



City of Cincinnati

Budget and Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Reggie Harris
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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, September 11, 2023 1:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

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

Also in attendance were Dr. Andrew Dudas, Budget Director, Karen Alder, Finance Director, Samantha Brandenburg, Law Department, Jennifer Mackenzie, Law, Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, Sheryl Long, City Manager and Virginia Tallent, Assistant City Manager. The meeting began at 1:03 p.m. and ended at 3:19 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

Disparity Study Findings and Recommendations

Laura Castillo, Interim Director, Department of Economic Inclusion

Michele Clark Jenkins, Senior Director, Consulting Division, Griffin & Strong

AGENDA

REPORTS

1. REPORT, dated 9/7/2023, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, [202301914](#)

City Manager, regarding the Cincinnati Retirement System CY2022 Annual Report.

Approve & File

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENTS

2. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/7/2023, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with So Much Better, LLC, thereby authorizing an eight-year tax exemption for 100 percent of the value of improvements made to real property located at 635 Main Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of an existing building into approximately 1,920 square feet of commercial space and 1,720 square feet of office space, at a total construction cost of approximately \$557,501. [202301964](#)

Held

FUND AMENDMENT

3. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/7/2023, AMENDING Ordinance No. 132-2018, which established Fund No. 437, "Wasson Way Trail Donations," to change the name of the fund to "City Trails," and to expand the purpose of the fund to enable the City to receive and expend funds, including but not limited to grants, donations, settlements, fees, lease payments, and other sources of funding, in support of the maintenance, projects, and needs of the entire City trail network. [202301950](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

ALLOCATIONS AND DONATIONS

4. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/7/2023, ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242367, "Maintenance Fund for Bridges 2022-2026," for the purpose of maintaining and repairing Hamilton County-owned bridges and viaducts located within the City; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate annual Municipal Road Fund allocations of up [202301961](#)

to \$1,000,000 from the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners, totaling up to \$5,000,000 for program years 2022 through 2026 (the "2022-2026 MRF Allocations"), in accordance with the bridge maintenance agreement entered into between the City and Hamilton County; and AUTHORIZING the Finance Director to deposit the 2022-2026 MRF Allocations into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242367, "Maintenance Road Fund for Bridges 2022-2026."

Recommend Passage Emergency

5. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/7/2023, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a donation of up to \$338,400 from the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners' Fund to fund various activities set forth herein; AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$220,000 from Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x182015, "Lytle Park Improvements," to renovate the comfort station, update and augment the lighting along 4th Street, and enact a safety bump out in the curb that will improve pedestrian safety and accessibility to the improved corridor at Lytle Park; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$73,850 from Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222011, "Smale Riverfront Park Water Feature Repairs," to restore the Pichler Fountain recirculation tank; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$44,550 from Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232035, "Burnet Woods Dog Park," for the development of the Burnet Woods Dog Park; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$180,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Riverfront Park Fund 329 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222011, "Smale Riverfront Park Water Feature Repairs," to restore the Pichler Fountain recirculation tank.

[202301962](#)

Recommend Passage

MISCELLANEOUS

- 6. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/7/2023, AUTHORIZING the expenditure of funds for purchasing inexpensive paper products, such as paper plates and bowls, disposable cups, paper towels, tissues, napkins, and cutlery, and cleaning supplies such as dish soap, dish sponges, and sanitizer for use by City employees while at work at City facilities; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to establish rules and regulations specifying the circumstances in which the City may expend funds for such purposes, as well as controls to ensure the appropriate expenditure of such funds; and further DECLARING that such expenditures serve a public purpose. [202301955](#)

Recommend Passage

MUNICIPAL CODE CHANGES

- 7. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/7/2023, REPEALING existing Chapter 324, "Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, and ORDAINING in its place new Chapter 324, "Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program." [202301980](#)

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

Absent: Councilmember Cramerding

Abstain: Councilmember Keating

- 8. PRESENTATION, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 9/11/2023, regarding the Findings and Recommendations for the Disparity Study. [202301987](#)

Filed

ADJOURNMENT

