



City of Cincinnati

Budget and Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

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

Monday, April 19, 2021 **1:00 PM** **Council Chambers, Room 300**

PUBLIC HEARING

City Manager recommended American Rescue Plan

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Mann
Jan-Michele Kearney
Steve Goodin
Greg Landsman
Betsy Sundermann
Liz Keating

Remote: Vice Chair Chris Seelbach
Wendell Young

AGENDA

- 1. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, **ESTABLISHING** new Fund 469, "Local Fiscal Recovery," for receipt of funds from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) due to the COVID-19 pandemic; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept the sum of up to \$291,590,000 from the United States Department of the Treasury as an initial allocation provided by the ARP Act as part of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (LFRF) for the purpose of providing significant stimulus and recovery funding to local governments throughout the United States related to COVID-19; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the funds in Fund 469, "Local Fiscal Recovery," revenue account no. 469x8543.

[202101464](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency
Enactment No: 0135-2021

- 2. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley from

[202101461](#)

Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP004, "Performing Arts Support Grants," for the purpose of providing for a grant program to support various performing arts groups, including theaters and musical organizations, and which grants will also provide for public performances around the City; and **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$7,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP004, "Performing Arts Support Grants," for the purpose of providing for a grant program to support various performing arts groups, including theaters and musical organizations, and which grants will also provide for public performances around the City.

Held

Enactment No: 0147-2021

3. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP003, "Outdoor Dining Grant Program (Neighborhoods)," for the purpose of improvements that facilitate outdoor dining and increase pedestrian safety in various City Neighborhoods; and **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP003, "Outdoor Dining Grant Program (Neighborhoods)," for the purpose of providing for a grant program to cover the cost of the design and construction of public infrastructure improvements that facilitate outdoor dining and increase pedestrian safety in various City neighborhoods.

[202101462](#)

Held

4. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP002, "Restaurant Grants Phase II," for the purpose of providing resources for a local economic stimulus plan to support dining and drinking establishments; and **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$4,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP002, "Restaurant Grants Phase II," to provide resources for a local economic stimulus plan to support dining and drinking establishments.

[202101463](#)

Held

Enactment No: 0148-2021

5. FYI MEMO, dated 03/24/2021, submitted by Councilmember Mann, from Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding Funding Priorities for Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

[202101272](#)

Held

6. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Mayor John Cranley from

[202101465](#)

Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x232xARP001, "Outdoor Dining & Pedestrian Safety Improvements," for the purpose of providing resources for the design and construction of right-of-way improvements including, but not limited to, sidewalks, streets, and parklets, that facilitate outdoor dining and enhance pedestrian safety in the urban core; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x232xARP001, "Outdoor Dining & Pedestrian Safety Improvements," to provide resources for the design and construction of right-of-way improvements including, but not limited to, sidewalks, streets and parklets, that facilitate outdoor dining and enhance pedestrian safety in the urban core; and further **DECLARING** that the "Outdoor Dining & Pedestrian Safety Improvements" capital improvement program project serves a public purpose as it will foster local improvements and investment, increase neighborhood vitality, and have an estimated life or period of usefulness of five years or more.

Held

Enactment No: 0149-2021

7. FYI MEMO, dated 04/08/2021, submitted by Councilmember Mann, from Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding Funding Priorities for Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund - Additional Details. [202101408](#)
- Held
8. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Goodin, Vice Mayor Smitherman and Councilmember Sundermann, Each year, Council offices receive several requests from constituents for "speed humps" to slow down traffic on the streets where they live. Unfortunately, due to budget constraints, the Department of Transportation Engineering's (DOTE) Neighborhood Street Calming Program that provides the speed humps has not been funded since FY2018. **WE MOVE** that \$100,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act be allocated to fund the DOTE's Neighborhood Street Calming Program for 2022. [202101309](#)
- Held
9. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, **WE MOVE** that City Council allocate \$350,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act to the non-profit organization, The Mark, created by to assist with the stabilization and purchase of St. Mark Church, 3500 Montgomery Rd. in Evanston. (STATEMENT ATTACHED). [202101310](#)
- Held
10. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, **WE MOVE** that City Council fund the City's HARBOR (Homeowner Assistance Repairs and Building Order Remission) program with \$2 million from the American Rescue Plan Act to give financial assistance to low-income and moderate-income, owner-occupied homeowners who receive housing code violations on their property. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that the HARBOR [202101311](#)

program continue to work with People Working Cooperatively and maintain the HARBOR program's existing guidelines with one addition: The Department of Building & Inspections will consider including a provision where homeowners at or greater than 80% of the Area Median Income as determined by HUD are required to pay back the funds provided to them from the HARBOR Fund, so that such funds are distributed to them as a low-interest loan. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Held

11. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, **WE MOVE** for the City Council to deposit \$50 million from the American Rescue Plan Act funds into the City of Cincinnati's Affordable Housing Trust Fund that was established in 2018 from the sale of the Norfolk Railroad. **WE FURTHER MOVE** for each neighborhood community council annually to consider and recommend the transfer to the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund, a portion of the 25 percent of the neighborhood's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) dollars reserved for affordable housing. **WE FURTHER MOVE** for each neighborhood community council annually to consider and recommend the transfer to the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund a portion of the neighborhood's Voluntary Tax Incentive Contribution Agreement (VTICA) funds reserved for affordable housing. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

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Held

12. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Goodin, **WE MOVE** that monies from the American Rescue Plan Act be allocated to fund the below neighborhood projects in an amount to be determined: Camp Washington Road Infrastructure Improvements for bike lane development, street repaving, restriping and sidewalk repair. Taft/McMillan Two-Way project for potential cost overrun. OTR Bell Tower for preservation and restoration of the historic First Lutheran Church Bell Tower.

