



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, September 30, 2020 2:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:03 P.M., Mayor John Cranley, Presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman, Councilmember Jan-Michele Kearney, Councilmember Greg Landsman, Councilmember David Mann, Councilmember Jeff Pastor, President Pro Tem Chris Seelbach, Councilmember P.G. Sittenfeld, and Councilmember Betsy Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Wendell Young

The following council member participated remotely: Vice-Mayor Smitherman

Also in attendance were Interim City Solicitor Andrew Garth, Asst. City Manager John Juech and Clerk of Council Melissa Autry

Council observed a moment of silence prayer and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Without objection the Minutes of the previous session of Council were ordered Approved and Filed.

MAYOR CRANLEY

- 1. STATEMENT, (DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY)** submitted by Mayor John Cranley, The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic presents emergency conditions and dangers to the public health and welfare without precedent in the past 100 years. After declaring a state of emergency and instituting severe measures to "flatten the curve," the State of Ohio has begun to reopen Ohio's economy, sector by sector, concluding that initial steps toward reopening can be safely taken in accordance with good hygiene and social distancing measures. Consistent with the State's reopening efforts and at the request of the City Manager, I hereby amend, revise and tailor the existing COVID-19 declaration of emergency to this new phase of the response to the pandemic, pursuant to Article III of the Cincinnati Charter and Article XVIII of the Administrative Code of the City of Cincinnati. The emergency condition and danger that forms the basis for this amended and revised declaration is the ongoing public health emergency caused by the pandemic and the need to enable the safe reopening of the City including, but not limited to, reopening of retail

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businesses, restaurants and workplaces in the City. By this revised declaration, the Mayor retains emergency authority to issue orders under the limited circumstances necessary for the safe reopening of Cincinnati. This declaration is consistent with the statewide health emergency declared by Governor DeWine, the issuance of Ohio Department of Health's compulsory health orders and related guidelines and the fundamental need to protect vulnerable populations during this pandemic. This Order supersedes the March 11, 2020, emergency declaration as to any conflicts and hereby amends any such conflicts consistent with the provisions of this declaration. All emergency orders issued under the March 11, 2020, declaration are hereby terminated except for the Outdoor Street Dining and Social Distancing order dated May 12, 2020, a copy of which is attached to this declaration, which is extended. If extended, emergency orders shall continue in effect in accordance with the terms of Article XVIII of the Administrative Code. This amended and revised declaration shall be issued to the news media for the widest possible dissemination to the citizens of Cincinnati. This declaration shall be effective June 29, 2020.

Approved & Filed

Bicentennial Commons at Sawyer Point (BCSP) Board of Visitors: 2 Appts: 2 W; 1 M/ 1 F

2. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint [202001651](#) Keke Sansalone to Bicentennial Commons at Sawyer Point (BCSP) Board of Visitors for a term of one year. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White)

Confirmed

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young

Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC): 3 Appts: 2 W/ 1 AA; 2 M/ 1 F

3. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint [202001660](#) Pat O'Callaghan, Jr. to the Board of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission for a term of five years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White)

Confirmed

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
 Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Mann
 Councilmember Pastor
 President Pro Tem Seelbach
 Councilmember Sittenfeld
 Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young

**Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District (TID): 1 Appt;
 Female/White**

4. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint John Brazina as the City's representative to the Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District (TID) for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White)

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Confirmed

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
 Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Mann
 Councilmember Pastor
 President Pro Tem Seelbach
 Councilmember Sittenfeld
 Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young

Banks Community Authority: 5 members: 3 F/ 2 M; 1 AA/ 4 W

5. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Kaitlyn Geiger as the local government representative member of the Board of Trustees governing the Banks Community Authority for a term that shall expire in September 2022. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White)

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Held one week pursuant to rule of council

6. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Markiea Carter as a citizen member of the Board of Trustees governing the Banks Community Authority for a term that shall expire in September 2022. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female / AA)

