



# City of Cincinnati Cincinnati City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

2:00 PM

**Council Chambers, Room 300** 

Council convened at 3:05 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Anna Albi, President Pro Tempore Victoria Parks, Councilmember Seth Walsh, Councilmember Scotty Johnson, Councilmember Reggie Harris, Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, Councilmember Jeff Cramerding, Councilmember Mark Jeffreys, and Councilmember Meeka Owens

In attendance were City Manager Sheryl Long, City Solicitor Emily Smart Woerner and Clerk of Council Melissa Autry.

Council had a late start due to the large attendance for public comment.

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 Approved and Filed.

#### MR. HARRIS

1. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Harris, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** Rachel Hastings and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for her working in and with the community to bring much needed investment and energy to all of Cincinnati, and particularly to the Price Hill neighborhoods.

202401236

Passed

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Enactment No: 0040-2024

#### **MS. KEARNEY**

2. RESOLUTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, RECOGNIZING April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and EXPRESSING solidarity with survivors of sexual violence and showing the support of the Mayor and Council for all survivors of sexual violence.

202401220

#### Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Harris
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens

**Absent:** Councilmember Cramerding

Enactment No: 0038-2024

3. RESOLUTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, RECOGNIZING The Christ Hospital's Heart and Vascular Institute and EXPRESSING the appreciation of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cincinnati for its commitment to providing advanced cardiovascular care to the City of Cincinnati and expanding services to better meet residents' needs.

202401244

Passed

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Enactment No: 0041-2024

#### **MS. OWENS**

**4. RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** the month of April 2024 as Native Plant Month to spread awareness of the vital role of native plants in maintaining the ecological balance of our community.

202401243

#### **Passed**

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Enactment No: 0039-2024

MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Owens, WE MOVE that the administration prepares a report within thirty (30) days to inform Councilmembers on the Limited Representation Pilot Program in partnership with the University of Cincinnati and the Hamilton County Help Center. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

**202401255** 

Referred to Equitable Growth & Housing Committee

## MS. ALBI

#### MS. KEARNEY

**6. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Albi and Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the City Administration prepare a report within 60 days to assess the feasibility of leveraging opt-intext messaging as a technology to better communicate with residents. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE

CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

# Referred to Healthy Neighborhoods Committee

# **MS. OWENS**

# MS. ALBI

# **MS. KEARNEY**

7.	<b>MOTION</b> , submitted by Councilmembers Owens, Albi and Vice Mayor Kearney, <b>WE MOVE</b> that the administration prepare a report within thirty (30) days on the feasibility of the formation/construction of a permanent memorial for victims of gun violence in Cincinnati. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)	<u>202401206</u>
	Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee	
CITY MANAGER		
8.	<b>REPORT</b> , dated 4/17/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Westwood Second Saturdays Pride.	202401130
	Filed	
9.	<b>REPORT</b> , dated 4/24/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Council Report-Community Investment Trust (CIT) Program Review and Recommendations.	<u>202401189</u>
	Referred to Equitable Growth & Housing Committee	
10.	REPORT, dated 4/24/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for ICON Concerts 2024.	202401190
	Filed	
11.	REPORT, dated 4/24/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Sayler Park Oktoberfest.	202401191
	Filed	
12.	REPORT, dated 4/24/2024 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 LJEM Properties Ohio LLC, DBA Urban Air Adventure Park, 3321 Alamo Avenue (#5232342, TRFO, D1 D2) [Objections: None]	202401192
	Filed	
13.	REPORT, dated 4/24/2024 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Central, advising of a parmit application for Pharet 3 OH LLC 5131	202401193

Control, advising of a permit application for Bharat 3 OH LLC, 5131 Glenway Avenue. (#0683846, TRFO, C1 C2) [Objections: None]

Filed

**14. REPORT**, dated 4/24/2024 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 Cincinnati Park Board Oak Ridge Lodge, 5083 Colerain Avenue. (#14934000003, New, F8) [Objections: None]

<u>202401194</u>

Filed

**15. REPORT**, dated 4/24/2024 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 Guardian Angels RC Church, Gymnasium, Lunchroom & Concessions 6531 Beechmont Avenue. (#3426405, New, D2) [ Objections: None]

