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MOTION: City Hall Reforms

In an effort to restore public trust and confidence in City Hall, **WE MOVE** that the Administration prepare ordinances and a report on the following recommendations.

Cincinnati Ethics Commission

In partnership with the Ohio Ethics Commission, the Administration will establish a local commission to improve oversight and transparency. This "Cincinnati Ethics Commission" will be supported by a Chief Ethics and Good Government Officer, and developed and designed by the Administration and not elected officials, particularly the number and qualifications of the commissioners. The commission should be in support of and in addition to the Ohio Ethics Commission. It should not supplant any of the work of the Ohio Ethics Commission.

The commission should be tasked with local reporting of financial disclosure forms and developing new training for public officials and relevant city staff. The local disclosure requirements and trainings should go beyond what is currently required by the state. Again, this, as in all things the Cincinnati Ethics Commission does, would be in partnership with the state's ethics commission.

Legislation should be prepared for review and approval by Council and the Mayor.

Chief Ethics and Good Government Officer

The Administration should also prepare legislation to identify and/or hire a Chief Ethics and Good Government Officer, reporting directly to the City Manager, to lead local reforms and support the work of a new Cincinnati Ethics Commission.

Local Campaign Finance Reform

The Administration should prepare the necessary legislation to update local campaign finance rules to require the immediate disclosure of any contribution to a campaign committee or leadership PAC from anyone that has business before the City of Cincinnati. This may require the creation of a publically facing website that allows for such disclosures as well as creates real transparency.

Additional and Ongoing Training

Local training for public officials and relevant city staff (e.g. individuals in departments such as Purchasing and Economic Development) will cover ethics and good government policies, including

training around the appropriate use of public funds, publicly funded equipment, campaign finance rules, and public records and open meeting requirements.

Initial training should be completed within the first 60 days of taking office and/or the beginning of employment status with the city with annual training to follow. Trainings and the completion or non-completion of trainings should be made public.

The Administration should prepare legislation if necessary or simply report on these new trainings.

Charter Amendments

The Administration should draft charter amendment language for the Spring ballot to update local campaign finance rules, if necessary, and to provide the most appropriate mechanisms for penalizing and possibly removing individuals from office with a supermajority vote of Council.



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