



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Meeting Minutes 2 - Final

Budget and Finance Committee

Chairperson, Greg Landsman
Vice Chairperson, Reggie Harris
Councilmember Jeff Cramerding
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Scotty Johnson
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Liz Keating
Councilmember Meeka Owens
President Pro Tem Victoria Parks

Monday, June 27, 2022

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

Councilmember Greg Landsman called the Budget & Finance Committee meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Reggie Harris
Jan-Michele Kearney
Jeff Cramerding
Liz Keating
Mark Jeffreys
Meeka Owens
Scotty Johnson
Victoria Parks

Also in attendance was Assistant City Manager William Webber, Director of Finance Karen Alder, Director of Budget Dr. Andrew Dudas, Deputy City Solicitor Emily Woemer, Director of Community and Economic Development Markiea Carter, Chief of Staff, Councilmember Landsman's Office, Barbara Bell, MSOL and Clerk to the Committee Robert Neely.

The following filled out a Speakers Card to speak during the meeting: Hope Dudley, Stephon Pryor, Joe Egray, Joe Mastruserlo, Mary Ellen-Begehr, Maria Carrer

AGENDA

1. [202201480](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Cramerding, **WE MOVE** that the City of Cincinnati offer a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the safe return of the historic Romulus and Remus Statue (aka Capitoline Wolf) statue in Eden Park. This statue was a gift from the City of Rome in 1932 and holds historic and artistic value. This was a crime against art, a crime against Parks, and a crime against all the citizens of Cincinnati. We hope to see it safely returned to its original place in Eden Park.

Sponsors: Cramerding

Referred to CM for a Report

2. [202201454](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 6/23/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation in an amount of up to \$5,000 from the Microsoft Corporation to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission for the purpose of providing funding for youth programming at the Over-the-Rhine Recreation Center; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the donated funds into Contributions for Recreation Purposes Fund 319 revenue account no. 319x8571.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
- Recommend Passage**
3. [202201455](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 6/23/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services, in the amount of up to \$5,000, effective FY 2023, for the purpose of providing funding for Emergency Medical Services Board approved training and equipment to improve the City's emergency medical services operations; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant resources into Fire Grant Fund 472, effective FY 2023.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
- Recommend Passage Emergency**
4. [202201456](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 6/23/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$342,514, effective FY 2023, from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency for a grant from the FY 2022 Port Security Grant Program (ALN 97.056), for the purpose of funding the Cincinnati Police Department's Patrol Boat Program and maintaining the Police Department's Ohio River Port Security Camera Network, as well as providing funding to the Cincinnati Fire Department for swiftwater and surface rescue training and the Cold Weather Gear Project; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds for the Police Department into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, program code 22PORT, and the grant funds for the Fire Department into Fire Grant Fund 472, effective FY 2023.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
- Recommend Passage**

5. [202201457](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 6/23/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant of up to \$1,000 from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation in FY 2022, and appropriate this amount, effective FY 2023, for the purpose of providing resources to fund the Cincinnati Recreation Commission's Winton Hills Summertime field trip to the Indianapolis Children's Museum for children residing in the Winton Hills neighborhood; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Contributions for Recreational Purposes Fund 319x8571.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
- Recommend Passage**
6. [202201458](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 6/23/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation from the Cincinnati Blue Line Foundation of exercise equipment valued at \$52,500 for use by the Cincinnati Police Department to ensure the physical fitness and health of sworn police officers and professional staff.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
- Recommend Passage**
7. [202201459](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 6/23/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the State of Ohio Office of First Responder Wellness in the amount of up to \$404,917.22, effective FY 2023, for the purpose of funding the salary and benefits of a peer support coordinator for up to 24 months and the cost of up to four peer support training sessions for the Cincinnati Fire Department; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant resources into Fire Grant Fund 472, effective FY 2023.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
- Recommend Passage**
8. [202201460](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 6/23/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2022 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program, which would provide the Cincinnati Police Department with reimbursement of up to \$229,450 effective FY 2023, for bulletproof vest body armor expenditures related to the projected departmental expenditures in Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 for bulletproof vest body armor that is approximated to be \$458,900; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 23VEST.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
- Recommend Passage**

9. [202201461](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 6/23/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$42,000, effective FY 2023, from the State of Ohio, Office of the Attorney General, for the purpose of providing funds for the Cincinnati Police Department Homicide Unit's Victim Advocate in the State Victims Assistance Act and the federal Victims of Crime Act grant programs; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds in Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 23VALU.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

10. [202201462](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 6/23/2022, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x222365, "Dutch Colony TA Grant"; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in the amount of up to \$97,243 from the Transportation Alternatives grant program, awarded by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x222365, "Dutch Colony TA Grant"; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x222365, "Dutch Colony TA Grant," for the purpose of constructing a sidewalk and safety improvements along Dutch Colony Drive from Winton Road to Winton Ridge Lane; and further **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

11. [202201463](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 6/23/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x221603, "Shillito's West Remediation," for the purpose of providing resources for necessary asbestos abatement in the Shillito's West Building; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant in an amount of up to \$900,000 from the Ohio Department of Development, through a subaward from the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority, to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x221603, "Shillito's West Remediation," for the purpose of providing resources for necessary asbestos abatement in the Shillito's West Building; and **DECLARING** the expenditures from capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x221603, "Shillito's West Remediation," to be for a public purpose.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

