



# City of Cincinnati

## Budget and Finance Committee

### Meeting Minutes

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

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**Monday, April 14, 2025**

**1:00 PM**

**Council Chambers, Room 300**

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#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** Mark Jeffreys  
Anna Albi  
Jan-Michele Kearney  
Meeka Owens  
Scotty Johnson  
Seth Walsh  
Victoria Parks  
Evan Nolan

**Absent:** Jeff Cramerding

#### AGENDA

#### URBAN FORESTRY ASSESSMENT

- 1. 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](#)  
  
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- 2. 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](#)

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**GRANTS AND DONATIONS**

3. **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](#)

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4. **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](#)

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5. **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](#)

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6. **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](#)

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7. **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 [202500742](#)

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 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.

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8. **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.

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9. **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.

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## **TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS**

10. **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

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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.

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- 11. 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.

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### **COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT**

- 12. 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 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.

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### **PAYMENTS**

- 13. 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.

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### **REPORTS**

- 14. 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.

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- 15. REPORT**, dated 4/9/2025, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the City of Cincinnati Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Overview/Results.

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ADJOURNMENT