



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Meeting Minutes 2 - Final

Budget and Finance Committee

Chairperson David Mann
Vice Chair Chris Seelbach
Councilmember Steve Goodin
Councilmember Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Liz Keating
Councilmember Greg Landsman
Councilmember Betsy Sundermann
Councilmember Wendell Young

Monday, March 15, 2021

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: 5 - Chairperson Mann
Jan-Michele
Steve Goodin
Betsy Sundermann
Liz Keating

Remote: 3 - Vice Chair Chris Seelbach
Greg Landsman
Wendell Young

Also in attendance was Assistant City Manager Chris Bigham, Director of Finance Karen Alder, Assistant City Solicitor Emily Woemer, Director of Community and Economic Development Markiea Carter, Art Dahlberg, Director of Buildings & Inspections, John Brazina, Director of Transportation & Engineering. Monica Morton, Latisha Hazell, Doris Adotey, Ed Ramsey, Michael Forester, Craig Sherman and Clerk to the Committee Robert Neely.

The following registered to speak remotely during the meeting: Andrew Spoor, Thomas Ackermann, Ralph Meierjohan, Jeremy Moore.

PRESENTATIONS

Buildings & Inspections

Transportation & Engineering

Law**AGENDA**

1. [202100931](#) **RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE) (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 3/10/2021, **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. (MS KEATING IS EXCUSED FROM VOTING ON THIS ITEM)

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

2. [202002229](#) **REPORT**, dated 12/16/2020, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding Review of Walworth HOMEARAMA Project Costs. (SEE REFERENCE DOC#202002026) (MS. KEATING IS EXCUSED FROM VOTING ON THIS ITEM)

Sponsors: City Manager

Filed

3. [202100961](#) **PETITION**, submitted to the Clerk of Council from Ralph Meierjohan, Managing Member of East End Development, LLC, regarding Petition for Special Assessments executed in connection with the Walworth Junction Special Assessment proceedings. (MS. KEATING IS EXCUSED FROM VOTING ON THIS ITEM)

Sponsors: Clerk of Council

File

4. [202100921](#) **REPORT**, dated 3/10/2021, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding Finance and Budget Monitoring Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2021.

Sponsors: City Manager

Approve & File

5. [202100922](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 3/10/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate State of Ohio Capital Budget Grant resources in the amount of \$1,700,000 as authorized by Senate Bill 310 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x202008, "Smale Riverfront Park Extension" for the purpose of providing resources for expansion and improvements at the Smale Riverfront Park extension on Lot 23 of the Banks; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance, upon receipt of the State of Ohio Capital Budget Grant resources in the amount of \$1,700,000, as authorized by Senate Bill 310, from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, to return to source the amount of up to \$1,700,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x202008, "Smale Riverfront Park Extension," to the unappropriated surplus of Park and Recreation Improvement Bond Fund 860 for the purpose of partially offsetting the notes issued to fund a portion of the expansion and improvements at the Smale Riverfront Park extension on Lot 23 of the Banks.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

6. [202100923](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 3/10/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for grant resources awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation from the Safe Routes to School program in an amount of up to \$400,000 for the purpose of implementing various safety improvements within two miles of schools within the City of Cincinnati.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

7. [202100924](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 3/10/2021, **AUTHORIZING** a payment of \$52,144.05 from the Human Resources Department's non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x121x1000x7289 to Governmentjobs.com, Inc. as a moral obligation of the City for payment of charges owed for the annual NeoGov subscription fee for the City's workforce management software.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

8. [202100925](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 3/10/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$150,000 in FY 2018 Project Safe Neighborhoods funds from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, for assistance with building renovations for the Crime Gun Intelligence Center; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 18PSN.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

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9. [202100926](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 3/10/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for grant resources in an amount up to \$150,000,000 awarded by the United States Department of Transportation through the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (CFDA 20.934) discretionary grant program to provide resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

10. [202100927](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 3/10/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant of up to \$91,162 from the United States Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration through the recently passed Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Airport Grant program for the purpose of offsetting losses in revenue at Lunken Airport due to COVID-19 and a need to defray various costs associated with operating Lunken Airport; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to receive and deposit the grant funds into General Aviation Fund revenue account no. 104x8559; and further **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager do all things necessary to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

11. [202100928](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 3/10/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the acceptance and deposit into General Fund Revenue account 050x8579 of \$130,000 from Hecate Energy LLC related to the Cincinnati Solar Array project; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of \$108,162 of said revenue to the Law Department's General Fund 050 non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x111x7200 for the purpose of providing funds for legal expenses related to the project; and **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of \$21,838 of such revenue to the Office of Environment and Sustainability's General Fund 050 non-personnel operating budget account 050x104x7200 for the purpose of providing funding for an energy consultant related to the project.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

12. [202100929](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 3/10/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212008, "Ault Park Wi-Fi - State of Ohio Capital"; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate State of Ohio Capital Budget resources in the amount of \$46,000 as authorized by Senate Bill 310, which established the State of Ohio's Capital Budget for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022, to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212008, "Ault Park Wi-Fi - State of Ohio Capital."

Sponsors: City Manager

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13. [202100930](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 3/10/2021, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge)* with 100 E. McMicken LLC, an affiliate of Northcrown Property LLC, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 100 E. McMicken Avenue in the Over-The-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of the existing building into approximately 5,277 square feet of residential rental space consisting of 6 apartments, 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 \$841,650.

Sponsors: City Manager

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14. [202100669](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 2/18/2021, **MODIFYING** the salary range schedule for the classification of Water Works Construction Inspector by repealing existing Section 463, Division I, of Chapter 307 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code in order to ensure that the new salary range is consistent with the level of responsibility and competitive with similar positions across internal and external job markets.

Sponsors: City Manager

Held

15. [202100841](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 3/10/2021, **ESTABLISHING** the salary schedule and classification title for the new employment classification of Housing Services Coordinator, and enacting Section 336 of Division 0, Chapter 307 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, in order to establish a new salary schedule and new classification title of Housing Services Coordinator.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

16. [202100962](#) **PRESENTATION** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, dated 3/15/2021, regarding the Department of Transportation and Engineering's FY 2022-2023 Biennial Operating Budget needs.

Sponsors: City Manager

Filed

17. [202101042](#) **PRESENTATION** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, dated 3/15/2021, regarding the Department of Buildings and Inspections' FY 2022-2023 Biennial Operating Budget needs.

Sponsors: City Manager

Filed

18. [202101097](#) **PRESENTATION** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, dated 3/15/2021, regarding the Law Department's FY 2022-2023 Biennial Operating Budget needs.

Sponsors: City Manager

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ADJOURNMENT

The Budget and Finance Committee adjourned at 2:33 p.m.