Equity, Inclusion, Youth, and The Arts Committee

Tamaya Dennard, Chair
Gregory Landsman, Vice-Chair
David Mann, Member
P.G. Sittenfeld, Member

Tuesday
June 18th, 2019
11:00 A.M.
Council Chambers
Room 300

Kelly Carr, Administration
Ann Schooley, Law

Kathy Calloway
Clerk to the Committee

Tara Keesling, Chief of Staff
Anthony B. Johnson, Policy Dir.

AGENDA

Presentation:

United Way of Greater Cincinnati – “Human Services Advisory Committee’s FY 2020 Human Services Fund Recommendations”

Items referred from the Calendar

1-201900133 MOOTION, submitted by Councilmember Dennard, WE MOVE that the City Administration explore the feasibility of banning public utility companies from charging reconnection or disconnection fees to customers who have their service interrupted due to non-payment. Public utilities are defined as organizations who provide electricity, gas, water or sewerage or broadband internet. We also ask City Administration to check on the feasibility of asking that Public Utilities companies would no longer be able to require a deposit for service for customers whose income is within 50% of the area median income for the City of Cincinnati. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

2-201900785 MOOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Landsman and Seelbach, To grow the number of black-owned businesses, along with other MBEs, SBEs and WBEs in the City of Cincinnati, WE MOVE that the Administration prepare a report on the feasibility of consolidating support for these small businesses within the Department of Economic Inclusion (e.g. loan programs, technical assistance, etc.) There should be a single point of contact and centralized support for these critically important businesses. WE also MOVE that the Administration identify ways in which newer, less experienced MDBs, SBEs and WBEs can get the necessary experiences and opportunities by updating our contracting requirements. For example, what is the feasibility of requiring that certain city contracts partner with MBEs that need the requisite experience to participate in city contracts on their own? The goal of this motion is to better understand the opportunities to further grow and diversify our inclusion work so that more black-owned businesses and other MBEs, SBEs and WBEs especially newer successfully participating.
RESOLUTION, (VERSION B) submitted by Councilmember Mann, EXPRESSING the strong support of the Mayor and City Council for the recently initiated effort to develop specific goals and strategies to address housing needs in our community by a dedicated group of community stakeholders including LISC Greater Cincinnati, The Greater Cincinnati Foundation, Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority, Legal Aid, the Port and Cohear; and ENCOURAGING the City Administration, particularly the Department of City Planning and the Department of Community and Economic Development in coordination with the City Manager's Office, to support and participate fully in this collaborative and comprehensive Housing Strategy.
MOTION

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STATEMENT

In order to combat poverty effectively, we must look at the policies, structures and systems that create and perpetuate poverty. Public utilities are essential for us to thrive. When trying to help lift people out of poverty, it’s important that we don’t create a web of never-ending fees and deposits just to have basic needs met.
April 23, 2019

MOTION

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The goal of this motion is to better understand the opportunities to further grow and diversify our inclusion work so that more black-owned businesses and other MBEs, SBEs, and WBEs especially in need are successfully participating.

Councilmember Greg Landsman

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To: Councilmember David Mann

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Solicitor

Copies to: Mayor John Cranley

Subject: Resolution – Supporting a Comprehensive Housing Strategy B Version

Transmitted herewith is a resolution captioned as follows:

**EXPRESSING** the strong support of the Mayor and City Council for the recently initiated effort to develop specific goals and strategies to address housing needs in our community by a dedicated group of community stakeholders including LISC Greater Cincinnati, The Greater Cincinnati Foundation, Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority, Legal Aid, The Port, and Cohe; and ENCOURAGING the City Administration, particularly the Department of City Planning and the Department of Community and Economic Development in coordination with the City Manager’s Office, to support and participate fully in this collaborative and comprehensive Housing Strategy.

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Attachment
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RESOLUTION NO. __________ - 2019

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WHEREAS the City of Cincinnati recognizes housing as a human right; and

WHEREAS our City has a deficit of affordable and available homes and many of our neighbors struggle with homelessness and eviction; and

WHEREAS a steering committee that includes LISC Greater Cincinnati, The Greater Cincinnati Foundation, Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority, Legal Aid, The Port, and Cohear are leading an effort to develop a comprehensive Housing Strategy for Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council are in full agreement with our community stakeholders that it is time to address these issues directly with collaborative and comprehensive action; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and City Council express their strong support for the recently initiated effort to develop specific goals and strategies to address housing needs in our community by a dedicated group of community stakeholders including LISC Greater Cincinnati, The Greater Cincinnati Foundation, Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority, Legal Aid, The Port, and Cohear.

Section 2. That the Mayor and City Council hereby encourage the City Administration, particularly the Department of City Planning and the Department of Community and Economic
Development in coordination with the City Manager's Office, to support and participate fully in this collaborative Housing Strategy.

Section 3. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that copies be forwarded to all of the members of the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ms. Denise Driehaus, Ms. Stephanie Summerow Dumas, and Mr. Todd Portune, at the County Administration Building, 138 East Court Street, Room 603, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Passed: ____________________________

______________________________  John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: ____________________________

Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember David Mann and Mayor John Cranley