



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 2:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

REVISED

Council convened at 2:13 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, Councilmember Jeff Camerding, Councilmember Reggie Harris, Councilmember Mark Jeffreys, Councilmember Scotty Johnson, Councilmember Liz Keating, Councilmember Greg Landsman, President Pro Tempore Victoria Parks, and Councilmember Meeka Owens

In attendance were City Manager Paula Boggs-Muething, City Solicitor Andrew Garth and Chief Deputy Clerk Nicole Crawford

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

There being no objection, Minutes of the previous session of Council were ordered Approved and Filed.

MAYOR AFTAB

City Planning Commission

- 1. APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Vice-Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney to the City Planning Commission as the Member of Cincinnati City Council. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA)

[202200046](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Camerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Landsman
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Owens

Cincinnati Retirement System Board of Trustees

2. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Councilmember Jeff Cramerding to the Board of Trustees of the Cincinnati Retirement System for a term of four years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its rules. (Male/White)

[202200067](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency Board of Trustees

3. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Councilmember & President Pro Tem Victoria Parks to the Board of Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency for a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its rules. (Female/AA)

[202200069](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

MS. OWENS

4. **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens, **WE MOVE** that the Cincinnati City Council committee meeting times for Wednesday January 19th, 2022 be amended as follows: The Equitable Growth & Housing Committee will meet @ 11:00 a.m., The Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee will meet @ 1:00 p.m. This is a one-time amendment to the committee meeting schedule. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202200082](#)

Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Camerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Landsman
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Owens

Immediate Consideration

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Camerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Landsman
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Owens

CITY MANAGER

5. **REPORT**, dated 1/12/2022 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 CROWN CANTINA LLC, 326 E. 8th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (#18333260005, D3A, NEW) [Objections: NONE] [202200039](#)
- Filed
6. **REPORT**, dated 1/12/2022 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 CROWN CANTINA LLC, 326 E. 8th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (#18333260005, D1, D2, D3, TRANSFER) [Objections: NONE] [202200042](#)
- Filed
7. **REPORT**, dated 1/12/2022 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 BTM PROPEROUS LLC, DBA ROOKWOOD POTTERY FOOD & BEVERAGE CO, 1077 Celestial Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (#1041869, D1, D2, D3, TRANSFER) [Objections: NONE] [202200044](#)
- Filed
8. **REPORT**, dated 1/12/2022 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 POUR LLC, DBA POUR LOUNGE, 4034 Hamilton Avenue, 1st FL & BSMT & PATIO, Cincinnati, Ohio 45223. (#7058840, D5, D6, TRANSFER) [Objections: NONE] [202200048](#)
- Filed
9. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/12/2022, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 079-2021 to change the funding purpose of a pending grant application with the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, from "building renovations" to "supplies and equipment," in support of the Crime Gun Intelligence Center. [202200051](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 10. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/12/2022, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 0320-2021 to change the deposit reference from Justice Assistance Grant Fund 368, project account no. 21JAG, to Justice Assistance Grant Fund 478, project account no. 21JAG. [202200052](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 11. ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/12/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant of up to \$60,000 from the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services for the purpose of funding a program to reduce deaths and injuries resulting from vehicular accidents due to speeding, loss of control, restraint violations, operating a vehicle under the influence, and commercial and motorcycle safety infractions. [202200053](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 12. ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/12/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$60,000 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, for the purpose of providing funds for the FY 2021-2022 Impaired Driving Enforcement Program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Fund 368, Account No. 21IDEP. [202200054](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/12/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the acceptance and deposit into General Fund Revenue account 050x8932 of \$35,750 as payment for attorney fees related to litigation in the *City of Cincinnati v. FirstEnergy, et. al.* court case; and **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of \$35,750 to the Law Department's General Fund 050 non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x111x7200 for the purpose of providing funds for legal expenses. [202200055](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 14. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/12/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$29,091 from the Ohio Urban Transit 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 preventative maintenance on the streetcar system; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Special Revenue Fund 455, "Streetcar Operations." [202200056](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 15. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/12/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of capital [202200057](#)

improvement program project account no. 980x181x221801, "Interview Recording Equipment," for the purpose of providing resources for the licensing and installation of video equipment and software for electronic recording of interviews; AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of the sum of \$21,800 from the Citizen Complaint Authority non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x181x1000x7289 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$21,800 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x181x221801, "Interview Recording Equipment."

