



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

2:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:00 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

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.

MR. JEFFREYS

1. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** the federal employees of the Cincinnati region and **EXPRESSING** the opposition of the Mayor and Council to federal policies that undermine the federal workforce and its services.

[202500740](#)

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0019-2025

CITY MANAGER

- 2. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/9/2025, **DETERMINING** to proceed with a special assessment for the Urban Forestry Program for the calendar year 2026, for the control of blight and disease of shade trees and for planting, maintaining, trimming, and removing shade trees in the public right-of-way in the City of Cincinnati's Urban Forestry Maintenance District. [202500634](#)
- Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
- 3. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/9/2025, **LEVYING** a special assessment for the Urban Forestry Program for the calendar year 2026, for control of blight and disease of shade trees and for planting, maintaining, trimming, and removing shade trees within the public right-of-way in the City of Cincinnati's Urban Forestry Maintenance District. [202500638](#)
- Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
- 4. REPORT**, dated 4/9/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Fourth of July at Washington Park. [202500649](#)
- Filed
- 5. REPORT**, dated 4/9/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Queen City Triathlon, Duathlon & Aquabike. [202500650](#)
- Filed
- 6. REPORT**, dated 4/9/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. [202500652](#)
- Filed
- 7. REPORT**, dated 4/9/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Healthy Wealthy Wise. [202500653](#)
- Filed
- 8. REPORT**, dated 4/9/2025 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 Interstedia Development LLC, DBA Hyde at the Banks, 36 W Freedom Way. (#4148498, TRFO, D5J) [Objections: Yes] [202500654](#)
- Filed
- 9. REPORT**, dated 4/9/2025 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 KWS Calhoun LLC, DBA Rowdy Paw, 245 Calhoun Street (#4947907, New, D5J) [Objections: None] [202500655](#)
- Filed

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- 10. REPORT**, dated 4/9/2025 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 KC Café Bar LLC, 719 E McMillan Street. (#44548850001, TRFL, D1 D2 D3 D3A) [Objections: None] [202500656](#)
- Filed
- 11. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/9/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager and employees of the Department of Economic Inclusion (“Department”) 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 2025 Business Enterprise Expo; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into Special Events Fund 314; and **AUTHORIZING** the Department to hold resources donated pursuant to this ordinance, which exceed the total 2025 Business Enterprise Expo expenses, in Special Events Fund 314 to be utilized for future business development events hosted by the Department. [202500688](#)
- Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
- 12. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/9/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$15,000 from Hamilton County ReSource’s Waste Reduction Innovation grant program to purchase and install community freezers and associated supplies in the Hartwell and Winton Hills Recreation Centers; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8571. [202500689](#)
- Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
- 13. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/9/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$12,000 from UnitedHealthcare Services, Inc. to fund an on-site retinal screening program at the Bobbie Sterne Health Center; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8571. [202500690](#)
- Referred to Budget & Finance Committee
- 14. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/9/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Funding Agreement with The Children’s Home of Cincinnati, Ohio dba Best Point Education & Behavioral Health (“Best Point”) to provide one-time operational support for its youth mental health urgent care program; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416 to the Cincinnati Health Department’s Cincinnati Health District Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 416x261x7200 to provide one-time operational support to Best Point for its youth mental health urgent care program; and **DECLARING** such expenditure to serve a public purpose. [202500691](#)
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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

15. **REPORT**, dated 4/9/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Department of Finance Reports for the Month Ended February 28, 2025. [202500692](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

16. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/9/2025, **MODIFYING** Article XV, "Retirement System," of the Administrative Code of the City of Cincinnati by **AMENDING** Section 1, "Board of Trustees," to revise the limitation on the terms of board members and to harmonize the Administrative Code with the provisions of the Collaborative Settlement Agreement reached in Sunyak, et. Al. v. City of Cincinnati, et. Al., Case Number 1:11-cv-445 in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Western Division. [202500705](#)

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

17. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/9/2025, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Title XVI, "Neighborhood Quality of Life Uniform Code," and Title XV, "Code Compliance and Hearings," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **ORDAINING** new Section 1601-95, "Cost of Abating a Public Nuisance," and **AMENDING** Section 1501-27, "Civil Proceedings," to provide additional remedies to recover costs of abating public nuisances or enforcement. [202500719](#)

Referred to Public Safety & Governance Committee

18. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/9/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of \$1,000 from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation Harry F. and Mary Ann Fry Fund into City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 to provide resources for the operation of the City's Office of Human Relations; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8572. [202500721](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

19. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/10/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$145,786.02 from the unappropriated surplus of Miscellaneous Permanent Improvement Fund 757 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x981x232522 "Fleet Replacements - Obsolete," to acquire automotive and motorized equipment funded by the sale and subrogation proceeds of obsolete automotive and motorized equipment. [202500722](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

20. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/9/2025, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with 33 W. Fourth St, LLC, thereby authorizing a twelve-year tax exemption for 100 percent of the value of improvements made to real property located at 33 W. Fourth Street in the Downtown neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of an existing building into [202500732](#)

approximately 41,737 square feet of commercial space including a boutique hotel with approximately 44 guest rooms, at a total construction cost of approximately \$12,400,000.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 21. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/9/2025, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252348, "West Fork Road OPWC Grant," to provide resources for an emergency repair due to a landslide occurring along a section of West Fork Road, approximately one-quarter mile west of Montana Avenue; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$562,120 from the State of Ohio Public Works Commission ("OPWC") Emergency Funds Program; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit OPWC grant resources of up to \$562,120 into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252348, "West Fork Road OPWC Grant"; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of the OPWC grant resources.

