

# **City of Flint, Michigan**

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## **Meeting Agenda - Final**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2017**

**5:00 PM**

**Committee Room**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

*Scott Kincaid, Chairperson, Ward 9*

*Eric Mays, Ward 1  
Kerry L. Nelson, Ward 3  
Wantwaz D. Davis, Ward 5  
Monica Galloway, Ward 7*

*Jacqueline Poplar, Ward 2  
Kate Fields, Ward 4  
Herbert J. Winfrey, Ward 6  
Vicki VanBuren, Ward 8*

*Inez M. Brown, City Clerk*

## ROLL CALL

## RESOLUTIONS

170079 Policies & Guidelines/City of Flint Board of Review/Consideration of Poverty Exemption Applications

Resolution resolving that to be eligible for consideration of a hardship exemption pursuant to MCL 211.7u in the City of Flint that a person must be the owner and must occupy the property as a homestead, as defined, for which the exemption is requested; file a completed and notarized application; submit copies of federal and state income tax returns for all persons that resided in the homestead, including property tax credit forms and/or Statement of Benefits paid from the Michigan Department of Social Services or Social Security Administration; and meet City of Flint poverty income standards (see attached), AND, resolving that the City of Flint Board of Review may deviate from the established policy and guidelines only for substantial and compelling reasons, and that the applicant will be notified in writing the reasons for deviating from the policy and guidelines for hardship exemption, AND, resolving that to conform with the provisions of Public Act 390 of 1994, this resolution is hereby given immediate effect, as requested by the Assessment Division.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

170056 Referral/Status/Revolving Loan Fund

Referral by Councilperson Poplar to ADMIN/PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT, re: She would like the status of the revolving loan fund for 2016 - who got them, what they were for, how much they received and how much they owe. [Referral Action Date: 1/18/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting]

170057 Referral/Status/Grants

Referral by Councilperson Poplar to ADMIN/PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT, re: She would like the status of all grants received by Planning & Development for 2016 - amount, who got them and what they were for. [Referral Action Date: 1/18/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting]

170058 Referral/Street Repair Dollars

Referral by Councilperson Nelson to ADMIN/FINANCE, re: He would like to know what streets were repaired with the extra \$466,000.00 in the street maintenance fund (see Resolution 170023). [Referral Action Date: 1/18/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting]

170059 Referral/RFP/Street Restoration

Referral by Councilperson Fields to ADMIN/FINANCE, re: She would like to see the separate RFP for road restoration after pipe replacement. [Referral Action Date: 1/18/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting]

**170060****Referral/Severance Packages/Former Department Heads**

Referral by Councilperson Fields to ADMIN/LEGAL, re: She would like a legal opinion on why the severance packages for former Interim City Attorney Anthony Chubb and former Police Chief James Tolbert were not brought before City Council. [Referral Action Date: 1/18/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting]

**170061****Referral/Copy/Public Relations Contract**

Referral by Councilperson Fields to ADMIN/LEGAL, re: She would like a copy of the public relations contract that was entered into with pipe replacement funding. [Referral Action Date: 1/18/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting]

**170062****Referral/677 Payments/November & December 2016**

Referral by Councilperson Fields to ADMIN/FINANCE, re: She would like all 677 payments made in November and December 2016. [Referral Action Date: 1/18/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting]

**170063****Referral/Fringe Benefits Paid/2016**

Referral by Councilperson Fields to ADMIN/FINANCE, re: She would like a printout of all fringe benefits paid in 2016, including who it was paid to, amount and for what purpose. [Referral Action Date: 1/18/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting]

**170064****Referral/Fast Start Program Dollars**

Referral by Councilperson Fields to ADMIN/FINANCE, re: She would like to know what the first two million in the Fast Start program was used for, and what the last \$741,000.00 was used for. [Referral Action Date: 1/18/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting]

**170065****Referral/Business Customers/Late Water Payments**

Referral by Councilperson Galloway to ADMIN/FINANCE, re: She would like to know why business customers are allowed to get so far behind in water payments. [Referral Action Date: 1/18/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting]

