

Know your Government

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Neighborhood Leadership Academy

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WEEK 1: JANUARY 14, 2020

Welcome: Patrick Duhaney, City Manager

Academy Overview: Kelly Carr, Assistant to the City Manager

Know Your Local Government 101: Paula Boggs Muething, City Solicitor

Break

Engaging with the Mayor's Office: Yasmin Chilton, Aide for Public Affairs

Engaging with City Council: Council Aides

Engaging with Community Councils: Elizabeth Bartley, Executive Director of Invest in Neighborhoods

Break

Panel Discussion: CMO, LAW, Invest, Council Aides, OPDA

Close

Welcome,

Patrick A. Duhaney – Cincinnati City Manager

- We are thrilled that you have decided to be a part of this Neighborhood Leadership Academy Class of 2020
- Outpouring of interest, hit the 25 threshold in 24hrs, so we opened it up to 80 participants
- Thank you to Invest in Neighborhoods, City Solicitor, Mayor's Office, and City Council
- Academy Overview will be covered by Kelly Carr

Academy Overview

- This Academy was the product of City Manager's Engage Cincy Action Team, ECAT - compromise of City staff and Neighborhood reps
- We hope, that after participating in this series that you may be inspired to apply and participate in ECAT. More info to come from Invest
- Academy Framework (Presentations-> Panel Discussion: weekly survey/notecards)
- Intentional effort to not print materials. (copies will be emailed)
- Dinner is provided by Just Jerk's Jamaican Grill, and feel free to get up at any time to grab a bite, a drink or use the restroom.
- We do ask that you silence your cell phones and if you take a call, to please step out into the hall or other room.
- We are taking attendance, but life happens, and this program is for you.
- If you need anything throughout this process
- Open it up for quick comments before we get started

KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT

PAULA BOGGS MUETHING, CITY SOLICITOR

Presentation Overview

- The City of Cincinnati government – a brief timeline
- Home Rule
- The City Charter
- The City's elected and appointed leadership
- The constituent entities of the City of Cincinnati
- The City Solicitor

