



# City of Cincinnati

## Cincinnati City Council

### Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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**Wednesday, May 1, 2024**

**2:00 PM**

**Council Chambers, Room 300**

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Council convened at 2:29 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 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.**

#### **MAYOR AFTAB**

1. **MOTION**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, **WE MOVE** that the Administration provide a report in 60 days regarding the "*Cincinnati Futures Commission, A Vision for the Future Cincinnati*" recommendations. This report will allow the Mayor and Council to be intentional around the recommendations that require policy guidance. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202401283](#)

Referred to Equitable Growth & Housing Committee

#### **Cincinnati Board of Health**

2. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Kiana R. Trabue to the Cincinnati Board of Health for a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (African American/Female)

[202401282](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

3. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Ken Patel to the Cincinnati Board of Health for a term of three years. This

[202401281](#)

appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (AAPI/Male)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

### MS. KEARNEY

4. **MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the Administration maintain the Office of Human Relations which currently functions with a two-person staff. The original Motion #202302162, passed by Council on November 1, 2023, moved that the Administration rename The Office of Human Relations to The Office of Equity and repurpose its mission to prioritize, though not exclusively focus on closing the racial wealth gap in Cincinnati. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

[202401265](#)

Referred to Healthy Neighborhoods Committee

5. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return of \$1,000,000 to source Fund No. 050, "General Fund," from capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x231606, "Housing Stability - GF"; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Department of Community and Economic Development FY 2024 non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x162x7400 to provide one-time resources for the Homecare Tax Relief Program that will aid and assist in the payment of delinquent property taxes for low-to-moderate income single family homeowners within the City of Cincinnati.

[202401274](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

### MS. OWENS

6. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Councilmember Owens, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$2,000 within the General Fund from Councilmember Meeka Owens' General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x025x7100 to Councilmember Meeka Owens' General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x025x7200 to realign the office budget for Councilmember Meeka Owens.

[202401273](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

### CITY MANAGER

7. **REPORT**, dated 5/1/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Hyde Park Square Art Show.

[202401257](#)

Filed

8. **REPORT**, dated 5/1/2024, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Juneteenth Block Party 2024.

[202401258](#)

Filed

9. **REPORT**, dated 5/1/2024 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 ETC Produce Walnut Hills LLC, 954 McMillan Avenue. (#2530349, New, D1) [Objections: None] [202401266](#)

Filed

10. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/1/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$490,930 from the Energy Futures Grant program (ALN 81.041) awarded by the United States Department of Energy to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8543. [202401268](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

11. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/1/2024, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x241049, "Spinney Field Energy Efficiency Grant," to provide resources for the installation of energy efficiency upgrades to the Police Training Academy at Spinney Field; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant up to \$250,000 from the U.S. Department of Energy State Energy Program (ALN 81.041) awarded by the Ohio Department of Development Energy Efficiency Program to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x241049, "Spinney Field Energy Efficiency Grant"; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x241049, "Spinney Field Energy Efficiency Grant." [202401269](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

12. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/1/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for grant resources from the Clean Ohio Trails Fund grant program to be awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in an amount up to \$500,000 for the purpose of providing resources for the Little Miami Scenic Trail, Elstun to Ranchvale, Shared Use Path (PID 115291). [202401270](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

13. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/1/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for grants of up to \$8,000,000 from the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (ALN 20.205) grant programs; for a grant of up to \$1,000,000 from the Transportation Alternatives Grant (ALN 20.205) awarded by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments; for Metro Transit Infrastructure Fund grants awarded by Cincinnati Metro; for grants awarded by the Ohio Public Works Commission; and for Municipal Road Fund grants awarded by Hamilton County, all to fund various Department of Transportation and Engineering transportation projects. [202401271](#)

## Referred to Budget &amp; Finance Committee

14. **REPORT**, dated 5/1/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the 115 Trust Funding Policy.

[202401275](#)

## Approved &amp; Filed

15. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/1/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Funding and Development Agreement with RBM Development Company, LLC, for the redevelopment of property located near the intersection of Red Bank Expressway and Madison Road in the Madisonville neighborhood of Cincinnati, pursuant to which the City will assign service payments in lieu of real property taxes imposed in connection with a proposed thirty-year property tax exemption for improvements pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40(B), subject to the passage by Council of a separate ordinance authorizing such exemption, to the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority to facilitate the redevelopment of the property. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>).

[202401276](#)

## Referred to Budget &amp; Finance Committee

16. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 5/1/2024, **DECLARING** improvements to certain parcels of real property located near the intersection of Red Bank Expressway and Madison Road in the Madisonville neighborhood of Cincinnati, which improvements are to be constructed pursuant to a Funding and Development Agreement between the City of Cincinnati and RBM Development Company, LLC, to be a public purpose and exempt from real property taxation for a period of thirty years pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40(B); and **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 414-2005, passed on November 2, 2005, as amended, to remove such real property from the operation of that ordinance. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>).

[202401277](#)

## Referred to Budget &amp; Finance Committee

17. **REPORT**, dated 5/1/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Department of Finance Reports for the Month Ended February 29, 2024.

[202401279](#)

## Referred to Budget &amp; Finance Committee

**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

18. **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](#)

## 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: 0136-2024

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: 0136-2024

- 19. 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.

[202401227](#)

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: 0137-2024

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: 0137-2024

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: 0137-2024

A motion was brought forth on the floor by Councilmember Parks and seconded by Councilmember Harris to hold item #20.

**20. 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

[202401222](#)

\$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."

Held

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

- 21. 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.

[202401229](#)

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: 0138-2024

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: 0138-2024

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: 0138-2024

- 22. 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](#)

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: 0042-2024

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: 0042-2024

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: 0042-2024

**23.**

**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.

[202401248](#)

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: 0139-2024

## 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: 0139-2024

## 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: 0139-2024

- 24. REPORT**, dated 4/29/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Finance and Budget Monitoring Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2024.

[202401272](#)

Approved & Filed

## SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

### PUBLIC SAFETY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

- 25. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Owens, Albi and Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** 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)

[202401206](#)

Adopted

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

**HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE**

**26. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **DECLARING** that Linn Street at Clark Street in the West End neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Robert O'Neal Way" in honor of Robert O'Neal, long-time resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, revered activist, influential grassroots leader, and esteemed visual artist, that has positively impacted the City of Cincinnati through his artist works and civic legacy.

[202401131](#)

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: 0140-2024

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: 0140-2024

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: 0140-2024

**27. 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).

[202401245](#)

Adopted

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

**No announcements at this time**

Council adjourned at 3:15 P.M.