**170066****Referral/Business Customers/Legal Action/Multi-Unit Developments**

Referral by Councilperson Mays to ADMIN/LEGAL, re: He would like the law department to provide information on how to pursue action against owners of multi-unit developments when the renters pay their water bills but the landlord does not, and if that can be written into an ordinance. [Referral Action Date:

1/18/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting]

**170067** Referral/CDM Smith Contract

Referral by Councilperson Poplar to ADMIN/ENGINEERING, re: She would like to know who hired CDM Smith, who authorized their contract and how they are being paid. [Referral Action Date: 1/18/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting]

## **OLD, OUTSTANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**170034** Referral/City Vehicle Fleet

Referral by Councilperson Kincaid to ADMIN/FINANCE, re: He asks, from the number anticipated, how many vehicles were actually leased or purchased by the City between November 2015 and December 31, 2016 - and he wants to know specifically what those vehicles were. [Referral Action Date: 1/09/2017 @ City Council Meeting]

**170033** Referral/2016-17 Annual Action Plan/Disbursement of Funds

Referral by Councilperson VanBuren to ADMIN/PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT, re: She wants to know how many agencies to-date have received their anticipated Action Plan funding for 2016-17 (names and amounts), as well as a listing of those agencies that are still expecting grant dollars at this time. [Referral Action Date: 1/09/2017 @ City Council Meeting]

**170032** Referral/2016-17 Annual Action Plan Disbursement/My Brother's Keeper

Referral by Councilperson Poplar to ADMIN/PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT, re: She wants to know if My Brother's Keeper has received its allocated 2016-17 Action Plan funding (an expected \$8,000) from the City and, if not, what has caused the delay in disbursement. [Referral Action Date: 1/09/2017 @ City Council Meeting]

**170031** Referral/City Water Usage/General Motors Engine Plant

Referral by Councilperson Mays to ADMIN, re: He would like to know if General Motor's Flint Engine Operations Plant (V-8) has returned as a Flint water customer since they stop using Flint water in 2014 due to corrosion concerns. [Referral Action Date: 1/09/2017 @ City Council Meeting]

**170029** Referral/Lease for Hasselbring Senior Center

Referral by Councilperson Galloway to ADMIN, re: She asks, in the simplest terms, why Hasselbring has not or is not being given the same type of lease that was offered to the Brennan Senior Center. [Referral Action Date: 1/09/2017 @ City Council Meeting]

- 170027** Referral/Tax Breaks/Residents of the City of Flint
- Referral by Councilperson Nelson to ADMIN, re: He would like to know if the current Administration has considered or is working toward offering tax breaks to city residents at any point during its tenure. [Referral Action Date: 1/09/2017 @ City Council Meeting]
- 170012** Payment/Cutting Grass/Hasselbring
- Referral by Councilperson Mays to CITY ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE, re: He would like to know how much the city paid to mow the grass at Hasselbring. Please provide a written response for all councilpersons. [Referral Action Date: 1/4/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting].
- 170011** Status/Leases/Flint Golf Courses
- Referral by Councilperson Galloway to CITY ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE/PURCHASING, re: What is the status of the leases for each of the golf courses. Please provide a written response for all councilpersons. [Referral Action Date: 1/4/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting].
- 170010** Water Meter Installation vs. Estimated Water Bills
- Referral by Councilperson Galloway to CITY ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE/WATER, re: The city received a supply of water meters in late 2015. She would like to know when the city ran out and stopped installing them and when workers began estimating bills. Please provide a written response for all councilpersons. [Referral Action Date: 1/4/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting].
- 170009** Ordinance Request/Limitations on Retroactive Payments/Estimated Meters
- Referral by Councilperson Mays to CITY ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE/LEGAL, re: He would like a draft ordinance that limits the amount of time that the city can retroactively collect money from customers with estimated water bills (for example, six months). Please provide a written response for all councilpersons. [Referral Action Date: 1/4/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting].
- 170008** Request for Help/Water Crisis Attorney Fees/State of Michigan
- Referral by Councilperson Galloway to CITY ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE, re: She asks the administration to seek help from Rep. Sheldon Neeley and Sen. Jim Ananich in requesting payment of attorney bills for those charged in the water crisis from the State of Michigan. Please provide a written response for all councilpersons. [Referral Action Date: 1/4/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting].
- 170007** Payee/Darnell Earley's Washington Trip

Referral by Councilperson Mays to CITY ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE, re: He would like to know if the city paid the bill for former Emergency Manager Darnell Earley's trip to Washington to testify before the U.S. House Committee on Government Oversight and Reform, and if so, what the total cost was. Please provide a written response for all councilpersons. [Referral Action Date: 1/4/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting].