[202001760](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

7. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint Tony Cafeo as a citizen member of the Board of Trustees governing the Banks Community Authority for a term that shall expire in September 2021. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White) [202001765](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

8. **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint Bob Deck as a citizen member of the Board of Trustees governing the Banks Community Authority for a term that shall expire in September 2021. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White) [202001769](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

Tax Incentive Review Council: 1 Councilmember

9. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby appoint Councilwoman Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney to the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA) [202001749](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

10. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Andrew Garth, Interim City Solicitor, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x211033, "Findlay Park Recreation Improvements," for the purpose of partnering with Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation ("3CDC") to provide resources for the design and construction of new state-of-the-art recreation improvements in and around Findlay Park in the Over-The-Rhine neighborhood; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of the sum of \$50,000 from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$50,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to newly created capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x211033, "Findlay Park Recreation Improvements," for the purpose of providing resources for the design and construction of such recreation improvements; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept in-kind donations from 3CDC by providing design, community engagement, and development services to complete the Findlay Park Recreation Improvements valued at \$50,000; and **DECLARING** expenditures from capital improvements program project account no. 980x101x211033, "Findlay Park Recreation Improvements," to be for a public purpose. [202001771](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

Enactment No: 0342-2020

MRS. KEARNEY

11. **COMMUNICATION**, submitted by Councilmember Kearney from [202001725](#)

Gerhardstein & Branch Law Firm, regarding support for proposed ban on no-knock warrants.

Referred to Law & Public Safety Committee

- 12. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the City Administration provide a report as soon as possible and not longer than fourteen (14) days regarding the feasibility of installing a mechanism (e.g., speed bumps, a stop sign or traffic lights) to reduce vehicle speed to the required speed of 25 mph at the intersection of Winneste and Strand in Winton Hills, and continuing through the school zone where are located Winton Hills Academy, Winton Hills Medical and Health Center, Winton Hills Community Church, Mother of Christ Catholic Church, and the Winton Hills Recreation Center. **WE MOVE** further that the City of Cincinnati make a recommendation and provide a timeline for resolving the issue of speeding vehicles in the area referenced above. (STATEMENT ATTACHED) [202001732](#)

Referred to Neighborhoods Committee

MR. SEELBACH

- 13. COMMUNICATION**, submitted by Councilmember Seelbach from Fred Chen, regarding FCC lighting. [202001711](#)

Referred to Major Projects & Smart Government Committee

MS. SUNDERMANN

- 14. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Sundermann, **WE MOVE** that the City of Cincinnati allow for a variety of celebration activities for Halloween to proceed this year, informed by guidance from the Cincinnati Health Department. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that City Council shall not add any additional barriers to celebration activities other than those established by the Cincinnati Health Department and the Ohio Department of Health. (STATEMENT ATTACHED) [202001706](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

MR. SITTFELD

MR. SEELBACH

MR. LANDSMAN

MRS. KEARNEY

MRS. SUNDERMANN

- 15. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Sittenfeld, Seelbach, Landsman and Kearney, **WHEREAS** the City of Cincinnati continues to commit to citywide pedestrianization efforts to improve quality of life, safety, and environmental health; and, **WHEREAS** these efforts have included smaller-scale efforts like improved signage and markings in Neighborhood Business Districts and large-scale efforts like the Liberty [202001739](#)

Street Improvement Project; and, **WHEREAS** a core tenet of these efforts has been reducing the portion of the right-of-way dominated by automobile traffic and increasing the portion of the right-of-way available to walkers, cyclists, trees, art and civic and cultural gatherings; and, **WHEREAS** Central Parkway - one of Cincinnati's most high-profile and historic corridors - is poised for and in need of such improvements; and, **WHEREAS** the North-South portion of Central Parkway from the south end turn in the road up to Liberty Street, which runs alongside some of our City's most important cultural, civic, arts, educational, and governmental institutions, can and should be a world-class corridor, on par with the world's great urban streets. (BALANCE ON FILE IN CLERK'S OFFICE).

