



City of Cincinnati

Public Safety & Governance

Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Scotty Johnson, Chair
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, Vice Chair
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Liz Keating

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 9:30 AM Council Chambers, Room 300

Meeting began at 9:32 a.m. and ended at 10:07 a.m. CM Johnson, Jeffreys and Keating all present. VM Kearney arrived at 9:36 am. Also in attendance were Kevin Frank from Law and Lt Comeaux. CM Cramerding sat in on the meeting and left at 9:48 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney
Liz Keating
Mark Jeffreys

AGENDA

1. MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Cramerding, I [202301832](#)
MOVE that the Law Department draft a Charter amendment that would give voters the opportunity to repeal the ban on traffic enforcement cameras (Article XIV of the Charter) at the general election on November 7th, 2023. (STATEMENT ATTACHED).
Failed of Adoption
- No:** Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Jeffreys
2. MOTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, WE MOVE [202301959](#)
that the Administration work with our Cincinnati Police Department to give City Council a report on policies and procedures in place and/or needed to provide for deceased victims and their families at crime scenes. The report should

also include recommendations for creating visual barriers such as tents to shield the deceased victim from the public.

Held

3. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Councilmember Cramerding, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, TO SUBMIT to the electors of the City of Cincinnati an amendment to the Charter of the City of Cincinnati repealing Article XIV, "Limitations on Use of Photo-Monitoring Devices to Detect Certain Traffic Law Violations."

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Failed of Adoption

No: Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Jeffreys

4. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Councilmember Keating, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, TO SUBMIT to the electors of the City of Cincinnati an amendment to the Charter of the City effective as of the general election of November 2023, to address issues regarding voting and elections for both Mayoral and Council candidates and for Charter amendments, initiatives, and referenda by requiring petition circulators to submit a certified copy of any initiative, referendum, or Charter amendment petition to the Clerk of Council before collecting signatures on the petitions; permitting members of Council to cast their votes by any method that publicly announces their vote; providing a process and timeline for submitting petitions for initiatives and referenda to the Clerk of Council to allow a reasonable time for verification of signatures and drafting necessary ordinances and an opportunity to collect additional signatures on petitions; clarifying throughout the Charter that Council terms are two years; clarifying that candidate petition circulators must sign a statement rather than provide a notarized affidavit on the candidate petitions; and providing an opportunity for candidates for Council and Mayor to collect additional signatures on their petitions, all by amending existing Sections 3 and 5 of Article II, "Legislative Power," and Sections 1, 2, and 4 of Article IX, "Nominations and Elections," and by enacting new Section 8 of Article II.

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Yes: Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Jeffreys

5. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, TO SUBMIT to the electors of the City of Cincinnati an amendment to the Charter of the City which would require the City of Cincinnati to raise income and withholding taxes by three-tenths of one percent (0.3%), if subsequently approved by the electorate, annually beginning January 1, 2025, which new taxes shall be deposited into a non-lapsing special revenue fund restricted only to finance housing affordable to households with income up to 80 percent of the area median income as established by federal law with 65 percent of the fund restricted to support housing affordable only to households with incomes up to 30 percent of the area median income; which new taxes shall fund such housing throughout the city of Cincinnati through grants, subsidies, and loans, including to third party housing developers, which may be of low or no interest, and/or forgivable; which new taxes can be spent to increase, preserve, maintain, repair, improve, and pay off indebtedness, related to privately owned homes and rental properties owned and rented by people with incomes up to 80 percent of the area median income as established by federal law; which new taxes can be spent to provide down payment assistance, mortgages, loans, financial counseling, and construction loans to people with incomes up to 80 percent of the area median income; and which up to five percent of annual revenues collected from the new tax may be used to support city staff and operations established for the purposes of administering the funds; and which imposes long-term restrictive covenants on property that receives funds from these taxes to maintain affordability and provide first right of refusal to purchase rental property funded through these taxes to tenants and the City, and shall be administered in consultation with an 11 member board of private citizens.

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