



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Committee Meeting Minutes - Final

Budget and Finance Committee

*Chairperson Reggie Harris
Vice Chair Jeff Cramerding
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Scotty Johnson
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Anna Albi
Councilmember Meeka Owens
Councilmember Seth Walsh
President Pro Tem Victoria Parks*

Monday, February 5, 2024

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

Councilmember Reggie Harris called the Budget & Finance Committee meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Present: 7 - Mark Jeffreys
Anna Albi
Jan-Michele Kearney
Meeka Owens
Reggie Harris
Scotty Johnson
Seth Walsh

Excused: 1 - Jeff Cramerding

Remote: 1 - Victoria Parks

Also in attendance from the administration was Deputy City Solicitor Erica Faaborg from the Solicitor/Law Department and Director Karen Alder from the Department of Finance, Director Dr. Andrew Dudas from the Department of Budget & Evaluation and Deputy Clerk Robert Neely from the Office of the Clerk of Council.

The following filled out a Speakers Card to speak during the meeting: Patty Collins, Andrew DeWitt and Kent Butts.

Also the following registered to speak remotely during the meeting: Steve Goodin

AGENDA

TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS

1. [202400295](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/24/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$410,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x221616, "King Records Building Restoration," to unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$410,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Department of Community and Economic Development FY 2024 non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x7200 to provide resources for professional services and operating support to allow King Records Legacy, Inc. d/b/a King Records Legacy Foundation to undertake pre-development activities related to the eventual renovation of the former King Records building; and **DECLARING** that the King Records Legacy, Inc. d/b/a King Records Legacy Foundation's pre-development activities related to the eventual renovation of the former King Records building serve a public purpose because the eventual renovation of the former King Records building will foster local improvements and investment and increase neighborhood vitality.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

PAYMENTS

2. [202400385](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/31/2024, **Authorizing** the payment of \$17,324.59 from the Department of Public Services Street Construction Maintenance and Repair Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 301x252x6000x7399 to Neenah Foundry Company, pursuant to the attached certificate from the Director of Finance, for outstanding charges for foundry materials used by the Traffic and Road Operations Division to replace stormwater inlet grates in October 2023.

..recommendation

PASS EMERGENCY

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

3. [202400386](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/31/2024, **Authorizing** the payment of \$90,000 from the Cincinnati Police Department Criminal Activities Forfeiture State Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 369x227x4010x7299 as a moral obligation to Joy Outdoor Education Center Foundation, Inc. dba Camp Joy, for outstanding charges related to services rendered for two camps, in June 2023 and November 2023, funded by the Cincinnati Police Department Community Preventive Education Grant.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

4. [202400383](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/31/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for and accept a technical assistance grant valued at up to \$2,500,000 from the Bloomberg Philanthropies American Sustainable Cities Grant program to assist with green workforce development, minority-owned business support, energy poverty reduction via energy efficiency upgrades and community-owned renewable energy projects, and climate resilience adaptations.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
Recommend Passage
5. [202400382](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/31/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$2,000,000 from the Ohio Department of Development Lead Safe Ohio Program (ALN 21.027) to provide resources to the Cincinnati Health Department to assist with lead-free building certification, screening and testing for lead poisoning, education and outreach, and early intervention for children and families impacted by lead; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
Recommend Passage Emergency
6. [202400387](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/31/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$96,717.12 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, FY 2024 State of Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant, to enhance targeted enforcement for the existing Crime Gun Intelligence Center; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 24SVCR.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
Recommend Passage Emergency
7. [202400409](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of catering services valued at \$1,104.95 from Union Savings Bank and Guardian Savings Bank to support the homeownership workshop held at the Price Hill Recreation Center on January 27, 2024.
- Recommend Passage Emergency**

8. [202400412](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of banners valued at \$600 from TriHealth to promote pedestrian safety in the City of Cincinnati.
Recommend Passage Emergency
9. [202400413](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/5/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of radio advertising from Superior Credit Union, valued at approximately \$800, to inform the public of the Mayor's Youth Job Exposition to be held at the Duke Energy Convention Center on February 24, 2024.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

CONVENTION CENTER

10. [202400399](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/31/2024, **PLEDGING** a portion of the City's transient occupancy tax (the "City TOT") to secure obligations of the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority (the "Port Authority") to be issued to refinance existing obligations and to finance the costs to renovate, expand, improve, and develop the City-owned Duke Energy Convention Center and related properties; **ESTABLISHING** the priority of the City's pledge of the City TOT relative to other authorized pledges and uses of the City TOT; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into and execute a Cooperative Agreement with Hamilton County, Ohio (the "County"), the Port Authority, and, for limited purposes, the Convention Facilities Authority for Hamilton County, Ohio (the "CFA"), and the Greater Cincinnati Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. (the "GCCVB"); and a Residual TOT Fund Cooperative Agreement with the County, and, for limited purposes, the CFA and the GCCVB; and authorizing and approving related matters.

