



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 2:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:05 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 observed a moment of silent prayer and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The being no objection, the Minutes of the previous session of Council were Approved and Filed.

MR. HARRIS

- 1. RESIGNATION**, submitted by Councilmember Harris, I hereby submit my resignation as a Member of Council for the City of Cincinnati effective Thursday, October 3rd 2024 at 5pm. I am honored to have served the City of Cincinnati, and will continue to serve Cincinnati and all Americans in my next role as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Economic Development in the office of Community Planning and Development at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. [202402107](#)

Filed

CITY MANAGER

- 2. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/2/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to donate the historic Fort Washington Flag to the Cincinnati Museum Center, notwithstanding the requirements of Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 321-143 governing the disposal of City-owned personal property. [202402108](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 3. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City [202402109](#)

Manager, on 10/2/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$4,890 from Department of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 account no. 430x202x1059x7299 as a moral obligation to Central Parking System of Ohio, Inc. for outstanding charges related to parking costs for City owned vehicles to park at the Riverfront employee reporting location from March 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

4. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/2/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$654.48 to W.W. Grainger, Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5000x7369 for the purchase of reciprocating saw blades invoiced on July 18, 2024, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

[202402110](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

5. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/2/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$10,072 to Howell Rescue Systems, Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5000x7259 for charges related to preventative maintenance and repair services for hydraulic rescue tools used by the Cincinnati Fire Department from August 26, 2024 through August 28, 2024, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

[202402111](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

6. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/2/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$8,357 from Parks Department capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x0000x7671x242000, "Park Infrastructure Rehabilitation," as a moral obligation to Overhead Door of Greater Cincinnati for outstanding charges pertaining to work performed at the Parks Department Warder facility.

[202402112](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

7. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/2/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$4,800 from the Department of Parks General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x203x2000x7316 to Dell Marketing L.P. pursuant to the attached certificate from the Director of Finance, for outstanding charges related to the purchase of computer hardware used by the Parks Department.

[202402113](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

8. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/2/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant of in-kind services from Public Allies AmeriCorps valued at up to \$120,000 to provide two full-time contracted positions to carry out key portions of the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan.

[202402114](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

9. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/2/2024, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 508, "Stopping and Parking," by **AMENDING** section 508-6 "No-Standing, No-Stopping, and No-Parking Zones" to provide for a specific prohibition of parking in special parking permit and residential parking permit parking spaces.

[202402115](#)

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

CLERK OF COUNCIL

10. **SUCCESSOR (UPDATED)** submitted by the Clerk of Council that the Successor Designation Certificate for Councilmember Meeka Owens was received.

[202402127](#)

Filed

11. **SUCCESSOR (UPDATED)** submitted by the Clerk of Council that the Successor Designation Certificate for Councilmember Seth Walsh was received.

[202402128](#)

Filed

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

12. **ORDINANCE**, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return of \$197,650 to source Fund No. 050, "General Fund," from capital improvement program project account no. 980x091x230927, "Highspeed/Broadband Access - GF"; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$197,650 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Department of Community and Economic Development General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x7400 to provide resources for the Urban League's Building Futures Program.

[202402087](#)

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: 0312-2024

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: 0312-2024

- 13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/25/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$235,000 from the unappropriated surplus of West End Equivalent Fund 522 to Department of Community and Economic Development (“DCED”) non-personnel operating budget account no. 522x162x7200 to fund the portion of the Affordable Homeownership by Habitat project consisting of the new construction of four single-family homes in the West End neighborhood of Cincinnati (the “West End Project”), of which \$225,000 will be paid directly to Habitat for Humanity and \$10,000 will be used to pay for third party construction oversight costs; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$20,000 from the unappropriated surplus of West End Equivalent Fund 522 to DCED personnel operating budget account no. 522x162x7100 to provide staffing resources to support the West End Project; and **DECLARING** that expenditures from DCED non-personnel operating budget account no. 522x162x7200 and DCED personnel operating budget account no. 522x162x7100 associated with the West End Project are for a public purpose and constitute a “Housing Renovation” (as defined in Section 5709.40(A)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code) that is located within the District 22 - West End District Incentive District, subject to compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>>).

