

IIN BRIEF



April / May / June 2019
Invest in Neighborhoods

FY2020
Budget
Discussions
Underway

Budget Season:

City Manager to Council: May 9

Manager/Mayor reconciled budget: May 24

Public Hearings: June

Final Budget by June 30

ECAT (Engage Cincy Action Team)

1. Engage Cincy Academy

Updated version of old “citizen’s academy” – training sessions starting fall 2019
Moving from departmentally based to process based – answering questions around “How do I?”

Currently gathering those questions from all – Website: www.cincinnati-oh.gov/manager/engage-cincy-community/

Survey open from Apr 30 – June 15

2. Pamphlet– City Dev process.

Shows the development process at the City and the community touchpoints. For more info www.cincinnati-oh.gov/manager/engage-cincy-community/resources-links/guide-to-engaging-in-the-development-process/

Pamphlets available for community council meetings, CRCs, local library

3. OPDA/Cincy Insights

Soon: online Residential Permits (May/June)

In progress: Special Event Portal

Testing now, beta version sometime this year

until then --- www.cincinnati-oh.gov/police/special-events-regulations-auctions/event-permits/

Reminders:

Did you file your 990s and charitable registration? Or an extension?

Insurance renewal: if you turned in your forms, certificates will be emailed before May 3

Events— look for a new Special Events Questionnaire for insurance purposes coming soon. In the meantime, the old one is still valid

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Photo Caption: Neighborhood Flags, Summit 2019;, Casey Wheldon, City of Cincinnati

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Topic: Equitable Development

Landsman: Balanced Development Initiative.

To review how development works across the board in the City with the intent to identify policy changes. "Across the board" includes such things as diversity and inclusion, community engagement, affordable housing, etc. Currently there is an internal committee with the administration that meets every 2 weeks to determine how it all works together and identify best practices

- Timeline: Now through July – Research and report. August – send out report..September/October – public meetings
- The goal is to have policies to vote on by the end of the year

Smitherman: Property Tax Workgroup

Established to study trends related to property taxes, especially the issue of rising property taxes in areas experiencing significant levels of development; to make recommendations to City Council aimed at helping to keep senior citizens in their homes and communities; and to report on best practices in other cities and states facing similar challenges. Additionally, the working group will review the City's Tax Abatement Program. Website: survey, schedule, meeting minutes, resources, etc www.cincinnati-oh.gov/planning/planning-projects-studies/property-tax-working-group/

Various: Fair Tax Abatement:

1999 agreement set to expire end of this year. This has prompted multiple public conversations around development and tax abatements have occurred. Call to action: 1) regulate by prioritizing equity 2) responsibly distribute incentives to ensure public needs met and supported 3) enforce through effective oversight and accountability
More information contact Cincinnati Educational Justice Coalition cincinnatieducationjustice@gmail.com or Cincinnati Federation of Teachers www.cft-aft.org

Topic: Community—Police

Collaborative Refresh: MAG (Manager's Advisory Group)

Working on Implementing the Action Plan.

www.cincinnati-oh.gov/manager/manager-s-advisory-group-mag/

Policy news:

City Motions and Ordinances Short Term Rental Agreement

In a nutshell: hosts must register, self certify & pay 7% to affordable housing trust fund

\$50 flat fee for Special Events Permits

-NOTE this is the City fee managed by police www.cincinnati-oh.gov/police/special-events-regulations-auctions/event-permits/
-Park permits/fees are separate (see www.investinneighborhoods.org/parks-special-event-fee-waiver/)

Events

May 8 CPS Fact Finding Hearing 1999 Tax Exemption Agreement
CPS Education Center, 2651 Burnet Ave
4:30—6:30

May 15: 50+ Celebration
Fountain Square 9:30-1:30
Free lunch provided by AARP to folks who register: aarp.org/Cincinnati

May 21: Pedestrian Safety Summit
Evanston Rec Center 6 pm



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