Sponsors: City Manager

indefinite postponement

11. [202400421](#) **ORDINANCE (B VERSION) (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 2/5/2024, **PLEDGING** a portion of the City's transient occupancy tax (the "City TOT") to secure obligations of the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority (the "Port Authority") to be issued to refinance existing obligations and to finance the costs to renovate, expand, improve, and develop the City-owned Duke Energy Convention Center and related properties; **ESTABLISHING** the priority of the City's pledge of the City TOT relative to other authorized pledges and uses of the City TOT; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into and execute a Cooperative Agreement with Hamilton County, Ohio (the "County"), the Port Authority, and, for limited purposes, the Convention Facilities Authority for Hamilton County, Ohio (the "CFA"), and the Greater Cincinnati Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. (the "GCCVB"); and a Residual TOT Fund Cooperative Agreement with the County, and, for limited purposes, the CFA and the GCCVB; and authorizing and approving related matters.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

12. [202400397](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/31/2024, **PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF NOT TO EXCEED \$23,000,000 OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS (CONVENTION CENTER RENOVATION URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT), OR NOTES IN ANTICIPATION THEREOF, OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, COUNTY OF HAMILTON, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE DUKE ENERGY CONVENTION CENTER AND ADJACENT PROPERTIES; AUTHORIZING A PLEDGE AND LIEN ON CERTAIN REVENUES AND OTHER CITY RESOURCES, AS APPROPRIATE, TO SECURE SUCH BONDS OR NOTES; AND AUTHORIZING NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO SECURE SUCH BONDS OR NOTES.**

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

13. [202400398](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/31/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Development Agreement with 3CDC Development Manager LLC and the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, acting for and on behalf of Hamilton County, Ohio, pertaining to the major renovation and expansion of the City-owned property known as Duke Energy Convention Center (the "DECC"), and other adjacent properties, all in the Central Business District; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x241620, "Convention Center District Urban Renewal TIF," to provide resources for improvements to the DECC and other adjacent properties; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$23,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Urban Renewal - Tax Increment Bond Fund 852 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x241620, "Convention Center District Urban Renewal TIF," to provide resources for the improvements to the DECC and other adjacent properties as required by the Development Agreement between the City of Cincinnati, 3CDC Development Manager LLC, and the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, acting for and on behalf of Hamilton County, Ohio; and **DECLARING** this capital improvement project an urban renewal project located in an urban renewal area, each as defined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 725.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

EASEMENTS

14. [202400388](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/31/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a plat entitled WSL No. 3462 Watermain Easement Vacation Plat, Springdale Commerce Park, E-718Q to release and quitclaim a portion of a public utility easement held by the City of Cincinnati for the use and benefit of Greater Cincinnati Water Works for a water main and associated appurtenances located in and upon certain real property located in the City of Springdale, Hamilton County, Ohio.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

15. [202400389](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/31/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a plat entitled WSL No. 3462 Watermain Easement Vacation Plat, Springdale Commerce Park, E-710Q to release and quitclaim a portion of a public utility easement held by the City of Cincinnati for the use and benefit of Greater Cincinnati Water Works for a water main and associated appurtenances located in and upon certain real property located in the City of Springdale, Hamilton County, Ohio.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
Recommend Passage
16. [202400390](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/31/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a plat entitled Water Main Easement Vacation Plat E1107-Q to release and quitclaim a portion of a public utility easement held by the City of Cincinnati for the use and benefit of Greater Cincinnati Water Works for a water main and associated appurtenances located in and upon certain real property located in the J. Eggleston Military Survey No. 609, Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
Recommend Passage
17. [202400394](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/31/2024, **ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING** the grant of a public utility easements in favor of the City of Cincinnati for water mains and related fixtures, equipment, and appurtenances through certain real property in Green Township, Hamilton County, Ohio in accordance with the plat entitled Watermain Easement Dedication Plat, WSL #3688, E1096, Rybolt Run Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 492, Page 37, Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
Recommend Passage
18. [202400423](#) **PRESENTATION** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 2/5/2024, regarding the Convention Center District Ordinances.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
Filed

The Budget & Finance Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. by Councilmember Reggie Harris. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee is Monday, February 12, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Robert Neely, Deputy Clerk
Clerk to the Committee