[202500733](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 22. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/9/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a donation of up to \$3,500,000 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to provide resources for permanent improvements to Lot 23 at Smale Riverfront Park; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252039, "Lot 23 Improvements," to provide resources for permanent improvements to Lot 23 at Smale Riverfront Park; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of up to \$3,500,000 from Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252039, "Lot 23 Improvements," to provide resources for permanent improvements to Lot 23 at Smale Riverfront Park.

[202500734](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 23. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/9/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$197,899.95 from General Fund Enterprise Software and Licenses Non-Departmental non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x952x0000x7418 to CGI Technologies and Solutions, Inc. for software licenses and maintenance services for the period of March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

[202500741](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 24. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/9/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$500,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to assist with the cost of replacing public and private lead service lines at licensed childcare facilities in the Greater Cincinnati Water Works service area; and **AUTHORIZING** the

[202500742](#)

Director of Finance to receive and deposit grant funds for public lead service line replacement into Water Works Capital Permanent Improvement Fund revenue account no. 756x8527, and to receive and deposit grant funds for private lead service line replacement into Water Works Private Lead Service Line Replacement Special Revenue Fund revenue account number 312x8527.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 25. TERMINATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council, I hereby recommend the termination of Vanessa Daniel as a Deputy Clerk in the Office of the Clerk of Council pursuant to Article II, Section 5a of the Charter of the City of Cincinnati.

[202500746](#)

Filed

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 26. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/2/2025, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 172-2024 to allow the City to use resources from the Ohio Department of Health's Creating Healthy Communities grant for reimbursement of non-personnel expenses that are necessary for executing the Healthy Communities Program.

[202500595](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Johnson
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Enactment No: 0077-2025

Emergency clause to remain

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

Enactment No: 0077-2025

Suspension of the three readings

- Yes:** Councilmember Albi
 - President Pro Tempore Parks
 - Councilmember Walsh
 - Councilmember Johnson
 - Vice Mayor Kearney
 - Councilmember Cramerding
 - Councilmember Jeffreys
 - Councilmember Owens
 - Councilmember Nolan
- Enactment No: 0077-2025

27. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/2/2025, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 240-2024 to increase the amount of grant funding the City Manager is authorized to accept from the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Airport Infrastructure Grant program (ALN 20.106) from \$1,250,000 to \$1,400,000 to aid in the development of the Lunken Airport drainage infrastructure plan; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the additional \$150,000 in grant resources into the General Government Grants Fund revenue account no. 404x8554, Department of Transportation and Engineering project account no. 25DRN1.

[202500596](#)

Passed Emergency

- Yes:** Councilmember Albi
 - President Pro Tempore Parks
 - Councilmember Walsh
 - Councilmember Johnson
 - Vice Mayor Kearney
 - Councilmember Cramerding
 - Councilmember Jeffreys
 - Councilmember Owens
 - Councilmember Nolan
- Enactment No: 0078-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0078-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0078-2025

- 28. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/2/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of \$24,252 from Hamilton County to capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x242343, "Downtown Infrast. Coord. & Implemtn.," to provide resources to the City for the design, fabrication and installation of 23 pedestrian wayfinding maps and directional signs that have been updated to include the Black Music Walk of Fame, which are installed throughout the riverfront area, as well as the neighborhoods of Downtown, Over-The-Rhine, Mt. Adams, and the West End; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donation into capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x242343, "Downtown Infrast. Coord. & Implemtn."

[202500597](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Johnson
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Enactment No: 0079-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Johnson
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Enactment No: 0079-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Johnson
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Enactment No: 0079-2025

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

EQUITABLE GROWTH & HOUSINGS COMMITTEE

29. MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Nolan, Johnson and Jeffreys, **WE MOVE** that the administration consider operationalizing the Vacant Building Registry to be a data input to connect city property owners with capital resources. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that the administration produces a report within 60 days on existing City programs that are available for

[202500567](#)

rehabilitation of vacant buildings or have the potential to be expanded for that use. (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

Adopted

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

- 30. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/26/2025, **RENAMING** a portion of Smith Alley to Frazier Alley in the California neighborhood.

[202500572](#)

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Johnson
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Enactment No: 0080-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Johnson
 Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Nolan
 Enactment No: 0080-2025

- 31. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/8/2025, **AMENDING** the official zoning map of the City of Cincinnati to rezone the real property located at 2846 May Street in the Walnut Hills neighborhood from the ML-T, "Manufacturing Limited -

[202500580](#)

Transportation Corridor," zoning district to the UM-T, "Urban Mix - Transportation Corridor," zoning district to facilitate the construction of two new mid-rise multi-family residential buildings. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List
<<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>).

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0081-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0081-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan
Enactment No: 0081-2025

32. MOTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the Administration prepare a Report within sixty (60) days concerning the

[202500632](#)

feasibility of an API (Application Program Interface) to scan the web, find apartment listings, and update itself. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Adopted

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

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 33. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Cramerding, WE MOVE that the City Administration prepare a Fiscal Year 2026 Recommended General Fund Budget. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE)

[202500751](#)

Adopted

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

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 2:57 P.M.