

City of Flint, Michigan

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

5:00 PM

Committee Room

FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Scott, Kincaid, Chairperson, Ward 9
Jim Ananich, Vice Chairperson, Ward 7*

*Vacant, Ward 1, Jacqueline Poplar, Ward 2
Kerry Nelson, Ward 3 Sandra Hill, Ward 4
Carolyn A. Sims, Ward 5 Sheldon Neeley, Ward 6
Ehren Gonzales, Ward 8*

Inez M. Brown, City Clerk

ROLL CALL

RESOLUTIONS

071726 Contract/Agreement/City of Flint & Genesee County Board of Commissioners/Collection of Delinquent Personal Property Tax

Resolution authorizing the appropriate City Officials to enter into an agreement with the Genesee County Board of Commissioners authorizing the Genesee County Treasurer to collect the delinquent personal property taxes of the City of Flint beginning in 2007 for the year 2007 or earlier taxes with such agreement to continue in effect until the 28th day of February, 2013.

080001 Moratorium on Home Foreclosures/United States Congress

Resolution urging the United States Congress to take emergency action calling for a Moratorium on Home Foreclosures to protect homeowners by putting into place a congressional enactment of a "Homeowners and Bank Protection Act".

080002 Professional Services Agreement/William Ayre/Transportation & Demolition Related Activities

Resolution authorizing the proper City Officials, upon City Council approval, to enter into a Professional Service Agreement with William Ayre, 1163 LaDells Lane, Evart, Michigan, 49631, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 per year for transportation and demolition related activities, with funds from the Major Street Fund, Local Street Fund with authorization to encumber funds for the 2008-2009 and subsequent fiscal years from the same accounts.

080003 Settlement/Deborah Patrick v. City of Flint & Burton Towing, et al

Resolution authorizing the appropriate City Officials to make payment in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Deborah Patrick and her attorney, Kenneth Scott, in satisfaction of any and all claims arising out of an incident with funding made available from the 677-266.200-956.300 Suits & Settlement Fund. (The City recovered a stolen vehicle in January of 2006. This was reported to Mt. Morris Township by LEIN the same night. Mt. Morris Township failed to take the stolen entry out of LEIN, consequently, the City of Flint could not report the vehicle as recovered. In April of 2006, Burton City Towing contacted the City of Flint Police Department to inquire if the vehicle could be sold. At that time, no one realized that Mt. Morris Township had not taken their stolen entry out of LEIN. Burton Towing still has the vehicle.)

080004 Settlement/Joe N. Leverette, Jr. vs. City of Flint & Christopher O. Harrison

Resolution authorizing the proper City Officials to make payment in the amount of \$45,000.00 to Joe N. Leverette, Jr. and his attorney, Phillip S. Serafini, (Genesee County Circuit Court Case No. 06-83973-NI) in satisfaction of any and all claims arising out of said incident with funding made available from the

677-266.200-956.300 Suits & Settlement Fund. (Lawsuit arises out of an automobile negligence action where the plaintiff collided with a City of Flint snow plow on January 25, 2005 - intersection of Mildred and E. McClellan.)

080005

Settlement/James Roberts v. City of Flint and Officer Houston Tipton

Resolution authorizing the proper City Officials to make payment in the amount of \$13,306.44 to James Roberts, Christopher Tainor and Associates and First Recovery Group, LLC (U.S. District Court No. 2:06-CV-13789), in satisfaction of any and all claims arising out of said incident (handcuffs placed to tightly as well as other related injuries) with funding made available from the 677-266.200-956.300 Suits and Settlements Fund.

080006

Settlement/Equity Providers, LLC and Ajeda, LLC v. City of Flint/313 W. Court Street/Outstanding Water/Sewer Bills

Resolution approving payment in the amount of \$52,000.00 by Equity Providers, LLC and Ajeda, LLC directly to Genesee County in satisfaction of all outstanding water/sewer bills (313 W. Court Street), including interest and penalties (Genesee County Circuit Court Case No. 06-84982-CZ). The City of Flint will amend the 2005 delinquent tax roll for water to \$38,101.10 and the 2006 delinquent tax roll to \$0.00. (Plaintiffs obtained title to property located at 313 W. Court Street in the City of Flint in June of 2006. At that time, the water/sewer outstanding charges were approximately \$66,929.25. The amount was entered as a lien and placed on the City tax rolls. The City subsequently turned over the delinquent charges to Genesee County pursuant to Revenue Bond Act of 1933 as amended, in 2005 and 2006.)

