs DA LLC, 110 W. Mitchell Avenue. (#8022840, C1 C2, New) [Objections: Yes]

**202300694** 

Filed

**8. REPORT**, dated 3/1/2023 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 Restaurant Royce LLC, DBA Royce, 501 Vine Street. (5004465, D5, TRFO) [Objections: None]

202300695

Filed

**9. REPORT**, dated 3/1/2023 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 DBC Wine LLC, DBA Emma, 3227 Riverside Drive. (#0533227, D5J D6, Transfer) [Objections: None]

202300700

Filed

**10. REPORT**, dated 3/2/2023 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 1000 Delta LL LLC, 1000 Delta Avenue. (#6547700, D1 D2 D3 D6, Transfer) [Objections: None]

202300701

Filed

11. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/1/2023, ESTABLISHING, the classification and salary range schedule for the new employment classification of the Law Fellow, and ORDAINING Section 163 of Division Law, Chapter 307, of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.

**202300703** 

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

**12. REPORT,** dated 3/1/2023, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Parking Enforcement, Meters & Residential Permits. REFERENCE DOCUMENT #202202004 and #202300645.

202300704

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/1/2023, AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of the sum of \$22,508 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x272x232704, "Fire Equipment," to the unappropriated surplus of Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758; and further AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$22,508 from the unappropriated surplus of Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x981x232505, "Fleet Replacements," for the purpose of providing resources to purchase additional safety features on fire apparatus.

202300707

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

14. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/1/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and deposit a donation in an amount of up to \$763,000 from the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners' Fund into Fund No. 430, "Parks Private Endowment and Donations," for the purpose of providing resources for the development of the Burnet Woods Dog Park, improvements to Sawyer Point, and development of the Mt. Airy Forest Bike Course, and for the replacement of automotive and equipment used by the Parks ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232035, "Burnet Woods Dog Park," for the purpose of providing resources for the development of the Burnet Woods Dog Park; ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232036, "Sawyer Point Improvements," for the purpose of providing resources for

improvements to Sawyer Point; ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232037, "Mt. Airy Bike Course," for the purpose of providing resources for the development of the Mt. Airy Forest Bike Course; AUTHORIZING appropriation of \$300,000 from transfer and unappropriated surplus of Fund No. 430, "Parks Private Endowment and Donations," to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232035, "Burnet Woods Dog Park," for the purpose of providing resources for the development of the Burnet Woods Dog Park; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$75,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund No. 430, "Parks Private Endowment and Donations," to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232036. "Sawyer Point Improvements," for the purpose of providing resources for improvements to Sawyer Point; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$140,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund No. 430, "Parks Private Endowment and Donations," to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232037, "Mt. Airy Bike Course," for the purpose of providing resources for the development of the Mt. Airy Forest Bike Course; and further AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$248,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund No. 430, "Parks Private Endowment and Donations," to project improvement program account 980x203x222018, "Parks Fleet Replacement," for the purpose of providing resources for the replacement of automotive and motorized equipment used by the Parks Department.

## Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

15. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/1/2023, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x236x232314, "Streetcar Wash Port -OTP2 Grant," for the purpose of providing resources for the design, engineering, and construction of an external streetcar parking area and wash port connected to the existing streetcar maintenance and operations facility; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$2,000,000 from the Ohio Department Transportation Ohio Transit Partnership Program ("OTP2") to Fund No. 455, "Streetcar Operations," for the purpose of providing resources for preventative maintenance, equipment, and facility upgrades for the streetcar system; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$256,517 from the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") Urbanized Area Formula Funding program (49 U.S.C. 5307) (ALN 20.507) to Fund No. 455, "Streetcar Operations," for the purpose of providing resources for streetcar preventative maintenance support; AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit OTP2 and FTA grant resources into Fund No. 455, "Streetcar Operations": AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of an amount up to \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund No. 455, "Streetcar Operations," into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x236x232314, "Streetcar Wash Port -

OTP2 Grant," for the purpose of providing resources for the design, engineering, and construction of an external streetcar parking area and wash port connected to the existing streetcar maintenance and operations facility; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of an amount up to \$1,256,517 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund No. 455, "Streetcar Operations," to Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 for the purpose of providing streetcar preventative maintenance support; and further AUTHORIZING the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

## Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

16. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/1/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager or her designee to apply for, accept, and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding in the amount of up to \$26,000,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for the purpose of providing resources for replacing aging water mains, as well as designing, and constructing drinking water facilities for Greater Cincinnati Water Works.