12. [202201464](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 6/23/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x221601, "OTR Mixed Income Housing - TIF," for the purpose of providing resources for a mixed-income housing project that will result in the renovation of five vacant, historic buildings into a mixed-use development, containing street-level commercial space and mixed-income residential units in the Over-the-Rhine ("OTR") neighborhood; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,227,259.95 from the unappropriated surplus of Downtown/OTR East Equivalent Fund 483 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x221601, "OTR Mixed Income Housing - TIF"; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$347,740.05 from the unappropriated surplus of Downtown/OTR West Equivalent Fund 482 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x221601, "OTR Mixed Income Housing - TIF"; and further **DECLARING** that expenditures from capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x221601, "OTR Mixed Income Housing - TIF," will serve a public purpose because the project will provide new housing availability in the OTR neighborhood, foster local improvements and investment, and increase neighborhood vitality. (Subject to the [Temporary Prohibition List <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>](https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business))

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

13. [202201465](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 6/23/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$7,500 from the United States Tennis Association for the purpose of providing resources to fund the development of an elite tennis program in Cincinnati; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Contributions for Recreational Purposes Fund 319.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage Emergency

14. [202201466](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 6/23/2022, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 13-2008, to remove certain real property located at 2117 Dana Avenue in the Evanston neighborhood of Cincinnati from the tax increment financing (TIF) exemption area created by that ordinance.

Sponsors: City Manager

Recommend Passage

15. [202201409](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 6/15/2022, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with OTR Holdings, Inc., or affiliate acceptable to the City, thereby authorizing a 12-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 1701-1705 Race Street and 1338 and 1401 Main Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of five vacant buildings into a mixed-use development containing approximately 6,583 square feet of ground floor commercial retail space and approximately 24,271 square feet of residential space consisting of approximately 38 residential rental units, at a total construction cost of approximately \$8,595,106. (Subject to the [Temporary Prohibition List <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>](https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business))
- Sponsors:** City Manager
- Recommend Passage Emergency**
16. [202201411](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 6/15/2022, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge) with Fountain Residential Partners, LLC, or an affiliate acceptable to the City, thereby authorizing a 13-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvement made to the real property located at 2701 W. McMicken Avenue, 2746 Central Parkway, 2743 Central Parkway, 2721 Central Parkway, 1009 Marshall Avenue, and adjacent property in the Camp Washington and CUF neighborhoods of Cincinnati, in connection with the construction of 3 new residential buildings into approximately 134,620 square feet of residential rental space, consisting of approximately 136 residential rental units, and a clubhouse and leasing facility, which construction 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 construction cost of approximately \$25,000,000. (Subject to the [Temporary Prohibition List <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>](https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business))
- Sponsors:** City Manager
- Recommend Passage Emergency**
17. [202201494](#) **ORDINANCE, (EMERGENCY)**, dated 06/23/2022, submitted by Councilmember Landsman, from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$5,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7400, effective July 1, 2022, for the purpose of providing additional one-time leveraged support funding for the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Eviction Prevention Initiative in fiscal year 2023.
- Sponsors:** Landsman
- Recommend Passage Emergency**

18. [202201490](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 6/27/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of the sum of \$10,000 from the Law Department non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x112x2000x7281 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of the sum of \$25,000 from Department of Buildings and Inspections non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x212x1000x7289 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$35,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x112x221108, "Replace Audio Equipment for Public Hearings."
- Sponsors:** City Manager
Recommend Passage Emergency
19. [202201491](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 6/27/2022, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 0065-2022 to increase the amount of a grant award from the Ohio Department of Education from \$500,000 to \$1,096,596.87; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant in an amount of up to \$1,096,596.87, effective FY 2023 from the Ohio Department of Education for the purpose of providing resources to fund the expansion of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission's Summer Learning and Afterschool Opportunities programs; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Recreation Federal Grant Projects Fund 324.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
Recommend Passage Emergency
20. [202201492](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 6/27/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of the sum of \$1,396,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the Health Network Fund for the purpose of providing funds for the ongoing needs of the Cincinnati Health Department through the end of FY 2022.
- Sponsors:** City Manager
Recommend Passage Emergency
21. [202201496](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, dated 06/24/2022, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, **REPEALING** Ordinance No. 305-2001; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to take all necessary action required to amend the City of Cincinnati's health insurance plans administered by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield to include coverage for elective abortion-related health services.
- Sponsors:** Mayor
Recommend Passage Emergency

Yes: 9 - Councilmember Landsman
Councilmember Harris
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Johnson
President Pro Tempore Parks

- 22.** [202201451](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Councilmember Keating, from Andrew Garth, City Solicitor, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$4,245 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200, effective July 1, 2022, for the purpose of providing resources for the Cintrifuse Hackathon in fiscal year 2023.

Sponsors: Keating

Recommend Passage Emergency

The Budget & Finance Committee Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. by Councilmember Greg Landsman. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee is Monday, August 1, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Robert Neely, Deputy Clerk
Clerk to the Committee