080007

Sale of City-Owned Property/E. Stewart Avenue/Ward 3

Resolution authorizing the appropriate City Officials to do all things necessary to enter into and complete the sale of the property commonly known as vacant lots on E. Stewart Avenue, Flint, Michigan, parcel #s 47-31-183-025, legally described as MAPLEWOOD LOT 302 AND 47-31-183-026, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS MAPLEWOOD LOT 303 for a cost of \$50.00 each for a total sum of \$100.00 and transfer the property to Bruce Richardson in an AS IS condition by means of conveyance of a Quit Claim Deed with revenue realized from the sale of this property to be placed in the Real Estate Management Revenue Account #101-371.210-673.100. (Bruce Richardson, owner of Sims Asphalt Co., resides at 3019 Dearborn Avenue, Flint MI 48507, desires to purchase the vacant lots owned by the City of Flint to be utilized as a business location for Sims Asphalt Co.)

080008

Sale of City-Owned Land/Maines Street (Ward 3)/Masonic Lodge

Resolution authorizing the appropriate City Officials to do all things necessary to enter into and complete the sale of the property commonly known as a vacant lot on Maines Street, Flint MI, Parcel #47-31-184-029 (located between E. Stewart Avenue and Black Avenue) and legally described as MAPLEWOOD ANNEX LOT 52 for a cost of \$50.00 and transfer the property to James Beaty (3209 Steeplechase Court, Flint MI 48532, a member of the Rose of Sharon

Lodge #4, 4212 Maines Street, acting on behalf of the Masonic Lodge for the purpose of construction of a new Masonic Lodge on eight lots assembled and acquired through the City of Flint, Genesee County Land Bank and Masonic Lodge owned property) in an AS IS condition by means of conveyance of a Quit Claim Deed with revenue realized from the sale of this property to be placed in the Real Estate Management Revenue Account 101-371.210-673.100.

080009 Sale of City-Owned Property/4609 Edward Avenue (Ward 2)/Robert Young

Resolution authorizing the appropriate City Officials to do all things necessary to enter into and complete the sale of the property commonly known as 4609 Edwards Avenue (Ward 2), a vacant lot on Edwards Avenue, Flint MI, parcel #46-35-278-023 and legally described as FLINT PARK NO. 1, LOT 238 for a cost of \$50.00 and transfer the property to Robert Young (4617 Edward Avenue) in an AS IS condition (to expand his yard for beautification and gardening purposes) by means of conveyance of a Quit Claim Deed with revenue realized from the sale of this property to be placed in the Real Estate Management Revenue Account 101-371.210-673.100.

080010 Sale of City-Owned Land/W. Marengo Avenue (Ward 2)/Pastor John E. Coleman

Resolution authorizing the appropriate City Officials to do all things necessary to enter into and complete the sale of the property commonly known as a vacant lot on W. Marengo Avenue, Flint MI, Parcel #46-35-235-002, legally described as FLINT PARK NO. 1, LOT 104, for a cost of \$50.00 and transfer the property to Pastor John E. Coleman (806 W. Marengo Avenue) in an AS IS condition, for the purpose of beautification and gardening, by means of conveyance of a Quit Claim Deed with revenue realized from the sale of this property to be placed in the Real Estate Management Revenue Account 101-371.210-673.100. (Pastor Coleman shall pay the recording fee to register the documents at the Genesee County Register of Deeds.)

080011 CO #1/Extension/FY2005-2006 CDBG Contract Award/Flint Odyssey House, Inc./Marian Hall/Facility Improvements

Resolution authorizing the appropriate City Officials to do all things necessary to execute Change Order #1 in the existing amount of \$70,000.00 to Flint Odyssey House for facility improvements at Marian Hall, using FY2005-2006 Community Development Block Grant Funds for a contract extension until June 30, 2008. (Funding is located in the revenue 276 Fund and City account 276-748.340-805.051.)

080012 The Flint Journal/Additional Legal Notices

Resolution authorizing the Department of Purchases & Supplies, upon City Council approval, to issue a purchase order to The Flint Journal for additional legal notices, as requested by various departments, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 (General Fund - 101-371.209-900.000).