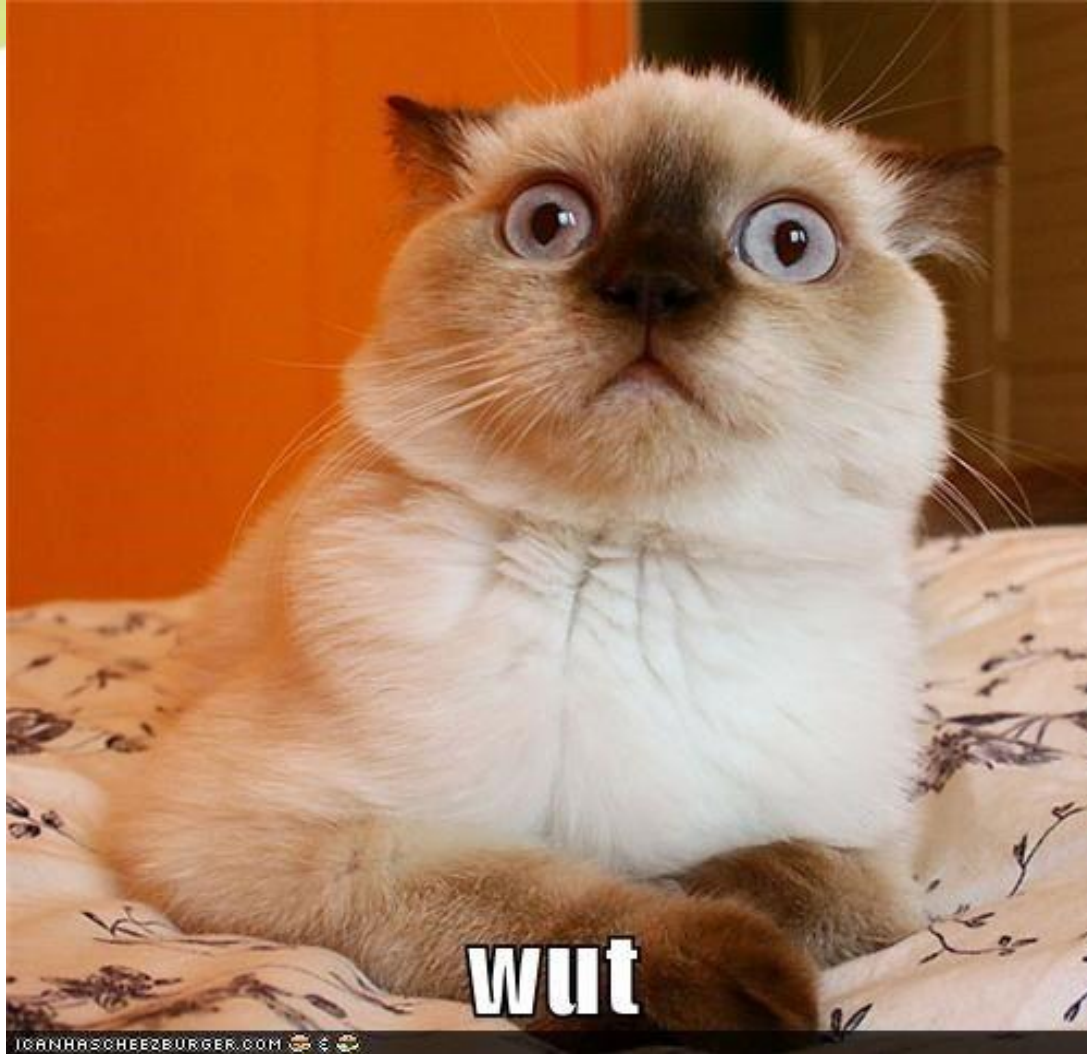
The City of Cincinnati

- Incorporated in 1819
- First City Charter – 1819
- First City Mayor – Isaac G. Burnet
- State Constitution
- Charter municipality

Home Rule

Section 3, Article XVIII, Ohio Constitution

“Municipalities shall have the authority to exercise all powers of local self-government and to adopt and enforce within their limits such local police, sanitary and other similar regulations, as are not in conflict with the general laws.”



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The City Charter

- The pre-eminent governing document
- Structure of Cincinnati government
- 1926 Charter
- Issue Four
 - Establishes election of mayor and 9 councilmembers; appointment of City Manager

Issue IV



Issue IV Overview

| | Changed Provision | Former Provision |
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| Election | Direct election of Mayor, with a non-partisan primary and head-to-head general election; Council of nine members separately elected. | Top vote getter of 9 Council candidates becomes Mayor |
| Term | 4 years | 2 years |
| Role at Council Meetings | Presides at Council meetings, but not a member of Council; can call special meetings of Council | Presides over Council meetings and votes; the mayor alone cannot call special meetings of Council |
| Salary | Mayor receives double the Council salary | Same for all members of Council, including Mayor |
| Mayoral Succession | Vice Mayor becomes Mayor, election for unexpired term in some circumstances | Council chooses Mayor from its members for rest of term |
| Term Limits | Mayor: two 4 year terms; Council: four 2 year terms | Four 2 year terms for all |
| Role of Vice Mayor | Appointed solely by Mayor from members of Council; fills in when Mayor absent but cannot exercise veto, appointment, or removal powers | Appointed by Council; fills in when Mayor absent |
| Legislation | Mayor may propose, introduce and veto legislation but does not have a vote on the Council. Council may propose, introduce, vote, and override veto of legislation with 6 votes. | Council and Mayor propose, introduce and vote on legislation. |
| Legislative Assignment | Mayor assigns all legislative matters to the appropriate committee | Clerk of Council assigns legislative matters to appropriate committee |
| Veto and override | Mayor may veto; Council can override with 2/3 vote | No veto |
| Official head of the City | Mayor is recognized as the official head and representative of the City for all purposes except as provided otherwise | Mayor is the ceremonial head of the City |
| Committees and Committee Chairs | Council forms committees. Mayor appoints and removes committee chairs without Council consent | Council forms committees and chooses chairs |
| City Manager | Only Mayor may appoint City Manager subject to Council approval. Only Mayor may initiate removal of City Manager with Council approval | Appointed and removed by a majority vote of Council |
| Budget | Mayor reviews and transmits budget estimate prepared by City Manager and submit to Council, with comments, within 15 days of receipt | City Manager prepares and submits the budget estimate to Council |
| City Manager Reports To | Mayor and Council | Council, including Mayor |

