



City of Cincinnati

Budget and Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

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Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Scotty Johnson
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Liz Keating
Councilmember Meeka Owens
Councilmember Seth Walsh
President Pro Tem Victoria Parks

Monday, May 15, 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 Erica Faaborg, Deputy Solicitor, Dr. Andrew Dudas, Budget Director and Karen Alder, Finance Director.

AGENDA

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENTS

1. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/3/2023, APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with Allez Bar & Bakery, LLC, thereby authorizing a fifteen-year tax exemption for one hundred percent of the value of improvements made to real property located at 6012 Madison Road in the Madisonville neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of an existing building into approximately 5,056 square feet of commercial

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space, at a total construction cost of approximately \$1,600,000.

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2. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/10/2023, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge) with Fair Oaks Enterprises, Ltd., thereby authorizing an eleven-year tax exemption for 100 percent of the value of improvements made to real property located at 3005 Vandercar Way in the Oakley neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the construction of a new hotel consisting of approximately 117 rooms, containing approximately 71,000 square feet of commercial space in aggregate, which construction 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 construction cost of approximately \$15,500,000. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List
<<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>)

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Held

3. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/10/2023, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge) with Lot 3 Local Oakley, LLC, thereby authorizing an eleven-year tax exemption for 100 percent of the value of improvements made to real property located at 2910 Disney Street in the Oakley neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the construction of a new hotel, consisting of approximately 116 rooms, containing approximately 73,621 square feet of commercial space in aggregate, which construction 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 construction cost of approximately \$11,400,000. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List
<<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>)

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Held

4. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/10/2023, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge) with Pleasant Cake LLC, thereby authorizing a fifteen-year tax exemption for one hundred percent of the value of improvements made to real property located at 1527-1531 Pleasant Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the construction of a mixed-use building consisting of approximately 959 square feet of commercial office space and approximately 7,208 square feet of residential space, comprised of approximately five residential rental units, which construction 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 construction cost of approximately \$3,158,393. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>)

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Held

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

5. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/10/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$175,000 in FY 2023 Microgrants - Community Policing Development funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (ALN 16.710), to aid in piloting the Cincinnati Police Department's Workforce Development Program to recruit and retain cadets; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 23WDEV.

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Recommend Passage

6. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/10/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$6,250,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, FY 2023 COPS Hiring Program (ALN 16.710) to hire up to fifty entry-level

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police officers; and further AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 23COPS.

Recommend Passage

7. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/10/2023, AUTHORIZING the establishment of capital improvement program project account nos. 980x233x232324, "WHV - CEO LBR 2018 Grant," 980x233x232325, "WHV - CEO LBR 2018 HC Match," 980x233x232326, "WHV - OKI STBG 2019 Grant," and 980x233x232327, "WHV - OKI STBG 2019 HC Match," for the purpose of providing resources for the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to appropriate grant and matching resources in an amount up to \$12,375,000 according to the attached Schedule of Appropriation. [202301364](#)

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8. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/10/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for grants from the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (ALN 20.205) grant programs in an amount of up to \$8,000,000, and to apply for a grant in an amount of up to \$1,000,000 from the Transportation Alternatives Grant (ALN 20.205) awarded by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, all for the timely completion of several transportation projects managed by the City's Department of Transportation & Engineering. [202301365](#)

Recommend Passage

9. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, AUTHORIZING the City Manager and the employees of the Department of Economic Inclusion, along with the employees of the Office of Councilmember Harris, to solicit and accept donations of money, in-kind contributions, and other things of value from the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors, and other available sources to support the 2023 Black Developers Conference; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit funds donated to the City of Cincinnati [202301422](#)

for the 2023 Black Developers Conference into Fund No. 314, "Special Events".

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PAYMENTS

10. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/10/2023, AUTHORIZING a payment of \$5,184 from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5000x7276 to Specific Waste Industries, LLC as a moral obligation of the City of Cincinnati for pharmaceutical waste removal services provided to the Cincinnati Fire Department. [202301361](#)

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AMENDMENTS

11. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/10/2023, AMENDING Ordinance No. 317-2022 to authorize the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$35,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 (ALN 66.034) and to authorize the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Environmental Studies Fund revenue account no. 436x8543. [202301363](#)

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FINAL ADJUSTMENT ORDINANCES

12. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/10/2023, AUTHORIZING the transfer of the sum of \$4,395,307 within the Restricted Funds, from and to various operating accounts and the unappropriated surplus of the respective Restricted Funds according to the attached Schedules of Transfer, to realign and provide funds for the ongoing needs of City departments; and further AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of the sum of \$10,009,632 to the unappropriated surplus of various Restricted Funds in accordance with the attached Schedules of Transfer to realign funds for City departments. [202301366](#)

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13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. [202301380](#)

Long, City Manager, on 5/10/2023, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$12,806,912 within the General Fund, from and to various operating accounts and the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund according to the attached Schedules of Transfer, for the purpose of realigning and providing funds for the ongoing needs of City departments; AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of the sum of \$70,000 from the Department of Human Resources General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x121x7200 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of the sum of \$26,000 from the non-departmental Lump Sum Payments personnel operating budget account no. 050x924x7100 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$96,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x981x232505, "Fleet Replacements," for the purpose of providing resources for automotive and motorized equipment for City agencies supported by the General Fund with the intent of purchasing a truck for use by the Department of Human Resources for Commercial Driver's License training; AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of the sum of \$72,739 from the Department of City Planning and Engagement General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x171x7100 and \$19,261 from the Department of City Planning and Engagement General Fund fringe benefit operating budget account no. 050x171x7500 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x255x232520, "Centennial II Office Renovation," for the purpose of providing resources for renovating space in Centennial II including, but not limited to, expansion of office space to accommodate additional staff in the Department of City Planning and Engagement; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$42,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to capital improvement program project account no. 980x255x232520, "Centennial II Office Renovation," for the purpose of providing resources for renovating space in Centennial II including, but not limited to, expansion of office

space to accommodate additional staff in the Department of City Planning and Engagement; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$50,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to capital improvement program project account no. 980x091x220920, "Video Conference Room Equipment," for the purpose of providing resources for the acquisition and installation of audio/visual equipment and other equipment necessary to support video conferencing capabilities in Centennial II with the intent to support the City Planning Commission; AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of the sum of \$15,000 from the balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2535, "Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies," to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$15,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to City Planning and Engagement General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x171x7200 for the purpose of providing resources to support the 2023 Cincinnati Housing Solutions Summit; AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of the sum of \$63,196 from the Cincinnati Parks Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x202x7200 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232038, "Parks Fleet Replacement - GF FAO," for the purpose of providing resources for automotive and motorized equipment including but not limited to mowers for the Cincinnati Parks Department; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$63,196 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232038, "Parks Fleet Replacement - GF FAO," for the purpose of providing resources for automotive and motorized equipment including, but not limited to, mowers for the Cincinnati Parks Department.

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MOTIONS

14. MOTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, WE MOVE that Cincinnati City Council add an additional \$25,000.00 to

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the Safe & Clean Fund, managed by Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, from the FY23 Council Contingency Fund in order to provide an avenue to support gun violence reduction initiatives led by community-based organizations during the summer of 2023 and beyond. Priority should be given to those organizations or programs serving neighborhoods experiencing the most gun violence (shootings). The City should contract with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful to manage the Safe & Clean Fund with the understanding that the application process should be expedited so that funds are available by June 1, 2023.

Adopt

ADJOURNMENT