Referred to Major Projects & Smart Government Committee

CITY MANAGER

- 16. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/23/2020, **MODIFYING** Article XV, "Retirement System," of the Administrative Code of the City of Cincinnati by amending Section 1, "Board of Trustees," Section 3, "Organization of Board," Section 7, "Actuary," and Section 9, "Actuarial Investigations," 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 United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Western Division.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 17. ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/30/2020, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept in-kind donations from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation of signage, landscaping materials, equipment and furnishings, and contract services valued at up to \$96,391.35, to benefit and improve various City parks.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

Enactment No: 0343-2020

- 18. ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/30/2020, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for grants, loans, and loan assistance awarded by Hamilton County from the Municipal Road Fund Program and the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program, the Local Transportation Improvement Program, and the Revolving Loan Program (Funding Round 35) for the purpose of ensuring the timely completion of various road and bridge construction projects throughout the City.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

Enactment No: 0344-2020

- 19. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/30/2020, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act grant (CFDA No. 20.507) from the Federal Transit Administration, an operating

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administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation, in an amount up to \$566,610 for the purpose of providing funding for the Cincinnati Bell Connector operating budget; and further AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the funds in Fund 455, "Streetcar Operations."

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

Enactment No: 0345-2020

- 20. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/30/2020, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$25,000 from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation to the Office of Environment and Sustainability's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7400 for the purpose of providing resources to support the City's Urban Agriculture Program; and AUTHORIZING the Finance Director to deposit the grant resources into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571.

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Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

Enactment No: 0346-2020

CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 21. COMMUNICATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from various citizens regarding opposition to the OTR Special Improvement District.

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Filed

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 22. REPORT**, dated 9/10/2020, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, regarding FY 2020 Carryover to FY 2021.

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Approved & Filed

- 23. REPORT**, dated 9/16/2020, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, regarding Department of Finance Reports for the Month Ended July 31, 2020.

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Approved & Filed

- 24. REPORT**, dated 9/23/2020, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, regarding Avondale Grocery Store.
(Reference Document #202001164)

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Approved & Filed

- 25. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/23/2020, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of the sum of \$2,729,245 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Working Capital Reserve Fund 754 for the purpose of increasing the City's working capital reserve; AUTHORIZING the transfer of the sum of \$2,811,948 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2585, "Economic Downturn Reserve," for the purpose of increasing the City's emergency reserve to 5.0% of FY 2020 General Fund revenues; AUTHORIZING the transfer of the sum of \$5,676,785

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from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," for the purpose of providing resources for unanticipated emergencies including those caused by unusual weather events, in order to increase the City's reserve for this purpose to 2.0% of FY 2020 General Fund revenues; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$700,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund 050 to the Cincinnati Police Department's General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x222x7100 for the purpose of funding police visibility overtime as part of the City's violence reduction initiatives; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund 050 to the Law Department's General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x111x7100 for the purpose of funding an additional prosecuting attorney as part of the City's violence reduction initiatives; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$200,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 for the purpose of funding a Safety Coordinators/Organizers Program as part of the City's violence reduction initiatives; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$330,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund 050 to the Cincinnati Police Department's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x222x7400 for the purpose of funding tuition reimbursement expenses for sworn officers; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund 050 to the Tuition Reimbursement General Fund NonDepartmental non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x928x7400 for the purpose of funding tuition reimbursement expenses for General Fund employees; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Law Department's non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x111x7200, for the purpose of providing funding for costs associated with the creation of the Housing Court; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$40,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund 050 to the Department of Finance's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x131x7200 for the purpose of providing funding for contractual services related to increasing compliance with the City's Short-Term Rental Excise Tax; AUTHORIZING the transfer of the sum of \$339,245 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$339,245 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. 416x263x7200 for the purpose of providing funding for COVID-19 related expenses including the 2 cost of contact tracers and testing; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$95,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Department of Recreation's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x199x7200 for the purpose of providing funding to upgrade WIFI access at Recreation Centers to allow students to attend school virtually; AUTHORIZING the