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Held

13. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Sundermann and Keating, **WE MOVE** that the Administration draft an ordinance to provide \$3,000,000 to the Cincinnati USA Convention & Visitor Bureau (CVB) for the purposes of partially assisting them in returning to pre-pandemic staffing levels and recovering both retroactively and proactively from losses occurred already and those projected until 2024. The source should be anticipated federal relief funds through the American Rescue Plan. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202101392](#)

Held

14. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 4/14/2021, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 304-2020 to authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$3,500,000 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program (CFDA 14.905) to Lead Hazard Control Research Grant Fund 387 for the purpose of identifying and controlling lead-based paint hazards in eligible, privately owned

[202101416](#)

housing for low-income occupants.

Recommend Passage Emergency

Enactment No: 0130-2021

- 15. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 4/14/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the acceptance and appropriation of the sum of \$1,281,332 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS Fund 465; and **ANNOUNCING** the City's intention to use said sum for various projects and operating allocations for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS Grant Program for Calendar Year 2021 and to file the 2021 Annual Action Plan, in accordance with the attached Appropriation Schedule.

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Recommend Passage Emergency

Enactment No: 0131-2021

- 16. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 4/14/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the acceptance and appropriation of the sum of \$2,737,925 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to various Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project accounts in accordance with Section 1 of the attached Appropriation Schedule; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$170,329.05 to Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project accounts in accordance with Section 1 of the attached Appropriation Schedule; **ANNOUNCING** the City's intention to use said sum for various projects and operating allocations for the HOME Investment Partnerships Grant Program for Calendar Year 2021 according to Section 1 of the attached Appropriation Schedule; **AUTHORIZING** the return to source of the sum of \$219,778.89 from various existing Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project accounts for the purpose of correcting a HUD Entitlement Grant calculation error and to reflect available grant resources in accordance with Section 2 of the attached Appropriation Schedule; and **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$222,875.89 from the unappropriated surplus of Home Investment Trust Fund 411 to various Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project accounts for the purpose of aligning resources with program needs in accordance with Section 3 of the attached Appropriation Schedule.

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Recommend Passage Emergency

Enactment No: 0132-2021

- 17. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 4/14/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the acceptance and appropriation of the sum of \$997,610 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to Emergency Shelter Grant Fund 445, in accordance with the attached Appropriation Schedule; and **ANNOUNCING** the City's intention to use said sum for various projects and operating allocations for the Emergency Solutions Grant Program for calendar year 2021 and filing of the 2021 Annual Action Plan, in accordance with the attached Appropriation Schedule.

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Recommend Passage Emergency

Enactment No: 0133-2021

- 18. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 4/19/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the acceptance and appropriation of a grant of \$11,603,976 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) to various Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 project accounts in accordance with Section 1 of the attached Appropriation Schedule; **ANNOUNCING** the City’s intention to use said funds for various projects and operating allocations for the Community Development Block Grant Program for Calendar Year 2021 and filing of the 2021 Annual Action Plan according to Section 1 of the attached Appropriation Schedule; **AUTHORIZING** the return to source of \$54,952.99 from various existing Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 project accounts for the purpose of correcting a HUD Entitlement Grant calculation error and to reflect the reprioritization of certain projects in accordance with Section 2 of the attached Appropriation Schedule; and **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$404,058.10 from the unappropriated surplus of the Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 to various Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 project accounts for the purpose of reprioritizing certain projects and providing funding for the continuation of vital programs in accordance with Section 3 of the attached Appropriation Schedule.

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Recommend Passage Emergency

Enactment No: 0136-2021

- 19. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 2/18/2021, **MODIFYING** the salary range schedule for the classification of Sewer Construction Inspector by repealing existing Section 725, 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.

[202100672](#)

Recommend Passage Emergency

Enactment No: 0125-2021

- 20. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 4/14/2021, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x212372, “Wasson Way Trail - COTF,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of Phases 4 and 5 of the Wasson Way Trail project; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$500,000 from the Clean Ohio Trails Fund program as awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x212372 “Wasson Way Trail - COTF,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of Phases 4 and 5 of the Wasson Way Trail project; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

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Recommend Passage

Enactment No: 0126-2021

- 21. ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 4/14/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation from the Ohio Blue Ribbon Arson Committee of equipment valued at \$1,000 for use by the Cincinnati Fire Department Fire Investigation Unit.

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Recommend Passage

Enactment No: 0127-2021

- 22. ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 4/14/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to vacate and sell to Auburn land Holdings LLC approximately 0.5046 acres of the public right-of-way known as Macauley Street in the Mt. Auburn neighborhood.

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Recommend Passage

Enactment No: 0128-2021

- 23. ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 4/14/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$30,000 from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation, Educational Success Program, for the purpose of providing low- to no-cost programming for families in need; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit these funds in Recreation Special Activities Fund revenue account no. 323x199x8571.

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Recommend Passage

Enactment No: 0129-2021

- 24. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 4/14/2021, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with CH KeyMark LLC, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 5920 Hamilton Avenue in the College Hill neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of the existing building to create approximately 5,200 square feet of commercial restaurant space, at a total construction cost of approximately \$848,000.

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ADJOURNMENT