



# City of Cincinnati Cincinnati City Council Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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**Wednesday, May 3, 2023**

**2:00 PM**

**Council Chambers, Room 300**

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Council convened at 2:01 P.M., Vice Mayor Jan Michele Kearney, Presiding.

## **ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Owens is excused from today's meeting.

In attendance were City Manager Sheryl Long, City Solicitor Emily Smart 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**

**MS. KEATING**

**MR. CRAMERDING**

- 1. RESOLUTION**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, Councilmembers Keating and Cramerding, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** the Flying Pig Marathon and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for the 25th Anniversary of the Flying Pig Marathon's annual 26.2-mile race.

**[202301312](#)**

Passed

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Owens  
Enactment No: 0038-2023

**MAYOR AFTAB**

**MS. OWENS**

**MS. KEARNEY**

**MR. CRAMERDING**

**MR. HARRIS**

**MR. WALSH**

2. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, Councilmember Owens, Vice Mayor Kearney and Councilmembers Cramerding, Harris and Walsh, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **EXPRESSING** the desire of the Mayor and Council that the City of Cincinnati continue advocating for improvements throughout the progressive design-build process that encourage the shared priorities of minimizing the urban footprint of the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project through further design enhancements.

[202301316](#)

Referred to Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee

**MS. OWENS**

3. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, 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."

[202301304](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

**MR. CRAMERDING**

**MR. JOHNSON**

**MS. KEATING**

4. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Cramerding, Johnson and Keating, **WE MOVE** that the council rules be amended so that each councilmember has the privilege of honoring a city employee or employees as the employee(s) of the month during each calendar year. There should be no more than one of these resolutions per month. This award shall be the Council's recognition of city employees whose service and work are truly extraordinary and an example of the highest dedication to the city and citizens of Cincinnati.

[202301335](#)

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

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**CITY MANAGER**

5. **REPORT**, dated 5/3/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Northside Summer Sideshow at Hoffner Park. [202301284](#)  
Filed
6. **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. [202301285](#)  
Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
7. **REPORT**, dated 5/3/2023 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 Your Moms Pizzeria LLC, 1045 Saint Gregory Street. (#9861888, C1 C2, New) [Objections: None] [202301286](#)  
Filed
8. **REPORT**, dated 5/3/2023 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 EWH Solstice, 1544 Madison Road and patio. (#2584450, D5 D6, Transfer) [Objections: None] [202301287](#)  
Filed
9. **REPORT**, dated 5/3/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Pride Party. [202301288](#)  
Filed
10. **REPORT**, dated 5/3/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Noah Kahan - ICON Festival Stage at Smale Park. [202301289](#)  
Filed
11. **REPORT**, dated 5/3/2023 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 Ish Festival LLC, DBA Ish, 4089 Langland Street. (#4159020, D4, New) [Objection: None] [202301290](#)  
Filed
12. **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 [202301291](#)

\$262,500 for the Fire Department into Fire Grant Fund 472x8542.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 13. 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. [202301292](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 14. 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. [202301293](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 15. 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. 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. [202301297](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 16. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/3/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to vacate Southside Place from the north line of Southside Avenue to its northern terminus and to vacate Mississippi Street from the west line of Southside Place to its western terminus in the Riverside neighborhood of Cincinnati. [202301298](#)

Referred to Healthy Neighborhoods Committee

- 17. 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 [202301299](#)

remodeling of an existing building into approximately 5,056 square feet of commercial space, at a total construction cost of approximately \$1,600,000.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 18. REPORT**, dated 5/3/2023 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 Kdolla Holdings LLC, DBA Uncle Woodys, 339 Calhoun Street. (#4529627, D5D6, Transfer) [Objections: None] [202301302](#)

Filed

- 19. REPORT**, dated 5/3/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for OTR Community Day. [202301303](#)

Filed

- 20. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/3/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to facilitate the performance of construction activities for Interstate 75 from Findlay Street to south of Marshall Avenue including interchanges to the new Western Hills Viaduct in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation's Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project in the City of Cincinnati. [202301313](#)

Referred to Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee

- 21. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/3/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to facilitate the performance of construction activities for Interstate 75 from Linn Street to Findlay Street in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation's Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project in the City of Cincinnati. [202301314](#)

Referred to Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee

- 22. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/3/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to facilitate the performance of construction activities for Interstate 75 and the Brent Spence Bridge and companion bridge over the Ohio River to Linn Street in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation's Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project in the City of Cincinnati. [202301315](#)

Referred to Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee

### CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 23. 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. (NB AFFORDABLE) [202301317](#)

Filed

- 24. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent J. Douglas Moormann, Government Strategies Group, Vice President, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (NB AFFORDABLE) [202301318](#)

Filed

- 25. 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. (ASCEND OHIO) [202301319](#)

Filed

- 26. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent J. Douglas Moormann, Government Strategies Group, Vice President, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (ASCEND OHIO) [202301320](#)

Filed

- 27. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Anne C. Sesler, Government Strategies Group, Director of Public Affairs and Strategy, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES) [202301321](#)

Filed

- 28. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Wendell Young/Former Councilmember. (ETHICS) [202301328](#)

Filed

### **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- 29. 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 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. [202301237](#)

Passed

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Owens  
Enactment No: 0139-2023

Suspension of the three readings

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Owens  
Enactment No: 0139-2023

- 30. 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](#)

Passed Emergency

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Owens  
Enactment No: 0140-2023

Emergency clause to remain

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Owens  
 Enactment No: 0140-2023

Suspension of the three readings

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Owens  
 Enactment No: 0140-2023

- 31. 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](#)

Passed

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Owens  
 Enactment No: 0141-2023



## Suspension of the three readings

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Owens  
Enactment No: 0141-2023

- 32. 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.

[202301244](#)

## Passed Emergency

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Owens  
Enactment No: 0142-2023

Emergency clause to remain

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Owens  
 Enactment No: 0142-2023

Suspension of the three readings

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Owens  
 Enactment No: 0142-2023

- 33. 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.

[202301247](#)

Passed Emergency

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Owens  
 Enactment No: 0039-2023

Emergency clause to remain

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Owens  
Enactment No: 0039-2023

Suspension of the three readings

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Owens  
Enactment No: 0039-2023

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

[202301296](#)

Passed Emergency

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Owens

## Enactment No: 0143-2023

Emergency clause to remain

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Owens  
 Enactment No: 0143-2023

Suspension of the three readings

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Owens  
 Enactment No: 0143-2023

### SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

#### HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

- 35. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens, **WE MOVE** that the Administration, in coordination with Motion #2022-00108, provide a strategic report within forty-five days on how City services, facilities, and resources can incorporate nonpartisan voter engagement, registration and identification assistance, and voting law education. The report should, at a minimum, identify which City departments are appropriate for providing such services and outline how each department can use its specific footprint and ongoing interaction with the public to do such voter-engagement work. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

[202301276](#)

Held

- 36. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/26/2023, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 234-2010 to accept and confirm the dedication to public use for street purposes of a portion of

[202301242](#)

John Street in the Lincoln Court North Subdivision in the West End neighborhood in accordance with the plat entitled "Lincoln Court North Plat of Subdivision," as recorded in Plat Book 392, Pages 58 through 65, Hamilton County, Ohio Records.

### Passed Emergency

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Owens  
Enactment No: 0144-2023

### Emergency clause to remain

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Owens  
Enactment No: 0144-2023

### Suspension of the three readings

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Owens  
Enactment No: 0144-2023

**No announcements at this time.**

Council adjourned at 2:22 P.M.