appropriation of the sum of \$50,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 for the purpose of replacing CitiCable's Video Playback System; REVISING the Classification and Salary Range Schedule for all employment classifications in Divisions 0, 5, 7 (LAW), 8, and 9 of Chapter 307 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code to reflect the new Classification and Salary Range Schedule for said classifications and to provide for a cost-of-living ("COLA") adjustment of 2.0% effective October 4, 2020; AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$596,570 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various General Fund personnel operating budget accounts according to the attached Schedule of Transfer for the purpose of restoring merit pay for FY 2021 for non-represented employees and providing for a 2.0% COLA adjustment for non-represented employees effective October 4, 2020; AUTHORIZING the transfer of the sum of \$78,430 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$78,430 from the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416 to the Cincinnati Health Department's Cincinnati Health District Fund personnel operating budget accounts according to the attached Schedule of Transfer for the purpose of restoring merit pay for FY 2021 for non-represented employees and providing for a 2.0% COLA adjustment for non-represented employees effective October 4, 2020; and further AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$278,050 from the unappropriated surplus of the various Restricted Funds to personnel operating budget accounts of the various Restricted Funds according to the attached Schedule of Transfer for the purpose of restoring merit pay for nonrepresented employees and providing for a 2.0% COLA adjustment for non-represented employees effective October 4, 2020.

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young
Enactment No: 0328-2020

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
 Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Mann
 Councilmember Pastor
 President Pro Tem Seelbach
 Councilmember Sittenfeld
 Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young
 Enactment No: 0328-2020

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
 Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Mann
 Councilmember Pastor
 President Pro Tem Seelbach
 Councilmember Sittenfeld
 Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young
 Enactment No: 0328-2020

- 26. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/28/2020, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Funding Agreement with Fountain Place, LLC, a subsidiary of Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (3CDC), providing for a forgivable loan of \$2,929,750 to fund redevelopment of 505 Vine Street (formerly known as Fountain Place) and proximate public infrastructure, located in the Central Business District of Cincinnati; ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x211636, "Fountain Place Redevelopment - TIF" to provide resources for the redevelopment of 505 Vine Street and proximate public infrastructure; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$2,093,071.13 from unappropriated surplus of Downtown/OTR West Equivalent Fund 482 (Downtown/OTR West TIF District) to the newly-established capital improvement program account no. 980x164x211636, "Fountain Place Redevelopment - TIF," to provide resources for the redevelopment of 505 Vine Street and proximate public infrastructure; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$836,678.87 from the unappropriated surplus of Fountain Square West Trust Fund 156 to the newly-established capital improvement program project account

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no.980x164x211636, "Fountain Place Redevelopment - TIF," to provide resources for the redevelopment of 505 Vine Street and proximate public infrastructure; and further DECLARING expenditures from such project account serve a public purpose

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young
Enactment No: 0329-2020

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young
Enactment No: 0329-2020

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young
Enactment No: 0329-2020

27. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Paula Boggs Muething,

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Interim City Manager, on 9/28/2020, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge) with 2330 VP Apartments, LLC, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 2332 Victory Parkway in the Walnut Hills neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of an existing building into approximately 35,173 square feet of residential space, approximately 6,400 square feet of office space, and approximately 1,240 square feet of commercial space, which remodeling shall be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total remodeling cost of approximately \$2,100,000.

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young
Enactment No: 0330-2020

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young
Enactment No: 0330-2020

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
 Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Mann
 Councilmember Pastor
 President Pro Tem Seelbach
 Councilmember Sittenfeld
 Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young
 Enactment No: 0330-2020

- 28. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/28/2020, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge)* with Zeta House Corporation of Delta Delta Delta, thereby authorizing a 14-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of the improvements made to real property located at 2605 University Court in the CUF neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the construction of a new sorority house at the University of Cincinnati, consisting of approximately 15,478 square feet of residential space, which construction shall be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total construction cost of approximately \$2,250,000.