<u>202401195</u>

Filed

**16. REPORT**, dated 4/24/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Second Sunday on Main.

<u>202401197</u>

Filed

17. REPORT, dated 4/24/2024 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 Magnificent Morsels Catering LLC, DBA Magnificent Morsels, 3253 Jefferson Avenue. (#5423919, TRFO, D5 D6) [Objections: None]

<u>202401198</u>

Filed

**18. REPORT**, dated 4/24/2024 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 Safi Wine Bar LLC, 1403 Republic St 1st flr & partial basement. (#7638585, TRFO, D5J D6) [Objections: None]

<u>202401199</u>

Filed

**19. REPORT**, dated 4/24/2024 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 Biscuit Love OTR LLC, 1602 Pleasant Street Unit A4. (#0725241, TREX, D5) [Objections: Yes]

202401200

Filed

20. REPORT, dated 4/24/2024 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 Highland Coffee House LLC, DBA Highland Coffee House, 2839 Highland Avenue and patio. (#3832400, STCK, D2 D2X D3 D3A D6) [Objections: None]

<u>202401201</u>

Filed

**21. REPORT**, dated 4/24/2024 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 Bar at Foundry LLC, 500 Race Street. (#0490255, New, D3A) [Objections: None]

<u>202401202</u>

Filed

**22. ORDINANCE**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/24/2024, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 321, "Procurement and Disposal of Supplies, Services and Construction," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by AMENDING Sections 321-1-P, "Professional Services," 321-1-S, "Service," 321-13, "Procurement; Supplies, Services and Construction in Excess of \$5,000.00 but not Greater Than \$50,000.00," 321-15, "Procurement; Supplies, Services and Construction in Excess of \$50,000.00 but not Greater Than \$250,000.00," 321-17, "Procurement; Supplies, Services and Construction in Excess of \$250,000.00," 321-19 "Procurement; Professional Services," 321-31, "Bid; Opening of Bids," 321-61, "Proposal; Opening of Proposal," and 321-97, "Contracts; Joint and Cooperative Purchasing Options."

202401222

# Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

**23. REPORT,** dated 4/24/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Kroger Hatch Chile Event.

202401223

#### Filed

24. ORDINANCE, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/24/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager and employees of the Department of Economic Inclusion to solicit and accept donations of money, in-kind contributions, participation fees, and other things of value from the business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources for the City's 2024 Business Enterprise Expo; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into Special Events Fund 314.

**202401225** 

# Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

25. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/24/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of children's bicycle helmets valued at \$9,300 from the Cincinnati Fire Foundation and Cincinnati Parks Foundation to support the Cincinnati Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services Mountain Bike Unit's Community Safety Initiative; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a monetary donation of \$25,000 from the Cincinnati Fire Foundation to support the Cincinnati Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services Mountain Bike Unit; AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the donated resources into General Fund 050 revenue account no. 050x8571; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$25,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Cincinnati Fire Department non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x7300 to provide resources to support Cincinnati Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services Mountain Bike Unit.

<u>202401227</u>

# Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

**26. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/24/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Sixth Amendment to the Warren County Water Area Contract between

the City of Cincinnati and the Board of County Commissioners of Warren County, Ohio to modify the area in the original agreement to be served by the City.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

27. LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/24/2024, AUTHORIZING tax levies for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2025, 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.

202401230

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

**28. REPORT**, dated 4/24/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Energy Benchmarking and Building Performance Standards. (Ref. Doc. # 202400225)

202401247

Referred to Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee

29. 202401248

**ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/24/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to dispose of personal property from the Duke Energy Convention Center in advance of the closure and renovation of the center, notwithstanding the prohibitions in Cincinnati Municipal Code Sections 321-141 and 321-143 governing the disposal of City-owned personal property.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

A Motion was brought forward by CM Harris and seconded by CM Cramerding to bring forward this Ordinance.

30. ORDINANCE (B VERSION) (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/24/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Development Agreement with 616 Race LLC, pertaining to the development and construction of approximately 84,281 square feet of commercial space, consisting of approximately 109 hotel rooms, on property located at 614-616 Race Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, and providing for City assistance to the project in the form of a rebate of a portion of the service payments in lieu of taxes imposed in connection with a proposed thirty-year property tax exemption for improvements pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.41, subject to the passage by Council of a separate ordinance authorizing such tax exemption. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <a href="https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business">https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business</a>).