- 080013** Applegate Chevrolet/Nine (9) Pickup Trucks
- Resolution authorizing the Department of Purchases & Supplies, upon City Council approval, to issue a purchase order to Applegate Chevrolet for nine (9) pickup trucks as requested by Parks & Recreation and Water Pollution Control Facility, in an amount of \$240,023.00 (Public Improvement Fund, Sewer Fund: 402-753.200-977: \$121,136.00; 590-550.300-977.500: \$118,887.00).
- 080014** Knapheide Truck Equipment/V-Box Salt Spreaders
- Resolution authorizing the Department of Purchases & Supplies, upon City Council approval, to issue a purchase order to Knapheide Truck Equipment for V-box salt spreaders, as requested by Transportation/Fleet, in the amount of \$13,640.00 (Public Improvement Fund, Sewer Fund: 402-752.101-977.000 - \$6,820.00; 590-536.101-977.000 - \$6,820.00).
- 080015** Camera Mart/Cameras & Accessories
- Resolution authorizing the Department of Purchases & Supplies, upon City Council approval, to issue a purchase order to Camera Mart for cameras and accessories, as requested by the Police Department, in an amount not to exceed \$8,113.00 (General Fund - 101-305.200-726.000).
- 080016** State of Michigan/Annual NPDES Permit Fee
- Resolution authorizing the Department of Purchases & Supplies, upon City Council approval, to issue a purchase order to the State of Michigan for the annual NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) permit fee, as requested by Water Pollution Control, in an amount of \$20,000.00 (Sewer Fund - 590-550.100-730.500).
- 080017** Arnold Sales/Additional Janitorial Supplies/Senior Citizens Centers/FY08
- Resolution authorizing the Department of Purchases & Supplies, upon City Council approval, to issue a purchase order to Arnold Sales for additional janitorial supplies, as requested by Parks & Recreation for the City of Flint Senior Citizens centers), for the remaining FY08 fiscal year, in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00 (Parks & Recreation Senior Citizens Fund - 213-752.120-726.000 - \$1,500.00; 213-752.130-930.000 - \$1,500.00; 213-752.150-930.000 - \$1,500.00; 213-752.160-930.000 - \$4,500.00).
- 080018** Quality Lube/Additional Oil Changes
- Resolution authorizing the Department of Purchases & Supplies, upon City Council approval, to issue a purchase order to Quality Lube for additional oil changes, as requested by the Fleet Division, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 (Fleet/Central Garage Fund - 661-451.100-930.000).
- 080019** Contract/Hamilton Electric/Motor Cleaning & Rewinding
- Resolution authorizing the proper City Officials, upon City Council approval, to

enter into a contract with Hamilton Electric for motor cleaning and rewinding, as requested by Utilities/Water Pollution Control Facilities, in an amount not to exceed \$27,000.00 (Sewer Fund - 590-550.200-775.000 - \$3,000.00; 590-550.202-930.000 - \$24,000.00).

080020 Office Depot/Additional Office Supplies/FY08 Fiscal Year

Resolution authorizing the Department of Purchases & Supplies, upon City Council approval, to issue purchase orders to Office Depot for additional office supplies for the remaining FY08 fiscal year, as requested by Utilities & Mayor's Departments, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 (Water Fund, General Fund: 591-536.100-726.000 - \$1,000.00; 101-171.100-726.000 - \$2,000.00).

080021 Shebar Videotronics/Camera System/Police Department

Resolution authorizing the proper City Officials, upon City Council approval, to enter into a contract with Shebar Videotronics for a camera system in the Police Department, as requested by Risk Management, in an amount not to exceed \$19,755.80 (Self Insurance Fund - 677-174.100-977.000).

080022 Metron-Farnier/Water Meters & Transponders

Resolution authorizing the Department of Purchases & Supplies, upon City Council approval, to issue a purchase order to Metron-Farnier for water meters and transponders, as requested by Utilities/Water Service Center, in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 (Sewer Fund, Water Fund: 590-540.207-726.000 - \$80,000.00; 591-540.200-726.000 - \$20,000.00).

080023 Acceptance of Contribution/Citizens Bank/People's People Awards Dinner

Resolution authorizing the appropriate City Officials to do all things necessary to accept the contribution in the amount of \$60.00 (additional contribution for fees for advertising - Citizens Bank) to be received in revenue account #101-175.100-801.000 for the Annual Meeting of the Human Relations Commission People's People Awards Dinner held at the Sarvis Conference Center on September 13, 2007.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

062127 Master Fee Schedule (Rates)/City Parks

Referral by Councilman Ananich to PARKS and REC/MAYOR/ADM. He asks that Director Bob Cook inform the Councilmembers as to who sets the rates for the City's parks and provide a Master Fee Schedule for the parks. Regarding Kearsley Park, he wants to know if it's possible to install permanent bathrooms and wonders why the baseball diamond is not being used.

062769 DME (Disadvantaged Minority Enterprise)/City of Flint Policy

Referral by Councilwoman Sims and Councilwoman Poplar to PURCHASING/

MAYOR/ADM. They ask the Purchasing Department to provide the City Council with information regarding the DME (Disadvantaged Minority Enterprise) and the City's policy regarding vendor minority representation. This information is to be distributed to all members of Council.

063238 Mercedes Kitchen Cafeteria/Rental Agreement

Referral by Councilperson Sims to FINANCE/PURCHASING/MAYOR/ADM. She asks about the current status of the rental agreement between the City and Mercedes Kitchen Cafeteria, located in the basement of City Hall. What are the rental terms for the cafeteria (amount charged/how often)? Are the rental payments up-to-date? Please provide a written response.