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Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
 Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Mann
 Councilmember Pastor
 President Pro Tem Seelbach
 Councilmember Sittenfeld
 Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young
 Enactment No: 0331-2020

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
 Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Mann
 Councilmember Pastor
 President Pro Tem Seelbach
 Councilmember Sittenfeld
 Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young
 Enactment No: 0331-2020

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
 Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Mann
 Councilmember Pastor
 President Pro Tem Seelbach
 Councilmember Sittenfeld
 Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young
 Enactment No: 0331-2020

- 29. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/28/2020, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge)* with 602 Main Street, LLC, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 216 E. Sixth Street and 600-610 Main Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of an existing building into approximately 168,883 square foot hotel with 163 rooms, and approximately 9,500 square feet of commercial space, which remodeling shall be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total remodeling cost of approximately \$53,718,163.

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Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
 Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Mann
 Councilmember Pastor
 President Pro Tem Seelbach
 Councilmember Sittenfeld
 Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young
 Enactment No: 0332-2020

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
 Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Mann
 Councilmember Pastor
 President Pro Tem Seelbach
 Councilmember Sittenfeld
 Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young
 Enactment No: 0332-2020

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
 Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Mann
 Councilmember Pastor
 President Pro Tem Seelbach
 Councilmember Sittenfeld
 Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young
 Enactment No: 0332-2020

30. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), dated 09/25/2020, submitted by Councilmember Landsman, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$150,000 from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$150,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Department of Community and Economic Development's

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General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. analysis necessary to implement a tiered residential tax abatement program; and AUTHORIZING the designation of \$250,000 of the \$1,000,000 included in the Approved FY 2021 Budget Update for the Community Safety Response Program be designated for the Women Helping Women's Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) program.

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young
Enactment No: 0333-2020

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young
Enactment No: 0333-2020

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young
Enactment No: 0333-2020

- 31. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 9/28/2020, **ESTABLISHING** the Over-the-Rhine South Special Improvement District Assessment Equalization Board, appointing three members thereto, and setting the time and place for hearings in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Ohio Revised Code.

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Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
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Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young
Enactment No: 0334-2020

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young
Enactment No: 0334-2020

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young

Enactment No: 0334-2020

NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

- 32. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Sittenfeld, dated 8/4/2020, **WE MOVE** that the City Administration prepare and provide a report regarding the feasibility of installing a stop sign on Heekin Avenue at or near the intersection of Heekin Avenue and Bouton Street in Linwood in order to address speeding and vehicular collisions. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that the City of Cincinnati make a recommendation on a safe, effective effort, either through the installation of a stop sign, or a different solution that creates a safer environment along Heekin Avenue. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202001200](#)

Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
 Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Mann
 Councilmember Pastor
 President Pro Tem Seelbach
 Councilmember Sittenfeld
 Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young

- 33. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Sittenfeld, dated 8/4/2020, **WE MOVE** that the City Administration prepare a report on the feasibility of implementing a Parklet Program utilizing City-controlled right of way for Cincinnati restaurants looking to expand outdoor dining throughout the duration of the pandemic and beyond. Parklets would be procured, owned, and operated by local businesses for enhanced dining operations, and the City would collect revenues associated with the use of the right of way. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202001207](#)

Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
 Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Mann
 Councilmember Pastor
 President Pro Tem Seelbach
 Councilmember Sittenfeld
 Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young

- 34. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Sundermann, dated 8/31/2020, **WE MOVE** the City Administration direct the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) to conduct a parking analysis of

[202001320](#)

the Madisonville Neighborhood Business District (generally highlighted area of the attached map). The data should include - as closely as possible - the number of public and private parking spots available in the immediate, walkable area after phase I, II, and III of the Ackerman Group's (developer) project at Madison & Whetsel are completed. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
 Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Mann
 Councilmember Pastor
 President Pro Tem Seelbach
 Councilmember Sittenfeld
 Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young

- 35. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Pastor and Councilmember Seelbach, **WE MOVE** that the Department of Transportation and Engineering study the feasibility of a "road diet" on Linn Street in the West End from Central Parkway to West Court Street for the purpose of increasing the pedestrian character and walkability of this corridor thereby furthering the safety of the neighborhood and the potential for future development. The Administration shall report on this study by January 1, 2021.

