



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 8, 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, City Solicitor, Karen Alder, Finance Director and Dr. Andrew Dudas, Budget Director.

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 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

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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>>)

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Yes: Councilmember Walsh
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Harris

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

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GRANTS AND DONATIONS

4. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/3/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2023 Port Security Grant Program (ALN 97.056), in an amount of up to \$134,983 to support the Cincinnati Police Department's Marine Unit Emergency Response and the Port of Cincinnati Ohio River Surveillance Camera Network and up to \$262,500 to support the Cincinnati Fire Department's Fire Boat Refurbishment Project; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds in an amount up to \$134,983 for the Police Department into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, Project Account No. 23PORT, and to deposit the grant funds in an amount up to \$262,500 for the Fire Department into Fire Grant Fund 472x8542.

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5. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/3/2023, ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232311, "Transportation Safety Action Plan Grant," to provide grant resources to conduct a transportation safety action plan ("TSAP") to prevent deaths and serious injuries on City of Cincinnati roadways; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant in an amount of up to \$250,000 from the U.S.

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Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program (ALN 20.939) to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232311, "Transportation Safety Action Plan Grant," to conduct a TSAP to prevent deaths and serious injuries on City of Cincinnati roadways; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

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6. ORDINANCE, submitted by Councilmember Owens, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, AUTHORIZING the City Manager and the employees of the Office of Councilmember Owens 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 host Social Service Day; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit funds donated to the City of Cincinnati for Social Service Day into Fund No. 314, "Special Events."

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PAYMENTS

7. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/3/2023, Authorizing the payment of \$5,200 from the Cincinnati Police Department Law Enforcement Grant Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 368x227x4200x7289x22WELL as a moral obligation to E-S Press, Inc. for outstanding charges for a guest speaker at the Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement as a part of the Mental Health America training course in January 2023.

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ASSESSMENTS

8. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/3/2023, LEVYING assessments for unpaid costs incurred by the City in making emergency repairs to sidewalks, sidewalk areas, curbs, and gutters at various locations in the City through the City of Cincinnati's Sidewalk Safety Program, in accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code Sections 721-149 through 721-169.

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REPORTS

9. REPORT, dated 5/3/2023, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Department of Finance Reports for the Month Ended March 31, 2023.

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Approve & File

ADJOURNMENT