The Compromise of “Stronger” Mayor

- Amendments expanded powers of mayor
 - Official head and representative of the City
 - Initiate appointment and removal of the City Manager
 - Assignment of all legislative matters
 - Appointment of Vice Mayor and committee chairs
- Stronger Mayors
 - Mayor Luken
 - Mayor Mallory
 - Mayor Cranley

Exclusive Powers

- City Council
 - Legislative powers
 - Appropriation of Funds
 - Override veto
 - Appoint Clerk of Council and President Pro Tem
- City Manager
 - Chief executive and administrative officer
 - Sole authority to bind the City through contract
 - Appointment and removal of employees

Shared Powers



Shared Powers

- Council and Mayor
 - Committee Process
 - Legislation
 - City Manager
- Mayor and City Manager
 - Annual Budget estimate
 - Police Force in emergency



City of Cincinnati

- **Mayor**
- **City Manager** and City Administration - all City Departments and Divisions
- **City Council**
- **Independent Boards and Commissions, including:**
 - Board of Health
 - City Planning Commission
 - Board of the Cincinnati Southern Railway
 - Board of Park Commissioners
 - Cincinnati Recreation Commission
 - Zoning Board of Appeals
 - Historic Conservation Board

City Solicitor

- Charter, art. IV, § 5:

City Solicitor is appointed by the City Manager to “serve the council, officers and boards of the city as legal counsel and attorney, and shall represent the city in all proceedings in court. He shall act as prosecuting attorney in the municipal court.”

- Admin. Code, art. III, § 2:

City Solicitor is “the legal advisor of the city government and of all of its agencies, and shall represent the city as attorney and counsel in all proceedings in which the city is a party before any court or any governmental commission having judicial power.”

City Solicitor

- General Counsel
- Litigation
- Legislation
- Development, Land Use, and Planning
- Municipal Prosecution
- Real Estate
- Office of Administrative Hearings and Parking Violations Bureau
- Quality of Life



Break

Mayor's Office

Yasmin Chilton – Public Affairs

Overview of Duties

- The Mayor is the highest elected official in the City of Cincinnati
- The City of Cincinnati has a Mayor-City Manager-Council form of government
- The Mayor serves as the President of Council, but does not have a vote
- The Mayor refers legislation to Council, appoints Committee Chairs, and has veto power
- The Mayor has a role in the budgeting process

Overview of Services

- The Mayor's office serves as a landing place for a lot of questions, concerns, and general issues
- Constituent casework
- The Mayor's office works with the community to appoint citizens to boards and committees
- The Mayor issues proclamations, letters of recommendation & commendation, and letters of support for grants, applications, etc.
- Local advocacy around the state

Mayoral Priorities

- Poverty reduction
- Basic services
- Crime reduction
- Transportation
- Economic inclusion
- Economic growth
- Special initiatives



How to Engage with our Office

- Call our office ANYTIME!
- Email your mayor ANYTIME!
- Stop by our office!
- Tweet at your mayor!

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Engaging with City Council

- <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/council/council-members/>
- <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/council/linkservid/2565C8C1-B4B4-257B-1CD1DE9C1EAD293A/showMeta/0/>

Community Councils

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Community Council Responsibilities

