



City of Cincinnati

Budget and Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

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Monday, May 1, 2023

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

Seth Walsh
Jan-Michele Kearney
Liz Keating
Councilmember Jeff Cramerding
Mark Jeffreys
Scotty Johnson
Meeka Owens
Victoria Parks
Councilmember Harris

Also in attendance were Karen Alder, Finance Director, Erica Faaborg, Deputy Solicitor and Dr. Andrew Dudas, Budget Director.

PRESENTATIONS

CINCINNATI RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CRS) UPDATE, Karen Alder, Interim Director and Bill Moller, CRS Board Member

AGENDA

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENTS

1. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/26/2023, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with MCA Center, LLC, an affiliate of Model Group, Inc., thereby authorizing a fifteen-year tax exemption for 100% of the

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value of improvements made to real property located at 414 Walnut Street and 115 Fifth Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of two existing buildings into mixed-use space containing, in aggregate, approximately 47,103 square feet of commercial space, approximately 27,826 square feet of office space, and approximately 124,302 square feet of residential space, consisting of approximately 156 residential units, at a total construction cost of approximately \$52,700,523. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List

<<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>)

Held

2. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/26/2023, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge) with Findlay Parkside, LLC, an affiliate of The Model Group, Inc., thereby authorizing a fifteen-year tax exemption for 100 percent of the value of improvements made to real property located at 1804 Vine Street, 31 E. McMicken Avenue, 1812-1816 Vine Street, 1822 Vine Street, 29 E. McMicken Avenue, 118 Findlay Street, 1720 Elm Street, and 116 W. Elder Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of existing buildings into a mixed-use development consisting of, in aggregate, approximately 16,456 square feet of commercial space and approximately 31,403 square feet of residential space, comprised of approximately 51 residential rental units, which remodeling shall be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total remodeling cost of approximately \$15,710,420. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List

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Held

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

3. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/26/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources in an

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amount up to \$200,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, FY23 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Grant Program (ALN 16.710) for the purpose of providing assistance with expansion of the Cincinnati Police Department's current law enforcement mental health and wellness efforts; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account no. 23LEMH.

Recommend Passage

4. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/26/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of sixty new lift assistance belts from the Cincinnati Fire Foundation valued at \$17,940 to be used by the Cincinnati Fire Department in fire apparatus. [202301238](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

5. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/26/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation in the amount of \$2,000 from the Cincinnati Recreation Foundation for the purpose of providing resources for the newly established Senior Trip Program; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the donated resources into Contributions for Recreation Purposes Fund 319x8571. [202301239](#)

Recommend Passage

6. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/26/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of new trees and plants from the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden valued at up to \$25,000 for the purpose of beautification of green space at the Forest and Irving Recreation Area. [202301240](#)

indefinite postponement

7. ORDINANCE (B VERSION) (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/1/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of new trees, boulders, plants, and related landscaping from the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden valued at up to \$25,000, in addition to the services reasonably necessary to install and maintain this donation, [202301296](#)

for the purpose of beautification of green space at the Forest and Irving Recreation Area.

Recommend Passage Emergency

PAYMENTS

8. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/26/2023, ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x231042, "Recreation LED Lighting Improvements," for the purpose of providing resources for LED lighting installations in City of Cincinnati recreation centers; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$27,649.73 from the unappropriated surplus of Revolving Energy Loan Fund 883 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x231042, "Recreation LED Lighting Improvements," and AUTHORIZING a payment of \$27,649.73 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x0000x7685x231042, "Recreation LED Lighting Improvements," to Diversified Supply, Inc. as a moral obligation of the City of Cincinnati for professional services completed for the Recreation LED Lighting Improvements project.

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Recommend Passage Emergency

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

9. RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE) (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/26/2023, AUTHORIZING tax levies for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2024, certifying them to the Hamilton County Auditor pursuant to O.R.C. § 5705.34, and requesting the County Auditor and County Treasurer to pay monies that may be in the County Treasury and are lawfully applicable to the purpose of this calendar year to the City Treasurer pursuant to O.R.C. § 321.34.

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PRESENTATIONS

10. PRESENTATION, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 5/1/2023, regarding Cincinnati Retirement System: 2023 Update.

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Filed

ADJOURNMENT