



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Meeting Minutes 2 - Final

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilmember David Mann, Chairperson
Councilmember Chris Seelbach, Vice Chair
Councilmember Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Greg Landsman
Councilmember Jeff Pastor
Councilmember P.G. Sittenfeld
Councilmember Betsy Sundermann
Councilmember Wendell Young

Monday, November 9, 2020

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

The Budget and Finance Committee called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chairperson David Mann
Vice Chair Chris Seelbach
Jan-Michele Kearney

Excused: 1 - Jeff Pastor

Remote: 4 - Greg Landsman
P.G. Sittenfeld
Betsy Sundermann
Wendell Young

Also in attendance was Finance Manager Andrew Dudas, Director of Finance Karen Alder, Assistant City Solicitor Roshani Hardin and Clerk to the Committee Robert Neely.

The following filled out a Speakers Card to speak during the meeting: Rufus Johnson, Lesley Jones, Candace Tubbs.

Also the following registered to speak remotely during the meeting: Tallal Shakarchi, Don Krohn.

AGENDA

1. [202001972](#) **PETITION**, submitted to the Clerk of Council from Lot Owners, being a Petition seeking the imposition of special assessments to pay the costs for Public Improvements at property known as the Walworth Junction Property, located at 2927-3121 (odd) Walworth Avenue in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sponsors: Clerk of Council

Held

2. [202002026](#) RESOLUTION submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 10/21/2020, **DECLARING** by legislative resolution the necessity of improving Walworth Avenue by constructing an extension thereto, together with curbs, street lighting, streetscaping, sidewalks, water mains, and storm and sanitary sewer; necessary remediation of soil in the related right-of-way; installing retaining walls; acquiring land necessary to construct and install the foregoing; and acquiring, constructing, and installing other related improvements, and of assessing certain lots adjacent to Walworth Avenue, as extended, for costs of those improvements, in accordance with Chapter 727 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Sponsors: City Manager

Held

3. [202002089](#) **REPORT**, dated 11/9/2020, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding Saving our Brothers and Sisters Project. (SEE REFERENCE DOC#202001902)

Sponsors: City Manager

Approve & File

4. [202001902](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, **WE MOVE** to allocate a total of \$70,000 in city funding to implement the Saving Our Brothers and Sisters (SOBS) Project - a partnership and commitment between Truth & Destiny Covenant Ministries UCC (Pastor Lesley E. Jones), House of Hope Fellowship Church (Pastor Nick Burnett), R.E.A.L. Truth, Inc (Rufus Johnson), and B.E.A.F. Project (Candance Tubbs) to address gun violence. **WE FURTHER MOVE** for the City Administration to provide a report to City Council regarding the feasibility of the proposed plan, as well as recommendations rooted in community organization best practices to achieve maximum community impact. **WE FURTHER MOVE** for this report to be delivered to City Council within 14 days following the passage of this motion.

Sponsors: Kearney

Filed

5. [202002056](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 10/28/2020, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x211642, "Oakley Pedestrian Tunnel," for the purpose of providing resources to facilitate the design and construction of a pedestrian tunnel in the Oakley neighborhood; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$265,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Oakley District Equivalent Fund 499 to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x211642, "Oakley Pedestrian Tunnel," to provide resources for the design of a pedestrian tunnel under the railroad that separates the former Kenner Factory site and the Castfab/Oakley Station site; and **DECLARING** that expenditures from capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x211642, "Oakley Pedestrian Tunnel," are for a public purpose because the project will foster local improvements and investment and increase neighborhood vitality.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

6. [202002058](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 10/28/2020, **ACCEPTING** and confirming the grant of a permanent sidewalk easement by BRE Retail Residual Owner 1 LLC in favor of the City of Cincinnati, on behalf of the general pedestrian public, across certain real property located in proximity to Werk Road in the Westwood neighborhood.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

7. [202002065](#) **REPORT**, dated 10/28/2020, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding W 8th Street and Glenway Avenue - Removal of Parking Restrictions. (SEE REFERENCE DOCUMENT #202001571)

Sponsors: City Manager

Approve & File

8. [202001571](#) **MOTION, (AMENDED)** submitted by Councilmember Mann, I move that West Eighth Street in Price Hill be returned to a safer place for neighborhood traffic, pedestrians and children by ending parking restrictions on the curbside lane during morning and evening commuting hours from Elberon to Nebraska and [Glenway Avenue from Wilder Avenue to Guerley Road](#). (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Sponsors: Mann

Filed

9. [202002108](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 11/9/2020, **AUTHORIZING** City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$500,000 from the Ohio Transit Partnership Program awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation to the Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 for the purpose of providing resources for operating assistance to the streetcar system; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the funds in Fund 455, "Streetcar Operations."

