



# City of Cincinnati

## Economic Growth & Zoning Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman, Chairperson  
Councilmember Steven Goodin, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Betsy Sundermann, Member  
Councilmember Liz Keating, Member  
Councilmember Jan Michele Lemon Kearney, Member

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**Tuesday, September 14, 2021      11:00 AM      Council Chambers, Room 300**

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#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** Chairperson Smitherman  
Steve Goodin  
Betsy Sundermann  
Liz Keating  
Jan-Michele Kearney

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#### AGENDA

1. REPORT, dated 6/22/2021, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding Property Tax Working Group Recommendations. (REFERENCE DOCUMENTS #202000954, #202000951, #202000945) [202102393](#)  
Approve & File
2. MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Sundermann, WE MOVE the Administration prepare a report detailing the current policies and practices for inspecting high rise buildings. WE FURTHER MOVE that the report include requirements for buildings in hillside overlay zoning and flood zones. On June 24, 2021, a twelve-story condominium partially collapsed in Surfside, Florida. Ninety-eight people were confirmed to have died in this tragedy. Citizens of Cincinnati must be ensured that building standards are adequate and regularly enforced to prevent these types of massive collapses. It is especially important for high-risk [202102614](#)

buildings and high-risk terrain areas to receive proper attention in inspection practices. The report should outline any current susceptibilities in inspection standards that could put City of Cincinnati buildings at risk to catastrophic collapses like the Champlain Towers South condominium in Surfside, Florida or hillside slippage resulting in damage to housing foundations. The report should also include recommendations from the Department of Buildings and Inspections to improve building safety from massive collapse.

Adopt

**Yes:** Chairperson Smitherman  
Vice Chair Goodin  
Councilmember Sundermann  
Councilmember Keating  
Councilmember Kearney

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- 3. REPORT, dated 9/14/2021 submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for PEARLSTAR GROUP LLC, DBA PEARLSTAR, 1220 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (#6779968, D5J, D6, TRANSFER) [Objections: YES]

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Approve & File

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**SMALL BUSINESS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Michael Beck, President of Code for Kids**

ADJOURNMENT