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 16. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/12/2022, **ESTABLISHING** new special revenue fund, Fund No. 401, "Transit Infrastructure Fund Grants," for the purpose of receiving and depositing grant resources from the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority ("SORTA") Transit Infrastructure Fund program to be used for transit related roadway infrastructure improvements in the City of Cincinnati and the repayment of debt service for transit related roadway infrastructure improvements, including the Western Hills Viaduct; ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x222388, "Beekman Street Transit Grant," for the purpose of providing resources for improvements including, but not limited to, street rehabilitation, retaining wall rehabilitation, and pedestrian safety on Beekman Avenue from Hopple Street to Elmore Street; ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x222389, "Paxton Avenue Transit Grant," for the purpose of providing resources for improvements including, but not limited to, street rehabilitation and intersection improvements on Paxton Avenue from Wasson Road to Marburg Avenue; ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x222390, "Warsaw Avenue Transit Grant," for the purpose of providing resources for improvements including, but not limited to, street rehabilitation, restriping, and pedestrian safety on Warsaw Avenue from Glenway Avenue to Grand Avenue; ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x222391, "River Road Transit Grant," for the purpose of providing resources for improvements including, but not limited to, street rehabilitation and restriping on River Road from Fairbanks Avenue to Anderson Ferry Road; ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x222392, "Western Hills Viaduct Transit Grant," for the purpose of providing resources for improvements including, but not limited to, the demolition and construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and deposit into Fund No. 401, "Transit Infrastructure Fund Grants," grant resources totaling up to \$205 million from the SORTA Transit Infrastructure Fund program, which will be received over 25 years at a rate of \$8.2 million per year for the Western Hills Viaduct project; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and deposit into Fund No. 401, "Transit Infrastructure Fund Grants," grant resources totaling up to \$7.21 million from the SORTA Transit Infrastructure Fund for various other capital improvement projects; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to transfer and appropriate up to \$15.41 million from the unappropriated

[20220058](#)

surplus of Fund No. 401, "Transit Infrastructure Fund Grants," to newly established capital improvement program project accounts, according to the attached schedule of transfer; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to enter into any necessary agreements to accept grant resources.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 17. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/12/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of third-party ballfield renovation services provided by the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund valued at \$100,000, for the purpose of ballfield renovations at select Cincinnati Recreation Commission locations. [202200059](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 18. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/12/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a rebate in the amount of up to \$100,000 from Dynegy Energy Services, LLC and deposit it in the General Fund; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept annual rebates in the amount of up to \$100,000 from Dynegy Energy Services, LLC and deposit them in the General Fund for each fiscal year from FY 2023 through FY 2026; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit rebates from Dynegy Energy Services, LLC into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8228. [202200060](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 19. RESOLUTION** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/12/2022, **EXPRESSING** the support of the Mayor and City Council for the City to collaborate with Hamilton County and other regional stakeholders to generate a comprehensive strategy for redevelopment of the Duke Energy Convention Center and surrounding properties into a true convention center district, including through the engagement of 3CDC for planning and management services related to such district. [202200083](#)

Referred to Equitable Growth & Housing Committee

CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 20. SUCCESSOR (UPDATED)** submitted by the Clerk of Council that the Successor Designation Certificate for Scotty Johnson was received. [202200062](#)

Filed

- 21. OATH OF OFFICE**, dated 1/4/2022 for the following Councilmembers-Elect for the term ending 2024; Cramdering, Harris, Jeffreys, Johnson, Kearney, Keating, Landsman, Owen and Parks. [202200063](#)

Filed

- 22. OATH OF OFFICE**, dated 1/4/2022 for Mayor-Elect Aftab Pureval for the term ending 2026. [202200064](#)

Filed

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

23. RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE) (EMERGENCY), submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/10/2022, Adopting the Calendar Year Budget for Current Operating Expenses of the City of Cincinnati for the calendar year 2023 and submitting the same to the County Auditor. (Version B)

[202103224](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Owens

No: Councilmember Camerding
President Pro Tempore Parks
Enactment No: 0001-2022

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Camerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Landsman
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Owens
Enactment No: 0001-2022

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Camerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Landsman
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Owens
Enactment No: 0001-2022

24. RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE) (EMERGENCY) submitted by Paula

[202103363](#)

Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/5/2022, **DESIGNATING** specific City personnel to request advances from the Auditor of Hamilton County as required by Sections 321.34 of the Ohio Revised Code; and **REQUESTING** that the Auditor of Hamilton County draw, and the Treasurer of Hamilton County pay on such draft to the Treasurer of the City of Cincinnati weekly beginning January 18, 2022, funds derived from taxes which may be in the county treasury to the account of the City of Cincinnati.

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Camerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Landsman
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Owens
Enactment No: 0002-2022

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Camerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Landsman
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Owens
Enactment No: 0002-2022

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Camerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Landsman
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Owens
Enactment No: 0002-2022

25.

[202200061](#)

MOTION, dated 01/07/2022, submitted by Councilmembers Harris, Owens and Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that City Council approve an expenditure to support staffing increases for entry-level firefighter recruits in 2022, City Council will consider the American Rescue Plan Act 2022 funds as a possible source of funding. City Administration will prioritize funding the staffing increases in the FY 2023 Budget. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Camerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Landsman
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Owens

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

PUBLIC SAFETY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

26.

[202200050](#)

MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Johnson, Parks, Owens and Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** for the City Administration to prepare a report on the fleet needs of the City of Cincinnati's Fire Department including the type and number of vehicles to be purchased, the cost, and the City funding source. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Camerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Landsman
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Owens

27.

[202200066](#)

MOTION, WE MOVE that the following Councilmembers be appointed to the committees listed below for the 2022-24 term of Cincinnati City Council and that such committees convene on the days and times indicated: (**BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE**) **STATEMENT ATTACHED**

Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Camerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Landsman
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Owens

No announcements at this time

Council adjourned at 2:53 P.M.