[202001483](#)

Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
 Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Mann
 Councilmember Pastor
 President Pro Tem Seelbach
 Councilmember Sittenfeld
 Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young

- 36. MOTION (AMENDED)**, submitted by Councilmember Kearney and Young, **WE MOVE** for the entire stretch of Reading Road that is located within Cincinnati city limits, specifically from downtown Cincinnati to the edge of Reading, Ohio at Galbraith Road, to be named "President Barack Obama Avenue" in honor of the 44th president of the United States who became the first African-American elected to serve in the highest office in our country when he was inaugurated on January 20, 2009, * and we request a report by the City Administration. (BALANCE ON FILE IN CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

[202001615](#)

Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld

No: Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young

- 37. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Sittenfeld, **WE MOVE** that the City Administration work with the Northside Community Council, and the Northside Business Association, to install parking meters along Hamilton Avenue and Hoffner Street. (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

[202001629](#)

Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young

- 38. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Councilmember Pastor, dated August 20, 2020, **DECLARING** that Dana Avenue between Victory Parkway and Madison Road shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of William J. Keating Way in memory of William J. Keating and in recognition of his many contributions and dedication to the City of Cincinnati.

[202001339](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young
Enactment No: 0335-2020

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young
Enactment No: 0335-2020

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Mann
Councilmember Pastor
President Pro Tem Seelbach
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young
Enactment No: 0335-2020

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 39. **RESOLUTION (AMENDED)**, submitted by Councilmember Pastor, **RECOGNIZING** that the practice of involuntary servitude of the duly convicted is both heinous and inhumane; and **URGING** the members of the Ohio General Assembly and the United States Congress **respectively* to take action to remove the phrase from the United States Constitution **and to make the same change to Article 1, Section 6 of the Ohio Constitution.*

[202001428](#)

Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
 Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Pastor
 President Pro Tem Seelbach
 Councilmember Sittenfeld

Absent: Councilmember Young

Abstain: Councilmember Mann
 Councilmember Sundermann
 Enactment No: 0052-2020

- 40. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, Sittenfeld, Young, Seelbach, Landsman, Sundermann, Pastor and Vice Mayor Smitherman, **WE MOVE** that Cincinnati City Council hold a public hearing to discuss with the Hamilton County Commissioners, Lincoln Heights City Council, the Cincinnati Police Department, and other interested parties Cincinnati's gun range. The focus of the public hearing is to discuss the environmental impact of the gun range, including any available data in addition to hearing from residents, business owners, and others affected by the gun range. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that the public meeting to discuss solutions for the gun range issues is held before the end of October 2020.

[202001547](#)

Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Smitherman
 Councilmember Kearney
 Councilmember Landsman
 Councilmember Mann
 Councilmember Pastor
 President Pro Tem Seelbach
 Councilmember Sittenfeld
 Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Councilmember Young

NEW BUSINESS

- 41. REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Kimberly Hale-McCarty to the FC Cincinnati Community Coalition for a term of three years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White)

[202001777](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

- 42. REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Amber Points to the FC Cincinnati Community Coalition for a term of three years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White)

[202001784](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

- 43. REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Marquicia Jones-Woods to the FC Cincinnati Community Coalition for a term of three years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA) [202001790](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

- 44. REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Steven Bluth to the FC Cincinnati Community Coalition for a term of three years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White) [202001794](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

- 45. REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Noah James O'Brien to the FC Cincinnati Community Coalition for a term of three years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White) [202001800](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

- 46. REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley, I hereby reappoint Galen Gordon to the FC Cincinnati Community Coalition for a term of three years. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/AA) [202001806](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

No announcements at this time

Council adjourned at 3:37 P.M.