070115 Responses to City Council Referrals/Administration

Members of the City Council, City Clerk and staff discussed the issue of administration's response to referrals made by members of the Flint City Council.

070203 Conflict of Interest/Gun Buyback Program

Referral by Councilperson Sims to CITY ATTORNEY. She asks the City Attorney's Office to provide the City Council with a written legal opinion addressing the proposed gun buyback program that was detailed in the Flint Journal on February 17, 2007. Could the noted \$60,000 donation by the Patsy Lou Williamson car dealership be considered a conflict of interest since Mrs. Williamson is an employee of the City and/or the wife of Mayor Williamson?

070971 2008 City of Flint Budget/June 30, 2007 Budget-to-Actual Report/Administration

Referral by Councilperson Ananich to MAYOR/ADM. He asks, through the Mayor, that Finance Director Peter Dobrzeniecki and Budget Director Michael Townsend attend the City Council Committee Meetings on Wednesday, August 8, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., in order to address Council questions regarding the 2008 City of Flint Budget, transactions that are expected to be posted which will effect the June 2007 Finance Department Budget-to-Actual report, and other financial concerns. ALSO, Councilperson Ananich asks the Mayor to lift the directive that states that the Finance and Budget Director are not allowed to speak to Councilperson Ananich because it effects his ability to get the pertinent information that he needs as the Finance Chairperson.

071186 Request for Executive Session/Lawsuit

Referral by Councilman Kincaid to CITY ATTORNEY. He asks the City Attorney's Office to update the Flint City Council, during an Executive Session, on whether or not the City has applied to the Supreme Court in regard to the lawsuit related to Mr. Patton and Complete Towing. He would also like to know: (1) The name of the attorney representing the City to go before the Supreme Court; (2) Hourly rate of pay for this attorney; (3) The amount of interest (weekly or monthly) that has accrued since the Appeals Court ruled

against the City in that lawsuit. This information can be provided during an Executive Session or during an open meeting of the Flint City Council.

071188 Acushnet Co./Purchase of Items for Resale

Referral by Councilman Kincaid to PURCHASING. He requests a copy of the letter from the Parks & Recreation Department requesting the purchase of these items under an emergency purchase. (See Also Resolution 070952 that was dropped by the City Council on 8/22/07.)

071189 Callaway Golf/Purchase of Items for Resale

Referral by Councilman Kincaid to PURCHASING. He requests a copy of the letter from the Parks & Recreation Department requesting the purchase of these items under an emergency purchase. (See Also Resolution 070953 that was dropped by the City Council on 8/22/07.)

071262 Streets/Parkdale, Orange Lane, Banbury & Parkbelt

Councilman Buchanan asked Mr. Bill Ayre, Director of Transportation, about the following streets: Parkdale, Orange Lane, Banbury & Parkbelt.

071457 Haskell Community Center/Identification Badges

Referral by Councilperson Poplar to CITY ATTORNEY/MAYOR/ADM. She asks that Administration cease in allowing Mr. David Davenport to take photographs of children who use the Haskell Community Center (reportedly to be used in identification badges) until a background check can be performed on Mr. Davenport, and she requests that the badges that have been made to date be retrieved and stored until such time. Also, she asks again about City liability with regard to this situation and the explanation by the City Attorney's Office that Mr. Davenport is making the badges at his own expense. Please provide a written response to be distributed to all Councilpersons.

071658 Foreclosures/City of Flint Homeowners

City Council President, Carolyn Sims, asked that a Discussion Item regarding the issue of foreclosures on homes located in the City of Flint. Information, including a draft resolution, had been provided to all members of Council by representatives of ACORN.

See Also Resolution 080001.

071718 Park Millage/Expenditures FY07/Fee Schedule (Centers & Showmobile)

Referral by Councilman Neeley to PARKS & REC/MAYOR/ADM. He asks Parks and Recreation to provide the following information to members of the Flint City Council and City Council Office: (1) What has the Parks Millage money been utilized for within this fiscal year (itemized)? The Park Millage money was earmarked for certain things. (2) Provide copies of the fee schedule for the rentals of City of Flint recreational centers and the

showmobile.

071261.1 Amended Discussion Item/Corner of Brownell & Dartmouth/Street Sinking

Referral by Councilwoman Poplar to WATER DEPT/MAYOR/ADM. She asks the Water Department to provide all City Council Members and City Council Office, in writing, with actions that can be taken to address the issue of the sinking street on the corner of Brownell and Dartmouth Streets. This portion of the street was recently repaved. (This referral was initially sent to Mr. Bill Ayre, Director of Transportation, who is no longer employed at the City of Flint.)