<u>202401256</u>

Passed Emergency

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Enactment No: 0130-2024

# Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Enactment No: 0130-2024

# Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Enactment No: 0130-2024

### **CLERK OF COUNCIL**

**31. STATEMENT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council formally filing a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement for Rajanand Chundur/OPDA/CAGIS/Deputy Director.

202401221

Filed

#### **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

202401125

32. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/17/2024. AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of \$500,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232031, "Urban Tree Canopy - GF," to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to realign sources with uses; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund improvement program project account Replication Facility," to provide 980x203x222004, "Biochar additional resources for implementing a biochar production facility; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$850,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Revolving Energy Loan Fund 883 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222004, "Biochar Replication Facility," to provide additional resources for implementing a biochar production facility.

## Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Enactment No: 0129-2024

# Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Enactment No: 0129-2024

Suspension of the three readings

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Harris
Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Enactment No: 0129-2024

33. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/22/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Development Agreement with 616 Race LLC, pertaining to the development and construction of approximately 84,281 square feet of commercial space, consisting of approximately 109 hotel rooms, on property located at 614-616 Race Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, and providing for City assistance to the project in the form of a rebate of a portion of the service payments in lieu of taxes imposed in connection with a proposed thirty-year property tax exemption for improvements pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.41, subject to the passage by Council of a separate ordinance authorizing such tax exemption. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <a href="https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business">https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business</a>)

<u>202401207</u>

# Indefinitely Postponed

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

**34. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/17/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$2,000 from the American Heart Association to support the Cincinnati Health Department's participation in its Ambulatory Quality Improvement Program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8571.

<u>202401128</u>

Passed

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Enactment No: 0131-2024

# Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Enactment No: 0131-2024

**35. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/17/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$400,000 from the Ohio Department of Health for the expansion of existing school-based health centers ("SBHCs") to expand the SBHC at Roberts Academy; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

#### Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Enactment No: 0132-2024

Suspension of the three readings

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Enactment No: 0132-2024

**36. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/17/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$50,000 from the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to create the Cincinnati Youth Climate Action Program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant revenues into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 revenue account no. 436x8571.

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Enactment No: 0133-2024

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Enactment No: 0133-2024

# Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Enactment No: 0133-2024

37. ORDINANCE (B VERSION), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/22/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$56,160 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Traffic Safety Office, Drive to Succeed 2024 Grant, to provide community-based scholarships to eligible students for driver education training; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 24DTS.

202401224

#### Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Enactment No: 0134-2024

## Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Enactment No: 0134-2024 38. MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Johnson, Walsh, Owens and Jeffreys, WE MOVE that the Administration produces a report within ninety (90) days on the pros and cons of Project Labor Agreement (PLAs). This report should include potential impacts on worker wages, labor availability, project costs, project efficiency, worker safety, workforce diversity, the bidding process, and any other relevant information. It should also include the historic context of any other similar policies implemented or studied by the City. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

202401150

## Adopted

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

**39. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Walsh, Harris and Parks, **WE MOVE** that the Administration provide a report within ninety (90) days regarding the process of replacing trees planted in the rights-of-way around the City that have damaged adjacent sidewalks and other private properties. This report should include the plan and current status for replacing all trees in the right of way that cause damage to the surrounding sidewalk including a timeline for replacement and projected cost to property owners and possible funding sources from the City to mitigate the cost.

202401119

# Adopted

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Harris
Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens

#### SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

#### **EQUITABLE GROWTH & HOUSINGS COMMITTEE**

**40. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/10/2024, **AMENDING** the official zoning map of the City of Cincinnati to rezone certain real property in the area generally located at 220 William Howard Taft Road in the Corryville neighborhood from the RMX,

"Residential Mixed," and the OG, "Office General," zoning districts to Planned Development District No. 99, "Peoples Church." (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <a href="https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business">https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business</a>)

#### **Passed**

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Enactment No: 0135-2024

# Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi

President Pro Tempore Parks

Councilmember Walsh Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Harris Vice Mayor Kearney

Councilmember Cramerding Councilmember Jeffreys Councilmember Owens Enactment No: 0135-2024

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 4:07 P.M.