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

10. [202002109](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 11/9/2020, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$250,000 from the Hamilton County CARES Expanding Free Wi-Fi Program for the purpose of assisting the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) in the upgrading and new installation of public Wi-Fi offerings in the CRC community recreation centers; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Recreation Federal Grant Projects Fund 324.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

11. [202002113](#) ORDINANCE submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 11/9/2020, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212348, "Street Rehabilitation Grants," for the purpose of providing grant resources for the repair and resurfacing of streets under the Street Rehabilitation Program, including repairs to curbs, pavements, and resurfacing the roadway; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate resources in the amount of up to \$1,031,232.70 from Federal Highway Administration funding (CFDA 20.205), administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation, to newly created capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212348, "Street Rehabilitation Grants," for the purpose of providing grant resources for the Columbia Parkway Rehabilitation (HAM-50-24.39 PID 107128) project, which will rehabilitate Columbia Parkway from William H. Taft Road to Delta Avenue; and further **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation in order to complete the HAM-50-24.39 PID 107128 Project.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

12. [202002094](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 11/9/2020, AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$93,750 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund 151, "Bond Retirement," to Bond Retirement debt service account no. 151x134x7700 for the purpose of providing resources for the payment of debt service related to the installation of the historic Union Terminal murals at the Duke Energy Convention Center pursuant to an agreement between the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, by which the City and Hamilton County each agreed to bear one-half of the costs of the historic mural preservation and installation project, as provided in the Seventh and Eighth Supplements to the Cooperative Agreement between the City, the County, and the Convention Facilities Authority regarding the Duke Energy Convention Center.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

13. [202002106](#) ORDINANCE submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 11/9/2020, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to vacate and sell certain portions of an unnamed alley and the public right-of-way known as Bigelow Street in the Mt. Auburn neighborhood to Bigelow Land LLC to facilitate its construction of a multi-family development.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

14. [202002115](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 11/9/2020, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the execution of a *Job Creation Tax Credit Agreement* with Team Industrial Services, Inc., pursuant to which the company agrees to create 150 new jobs at 2249 E. Seymour Avenue in Cincinnati's Bond Hill neighborhood and, for a period of 6 years, the City agrees to provide an income tax credit equal to 40% of City income tax revenue from such new jobs.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

15. [202001815](#) **RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager, on 10/14/2020, **DECLARING** the intent to appropriate to public use property required for the construction of stormwater sewer pipes and associated appurtenances, equipment, and facilities as part of the Delta Avenue - Widman Place Drainage Improvement Project.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

16. [202002116](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 11/9/2020, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement* with BH New Arts, LP, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 845 Ezzard Charles Drive in the West End neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of 21 buildings into approximately 170,300 square feet of residential space, consisting of 248 affordable units which will be rented to individuals earning at or below 60% of the Area Median Income, at a total remodeling cost of approximately \$11,118,302.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

17. [202002117](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 11/9/2020, MODIFYING the provisions of Chapter 313, "Outdoor Advertising Sign Excise Tax," of Title III, "Financial, Personnel, Procurement and Real Property Procedures," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by AMENDING Section 313-1-O, "Outdoor Advertising Sign," and Section 313-5, "Exemptions," and by REPEALING Section 313-7, "Tax Not to be Separately Stated or Charged"; and further MODIFYING the provisions of Chapter 895, "Outdoor Advertising Signs," of Title VIII, "Business Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by AMENDING Section 895-1-O, "Outdoor Advertising Sign," and Section 895-2, "Applicability," by REPEALING Section 895-10, "Additional Permitted Uses of Outdoor Advertising Signs," and by ORDAINING new Section 895-29, "Severability," to provide additional clarity regarding the applicability of the City's outdoor advertising excise tax to the owners and operators of outdoor advertising signs.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

Yes: 6 - Chairperson Mann
Vice Chair Seelbach
Councilmember Kearney
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Sittenfeld
Councilmember Young

No: 1 - Councilmember Sundermann

Excused: 1 - Councilmember Pastor

18. [202002127](#)

MOTION, dated 10/27/2020, submitted by Councilmember Landsman, Sittenfeld and Kearney, WE MOVE that the Administration conduct a zoning study on the high-frequency and 24-hour transit corridors proposed by Reinventing Metro and provide a report to Council within 60 days. The study should focus on updating zoning rules along these corridors to provide flexibility on density and parking minimum requirements to increase neighborhood investments. By conducting a zoning study, we can determine how to best attract new residents and help existing Cincinnatians live closer to those express routes. Attachments: 24-hour route map and letter from partners.

Sponsors: Landsman, Sittenfeld and Kearney

Adopt

The Budget and Finance Committee adjourned at 1:40 p.m.