202300710

## Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

17. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/1/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager or her designee to apply for, accept and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding in the amount of up to \$5,000,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for the purpose of assisting with the cost of private lead service line replacement projects.

202300711

# Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

**18. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/1/2023, **ESTABLISHING** capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x231643, "Findlay Recreation Area Improvements - TIF," for the purpose of providing resources for the design and construction of new state-of-the-art recreation permanent improvements, including, but not limited to, acquiring, improving, and equipping parks, parkways, playgrounds, and recreation centers, in and around Findlay Park in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood, and for the design and construction of permanent improvements to the streetscape along Vine Street between Liberty Street and the intersection of Findlay and McMicken Streets; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$1,698,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Downtown/OTR East Equivalent Fund 483 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x231643, "Findlay Recreation Area Improvements - TIF," for the purpose of providing resources for the design and construction of new state-of-the-art recreation permanent improvements, including, but not limited to, acquiring, improving, and equipping parks, parkways, playgrounds, and recreation centers, in and around Findlay Park in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood and for the design and construction of permanent

improvements to the streetscape along Vine Street between Liberty Street and the intersection of Findlay and McMicken Streets; DECLARING expenditures from capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x231643, "Findlay Recreation Area Improvements - TIF," to be for a public purpose; and AMENDING Ordinance 342-2020 to allow for the reimbursement of \$50,000 to the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation for an advance of Phase I design services.

## Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

**19. REPORT**, dated 3/1/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Tusculum Street Fest.

<u>202300722</u>

Filed

## **CLERK OF COUNCIL**

**20. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Stephan Pryor, Advertising/Promotions, 1639 Hamer Street, Suite 6, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

202300713

Filed

**21. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent J. Douglas Moormann, Development Strategies Group, Vice President, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (TUSCULUM RIDGE PROPERTIES)

202300714

Filed

**22. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Charles H. Gerhardt, III, Government Strategies Group, President & CEO, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (TUSCULUM RIDGE PROPERTIES)

<u>202300715</u>

Filed

**23. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Colleen Reynolds, Government Affairs, Partner, 225 E 5th Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (CLIFTON CULTURAL ARTS CENTER)

202300725

Filed

#### BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

**24. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/23/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for and accept funds in an amount up to \$2,000 from the Ohio Department of Development's TechCred Credential Reimbursement Program 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 reimbursed funds into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8533.

202300661

Passed

Councilmember Keating Councilmember Cramerding

Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Enactment No: 0062-2023

## Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Keating Councilmember Cramerding

Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Enactment No: 0062-2023

25. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/23/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant funds from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) in the amount of up to \$10,000 for the purpose of reimbursing the costs incurred by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works to purchase valve exercising equipment needed to meet the new Ohio EPA public water system asset management program requirements; and AUTHORIZING the Finance Director to deposit any such grant funds received into Water Works Fund No. 101x8527.

#### **Passed**

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Keating Councilmember Cramerding

Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Enactment No: 0063-2023

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Keating Councilmember Cramerding

Councilmember Harris Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Owens

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Enactment No: 0063-2023

**26. RESOLUTION** (**LEGISLATIVE**) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/23/2023, **DECLARING** the need for emergency repairs that have been made to sidewalks, sidewalk areas, curbs, and/or gutters at a variety of locations in the City and the need for levying assessments for the cost of such repairs on the abutting properties in accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code Sections 721-149 to 721-169.

