



City of Cincinnati

Climate, Environment & Infrastructure

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson, Meeka Owens
Vice Chairperson, Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember, Jeff Cramerding
Vice Mayor, Jan-Michele Kearney

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 10:00 AM Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Jan-Michele Kearney
Jeff Cramerding

"Complete Streets for Vibrant Communities"

PRESENTATIONS

RAISE Grant Update

John Brazina, Director of Transportation and Engineering

Many Benefits of Enacting a Complete Streets Policy

Dusty Holfinger, and Dr. Angelica Hardee, American Heart Association

Lively Streets

Dr. Vikas Mehta, University of Cincinnati School of Planning

AGENDA

1. PRESENTATION, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 9/13/2022, regarding RAISE Grant Update. [202201746](#)
Filed
2. PRESENTATION, submitted by Councilmember Owens from the American Heart Association, titled, THE MANY BENEFITS OF ENACTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY. [202201764](#)
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3. PRESENTATION, submitted by Councilmember Owens from Dr. Vikas Mehta, University School of Planning, titled Lively Community Streets. [202201783](#)
Filed
 4. REPORT, dated 8/3/2022, submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, regarding Department of Transportation and Engineering - 2021 Infrastructure Condition Reports. [202201574](#)
Approve & File
 5. REPORT, dated 8/3/2022, submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, regarding the WEST SIDE BIKE TRAIL (REFERENCE DOCUMENT #202201292). [202201575](#)
Approve & File
 6. REPORT, dated 8/3/2022, submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, regarding Removal of Rush Hour Parking Restrictions. [202201586](#)
Referred to CM for a Report
 7. MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Cramerding and Owens, WE MOVE that the Administration provide a report to outlining the parameters, processes, and constraints of the current yard waste disposal program. It should outline what the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency require for yard waster disposal and identify better or best practices for yard waste removal and separation. (STATEMENT ATTACHED). [202201747](#)
Adopt
 8. MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Cramerding, Owens and Vice Mayor Kearney, WE MOVE the Administration to produce a report within 60 days on the legality and options for increased flexibility on how the Urban Forestry frontage assessment funds are utilized, including identifying other Ohio cities that have more flexibility in their programs. The current program is limited to planting, maintenance and management of trees that are within and/or pose a risk to the right of way. If the funds could be used to plant and maintain trees on other public property, including other city property or Cincinnati Public Schools property, it could be a tool in reducing heat islands in vulnerable low canopy neighborhoods, such as Bond Hill, [202201673](#)
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Avondale, Millvale, Winton Hills and others. This motion and the subsequent report should not raise the assessment, just create flexibility on how existing funds could be spent.

Adopt

- 9.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/8/2022, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to facilitate the performance of bridge maintenance activities for the bridges located on State Route 32 over the Little Miami River, 9th Street over Interstate 75, and E. McMillan Street over Interstate 71 in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation’s district-wide bridge maintenance project in the City of Cincinnati. [202201740](#)

Recommend Passage

- 10.** ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/8/2022, MODIFYING Chapter 1117, “Housing Code,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by amending Section 1117-15, “Fire-Protective Features,” and Section 1117-45, “General Maintenance and Repair”; and MODIFYING the provisions of Chapter 1219, “Miscellaneous Regulations,” by enacting new Section 1219-73, “Self-Closing Doors,” all to implement enhanced fire safety measures that promote the containment and suppression of flame and smoke in multi-family residential structures. [202201743](#)

Recommend Passage

- 11.** COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Owens from the American Heart Association. [202201765](#)

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- 12.** COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Owens from the American Heart Association. [202201766](#)

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ADJOURNMENT