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MOTION

Council Priority Budget Motion

WE MOVE that the City Administration prepare a Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended General Fund Budget which respects the following policy guidelines and priorities:

Police and Fire

1. Prioritize public safety so that all essential functions, including enhanced police visibility and technology updates (surveillance cameras, FUSUS, drones), are maintained and the proposed recruit classes continue on schedule.

Public Services & Infrastructure

2. The Department of Public Services has made tremendous and noticeable strides under new leadership, including successful winter operation. DPS must have the resources (personnel, fleet, technology) necessary for improvements to year round service delivery, including pothole repair and litter cleanup.
3. Improve process for expedited deployment of Cincy on Track funds to accelerate investments in deferred capital maintenance and road repairs.
4. Continue to invest in the priorities outlined in the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan.
5. Extend the residential sidewalk repair program and prioritize repairing City-owned sidewalks.
6. Continue the City's partnership with the County regarding the Regional Safety Complex, specifically related to requested updates to the Complex from CPD.

Housing and Economic Development

7. Fund the Office of Strategic Growth with adequate staffing and resources.
8. Create a neighborhood development fund that catalyzes housing and development, with an emphasis on major transit corridors, neighborhoods where there are no TIFs or the TIFs are not producing sufficient revenue, and neighborhoods where development is not occurring. The administration should examine and restructure existing capital programs into a more consolidated and clear structure to accomplish the goals listed above. This

should also include an examination of current TIF districts, possible restructuring and the creation of new TIFs.¹

9. Continue funding the Affordable Housing Leverage Fund.

Violence Reduction

10. Continue investment and implementation of ACT for Cincy violence reduction portfolio and action teams.
11. Maintain funding for Boots on the Ground and Safe and Clean grant programs.
12. Maintain funding for ARC, Community Responders teams, Victims Liaison Unit, and violence reduction partnerships.
13. Fund the installation of additional lights and cameras inside City-owned parks, playgrounds, and recreational areas.

Human Services

14. Maintain funding for the Human Services Fund at 1.5% of the General Fund.
15. Invest in the City's Access to Counsel program.
16. Expand Rec @ Nite in partnership with Cincinnati Public Schools.

Economic Inclusion

17. Invest in MORTAR for economic development and job readiness.
18. Deploy existing funding for minority-owned businesses through Represent Cincy.
19. Increase investments in lead abatement programs that protect children under six from lead poisoning.
20. Fund the Department of Opportunity & Resident Services with adequate staffing and resources.

Economic Development

21. Fund CincyTech, Cintrifuse, REDI, the Port, and the Cincinnati Sports Commission to create and attract jobs.
22. Continue to invest in Red Bike's "Strengthen and Sustain" plan.
23. Support Findlay Market's capital campaign.

Youth Workforce Development

24. Expand and streamline the City's youth workforce development programs. The program should:

¹ In line with Motion 202600419 from Councilmember Walsh.

- Connect youth to jobs year-round
- Work with external partners for job placement
- Act as a one-stop-shop for the City's programs to refer applicants to programs such as Career Pathways Initiative, Youth 2 Work, and the City's green jobs programs.

Internal City Investments

25. Continue to fund the City's pension contribution at 19.25%.
26. No budget cuts to personnel, outside of vacancy savings.

Arts, Culture, and Major Events

27. Provide funding to the Farmer Music Center as directed by prior Council resolution.

Revenue Generators and Efficiencies

28. Optimize parking revenue through new enforcement officers and enforcement citywide.
29. Examine the Cincinnati Accessibility Board of Advisors' resolution creating a volunteer parking enforcement unit of Cincinnatians with disabilities to enforce accessible parking laws.
30. Charge higher fees for non-city residents for certain City services such as park rentals, summer camps, and golf fees.
31. Continue to expand the Building Inspector Training Academy and fund inspectors for enforcement of the Vacant Building Registry, where fees are projected to cover 100%+ of the funding needed for the program.
32. Consolidate landscaping and facility maintenance for CRC and Parks where feasible.
33. Pursue reimbursements from Ohio Highway Patrol for crash responses and ODOT for snow and litter removal on State Routes in the City.

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