202300669

## Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Keating Councilmember Cramerding

Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Enactment No: 0015-2023

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Keating Councilmember Cramerding

Councilmember Harris Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Owens

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Enactment No: 0015-2023

**27. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/23/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute two Lease

202300671

Agreements with Signature Engines, Inc. pursuant to which the City will extend the company's use and occupancy of Lunken Airport Lease Area 23 and Lease Area 24 for up to an additional 20 years.

## **Passed**

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Keating Councilmember Cramerding

Councilmember Harris Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Owens

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Enactment No: 0064-2023

## Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Keating Councilmember Cramerding

Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Enactment No: 0064-2023

28. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/23/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to vacate and convey to Experimental Holdings, Inc. certain portions of an unnamed alley designated as public right-of-way generally located between Walworth Avenue and Columbia Parkway in the Columbia Tusculum and East End neighborhoods of Cincinnati.

**Passed** 

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Keating Councilmember Cramerding

Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh

Enactment No: 0065-2023

Suspension of the three readings

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding

Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Enactment No: 0065-2023

29. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/23/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager and the Director of Greater Cincinnati Water Works to enter into a contract for the 2022-2023 Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Lining project, notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 320, "Compliance Guidelines for Construction Contracts Issued by Water Works and the Department of Sewers," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.

**202300676** 

**Passed** 

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Keating Councilmember Cramerding

Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Enactment No: 0066-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding

Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh

Enactment No: 0066-2023

## **HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE**

30. MOTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney and Councilmembers Parks and Walsh, WE MOVE that the City Administration create a bonding program for MBE and WBE contractors who have proven themselves with the City through previous project completions in order to overcome one of the major barriers to equitable opportunities. The City Administration should consider self-bonding, working with bonding agencies and/or co-signing for first-time bonds when the MBE and WBE company meets the City's pre-determined qualifications such as successfully completing projects for the City totaling at least \$1 million and limiting the upper end of our bonding threshold. Successful completion of projections should be clearly defined as approval by the City Manager's Office. WE FURTHER MOVE that City Council receive a report at quarterly on MBEs and WBEs that have participated in the City's bonding program, and the status of the projects, in order to assess the efficacy of the City's bonding program. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

202300324

Held

## SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

## **EQUITABLE GROWTH & HOUSINGS COMMITTEE**

31. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/8/2023, AMENDING the official zoning map of the City of Cincinnati to rezone certain real property in the area generally bound by East Martin Luther King Jr. Drive to the north, Reading Road to the east, Maxwell Avenue to the south, and Vernon Place to the west in the Avondale neighborhood from the CC-A, "Commercial Community - Auto-Oriented," CC-P, ""Commercial Community - Pedestrian," and OG, "Office General," zoning districts to Planned Development District No. 97, "Queen City Hills." (Subject to the <a href="Temporary Prohibition List">Temporary Prohibition List</a> <a href="https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business">https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business</a>)

202300556

# Passed Emergency

**Yes:** Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Keating

Councilmember Cramerding

Councilmember Harris Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Owens

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Enactment No: 0067-2023

Emergency clause to remain

Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding

Councilmember Harris Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Owens

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Enactment No: 0067-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding

Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Enactment No: 0067-2023

32. MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Keating, Owens, Harris and Walsh, **WE MOVE** that the City of Cincinnati Administration craft an amended version of Ordinance Item No. 2023-00702 to include a bonus incentive for multi-family developments along public transit lines/proposed BRT Routes (see attached). Specifically, we ask the Administration to create a bonus incentive that increases the maximum abated amount in market improvement value of a residential multi-family unit located on a public transit line. The incentive should increase the maximum abated market improvement value on a per unit basis, so that a two-unit building has an additional incentive of \$75,000, a three-unit building has a higher additional incentive of \$150,000, and the four-unit building has the highest additional incentive of \$225,000. This should be called the "Public Transit Corridor Incentive." This bonus will double the abatement amount of residential multi-family developments when paired with the "Missing Middle Bonus," further incentivizing much needed two, three, and four family units along public transit corridors. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Adopted

Councilmember Keating

Councilmember Cramerding

Councilmember Harris Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Owens

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 2:57 P.M.