[202402085](#)

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: 0313-2024

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: 0313-2024

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: 0313-2024

- 14. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/25/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$24,707.83 to Big Ticket Sports, LLC from Other City Obligations General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x959x0000x7289 for outstanding charges related to the Queen City Slam basketball tournament held on August 10, 2024, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

[202402082](#)

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: 0314-2024

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: 0314-2024

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: 0314-2024

- 15. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/30/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$158,120.61 from the City Manager’s Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x0000x7449 as a moral obligation to The Center for Closing the Health Gap in Greater Cincinnati for outstanding reimbursements related to leveraged funding services provided in Fiscal Year 2024.

[202402116](#)

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: 0315-2024

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: 0315-2024

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: 0315-2024

- 16. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/25/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Funding Agreement with the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority pertaining to the acquisition of real property located at 3924 Cherry Street and 1670 Cooper Street in the Northside neighborhood of Cincinnati; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,598,598 from the unappropriated surplus of Northside Equivalent Fund 525 to Department of Community and Economic Development (“DCED”) non-personnel operating budget account no. 525x162x7200 to facilitate the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority’s financing to acquire certain real property located at 3924 Cherry Street and 1670 Cooper Street in the Northside neighborhood of Cincinnati; and **DECLARING** that expenditures from DCED non-personnel operating budget account no. 525x162x7200 to facilitate the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority’s financing to acquire certain real property located at 3924 Cherry Street and 1670 Cooper Street in the Northside neighborhood of Cincinnati are for a public purpose and constitute a “Public Infrastructure Improvement” (as defined in Section 5709.40(A)(8) of the Ohio Revised Code), that will benefit and/or serve District 25 - Northside Incentive District, subject to compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43. (Subject to the [202402093](#))

T e m p o r a r y P r o h i b i t i o n L i s t
 <<<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>>).

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: 0316-2024

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: 0316-2024

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: 0316-2024

- 17. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens, **WE MOVE** that the administration identify the feasibility of integrating art into Cincinnati City Hall. We ask that there be pieces of art in every area of the building. These pieces should be comprised of works done by Cincinnati artists or about Cincinnati. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE)

[202402103](#)

(STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Adopted

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

- 18. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Walsh, **WE MOVE** that the Administration provide a report within 30 days on contract status for all FY2025 NBDIP recipients and all FY2025 Leveraged Support recipients. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that this report be updated monthly until all recipients are under contract. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202402105](#)

Adopted

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

- 19. REPORT**, dated 9/25/2024, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) Status of Property Tax Exemptions for Year End 2023.

[202402071](#)

Approved & Filed

- 20. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/25/2024, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Chapter 301, "Public Moneys," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Section 301-15, "Distribution of Gains and Losses of Treasury investment Accounts," to update the funds allowed to receive interest from the investment accounts.

[202402094](#)

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: 0317-2024

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: 0317-2024

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: 0317-2024

21. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/25/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute and implement the Non-Supervisors and Supervisors labor management agreements between the City of Cincinnati and the Fraternal Order of Police, Local 69, the updated terms of which are reflected in the attached summary.

[202402086](#)

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: 0318-2024

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: 0318-2024

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: 0318-2024

22. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/30/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x243x252400, "Convention Center District Development Grant"; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate State of Ohio Capital Budget grant resources of up to \$46,000,000, to be distributed by the Ohio Office of Budget and Management and as authorized by House Bill 2 for Fiscal Years 2025-2026, to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x243x252400, "Convention Center District

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Development Grant,” to provide resources for the redevelopment of the Convention Center District; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit State of Ohio Capital Budget grant funds into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x243x252400, “Convention Center District Development Grant”; **AUTHORIZING** that the disbursed funds acquired through this grant agreement be fully bonded and any interest earned on resources in this newly established capital project be credited to said capital project; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

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: 0319-2024

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: 0319-2024

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: 0319-2024

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 3:31 P.M.