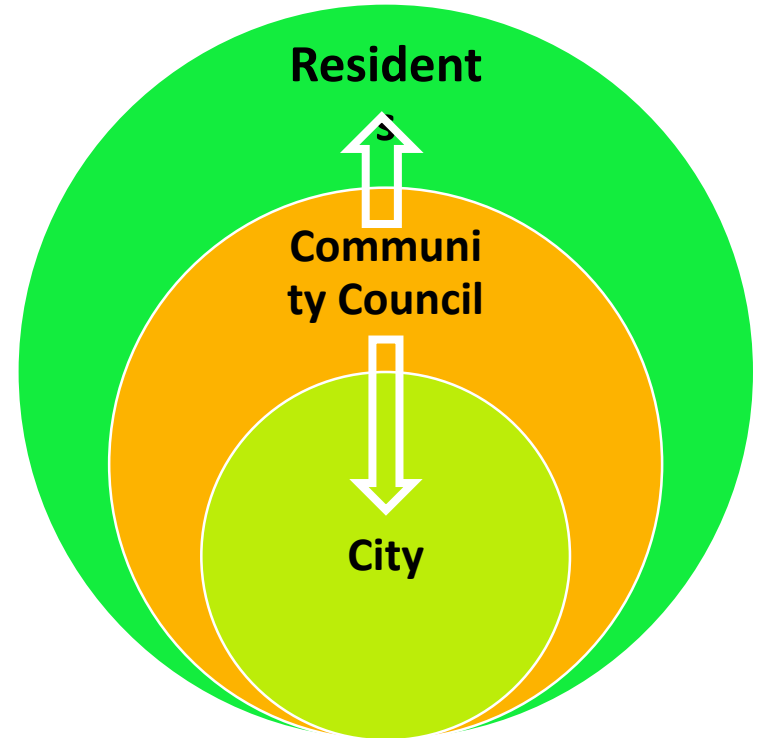
To City *provide neighborhood input*

- Neighborhood Plans
- Zoning
- Liquor licenses
- Neighborhood Developments
- City Budget Requests

To Neighborhoods

enhance the quality of life in each neighborhood

“raise the standards of our community; develop united efforts to attain a better community; to secure more and better housing, education, employment, recreation, and other factors that would make for a better living environment for our residents, schools, businesses, police, and other groups interested in the well-being of our neighborhood”



Community Council Activities



Neighborhood Improvements

- Community events
- Neighborhood brand & image
- Leadership development
- Fundraising for neighborhood projects
- Supporting local organizations



Educational Activities

- Youth employment & training
- Senior citizen programming
- Health & wellness programs
- Adult GED & literacy
- Urban gardening training
- Home repair



Neighborhood Development

- Landscaping, community gardens, parks
- Playgrounds & recreation areas
- Conservation
- Capital improvements
- Neighborhood plans



Communication & Outreach

- Community engagement
- Inform about the work of CC
- Communicate City initiatives impacting the neighborhood
- Seek input into development, zoning, planning, budget



Neighborhood Services

- Community-police partnerships
- Safety initiatives
- Environmental services
- Blight & vacancy remediation
- Stimulate commercial & economic development



Civic Infrastructure

- Sustaining and improving the function of Community Councils, relationships with the City, and partnerships with other Community Organizations

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Civic Engagement

Increasing the engagement in the community and the city
Fostering dialogue and deliberation
Working toward consensus in determining priorities



Increase citizen participation

Citizens inform, participate in, and shape their city as partners, and celebrate their city



Social Capital

Building connections of trust, cooperation and reciprocity that form the networks of 'unseen fiber' that hold communities together



Retain residents & businesses

When a neighborhood becomes a community people want to stay where people mutually support each other and their local businesses



Neighborhood Image

Stewarding all of the neighborhood's assets: the people, the buildings, roads, and landscapes, and the institutions



Attract investment

Quality of life attracts new residents, new businesses and new investment into a thriving, vibrant city

Neighborhood

City

Invest in Neighborhoods

We:

empower Community Councils and their resident members, volunteers, and related community organizations to contribute to civic life and advance the quality of life in Cincinnati's neighborhoods

Why?

We envision a city of engaged and effective Community Councils working collaboratively to build strong neighborhoods.



Invest in Neighborhoods

By:

increasing capacities and competencies, assisting with resources, and promoting civic engagement.

Events & Forums

Seasongood Forum: The Power of Organizing: Finding Your Community's Voice

Fair Tax Abatement Forums

Women's City Club Women in Leadership

Housing Conversations Forums



Technical Assistance

strategic planning |
neighborhood planning |
bylaws | budgeting |
financial systems | policy
review | electoral process |
mediation

Resources

We distributed **\$32k** through our **Neighborhood Fund** & saved an estimated **\$47k** with our **Insurance Aggregation Program**

Training

2018 **Neighborhood Revitalization Series** w/ CBI

2019 **Board Basics Series** w/ NKU

2020 **Neighborhood Leadership Academy** – ECAT/City



thank you

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Panel Discussion

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