**170005** Referral/Revenue/Water Customers With Estimated Reads

Referral by Councilperson Mays to CITY ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE DEPARTMENT, re: Approximately four percent of Flint's water customers have had their water meters estimated for a long period of time and then owed a large amount when true readings took place. As the city gathers information, he would like an idea of how much revenue is involved for those customers. [Referral Action Date: 12/20/2016 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

**160530** Discussion Item/Water Distribution System/ ETC (Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc.)

A discussion item as requested by Councilperson Mays, re: He asks that the City Council discuss the overall water distribution system and, in particular, information provided through Mr. James W. Ridgway, P.E., ETC (Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc.). [Referral Action Date: 11/28/2016 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting]

**160529** Discussion Item/City Council Liaison for Constituent Services for Water-Related Issues

A discussion item as requested by Councilperson Mays, re: He asks that the City Council discuss the proposed position of City Council Liaison for Constituent Services for Water-Related Issues, as introduced by resolution authorizing entering into a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Wendy Braun on November 28, 2016. [NOTE: Said PSA Reso. No. 160528 was DROPPED by the City Council during the 11-28-2016 Special Affairs Committee Meeting.] [Referral Action Date: 11/28/2016 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting]

**160524** Referral/Requests for Proposals (RFP)/Lead Service Line Replacers

A referral by Councilperson Fields to ADMINISTRATION/BRIG. GENERAL MICHAEL MCDANIEL: She would like copies of the RFPs that contractors bid on to work on replacing residential service lines. Please respond in writing with copies for all council persons. [Referral Action Date: 11/22/2016 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

**160517** Referral/Information on Damage Claims

Referral by Councilpersons Fields and Kincaid to LEGAL, re: He would like to know how many damage claims have been filed against the City since January 2016,

who filed those damage claims, and whether or not they were approved or denied - with approved claims detailing the amounts paid and denied claims stating a reason for denial. He also requests that the Chief Legal Officer explain, in writing, under what authority she is allowed to approve or grant damage claims without prior approval from the Flint City Council and/or Flint Receivership Transition Advisory Board (RTAB). Ms. Fields asks that all investigative documents are included for said damage claims, as well as a written final legal opinion for each. [Referral Action Date: 11/14/2016 @ City Council Meeting]

**160510** Referral/Copies/Damage Claims

A Referral as requested by Councilperson Nelson to Mayor/Admin/Legal: He would like a copy of all damage claims. [Referral Action Date: 11/9/2016 @ Finance Committee Meeting].

**160509** Referral/Status Report/Ambassador Trailer Park

A Referral as requested by Councilperson Nelson to Mayor/Admin: He would like a status report on the Ambassador Trailer Park. Please provide an answer in writing for all council persons. [Referral Action Date: 11/9/2016 @ Finance Committee Meeting].

**160499** Referral/Construction of Pipe

A Referral as requested by Councilperson Mays to Mayor/Admin: What is the timeline to construct the pipe? Please provide an answer in writing for all council persons. [Referral Action Date: 11/9/2016 @ Legislative Committee Meeting].

**160156** Water Line Replacements Requested by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Referral made by Councilperson Kate Fields: The EPA has requested that certain services lines be replaced. She would like to know the expenditures of funds for the program, who the contractors were/are and how they were/are selected, how the properties were/are selected, what has been found in the pipes where work has been done and how much is/was the cost per residence. Please provide in writing for all councilpersons.

**160114** Discussion Item/Secondary Water Source

Discussion Item as requested by Councilperson Mays: re: A discussion concerning a secondary (back-up) water source for the city.

## ADJOURNMENT