

City of Flint, Michigan

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

5:00 PM

Committee Room

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Maurice D. Davis, Chairperson, Ward 2

*Eric Mays, Ward 1
Kate Fields, Ward 4
Herbert J. Winfrey, Ward 6
Allan Griggs, Ward 8*

*Santino J. Guerra, Ward 3
Jerri Winfrey-Carter, Ward 5
Monica Galloway, Ward 7
Eva Worthing, Ward 9*

Inez M. Brown, City Clerk

Davina Donahue, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

CHANGES AND/OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Council shall vote on any agenda changes.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Members of the public shall have no more than two (2) minutes to address the City Council on any subject.

COUNCIL RESPONSE

Councilpersons may respond to any public speaker, but only one response and only when all public speakers have been heard. Individual council response is limited to two (2) minutes and is subject to all rules of decorum and discipline.

SPECIAL ORDERS

190498 Special Order/Water Meters

A Special Order as requested by Council President Galloway in order to receive information from the Department of Public Works (DPW) with regard to the City's water meters and how they work (their usage/operations).

190357.1 Special Order/Possible Violations of Flint City Charter

A Special Order request by Councilperson Mays to allow Council to discuss possible violations of the Flint City Charter concerning politics and discrimination.

190294 Special Order/Ordinances/Outside Counsel

Special Order as requested by Councilperson Fields to discuss ordinances being held in legal and request for outside counsel.

190234 Special Order/\$750,000.00 Water Assistance Program

Special Order as requested by Councilperson Mays to discuss about the \$750,000.00 in water assistance that Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) promised to Flint water customers. He also wants a list of customers whose bills have been adjusted and those who need their bills adjusted.

190153 Special Order/Concerns by Legal/City Auditor

A Special Order as requested by 1st Ward Councilperson Mays in order to discuss concerns between 4th Ward Councilperson Fields and the City's auditors, Yeo and Yeo, as raised by City Attorney Wheeler during the April 8, 2019 SA/FCC meetings.

- 180606** Special Order/Strategic Plan
- A Special Order as requested by Councilperson Fields to discuss the city's Strategic Plan.
- 180571** Special Order/Attendance Request/Republic Services
- A Special Order as requested by Councilperson Winfrey-Carter, re: She asks that representatives from Republic Services attend the 11/20 Governmental Operations Meeting in order to discuss the company's contract and services provided to residents. [Referral Action Date: 10/22/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]
- 180555** Special Order/Blight Court
- Special Order as requested by Councilperson Winfrey to discuss blight court.
- 180554** Special Order/Blight Elimination/Personnel/Equipment
- Special Order as requested by Councilperson Mays on blight elimination, including personnel and equipment.
- 180553** Special Order/Human Relations Commission/Revenue Estimating Commission
- Special Order as requested by Councilperson Fields to discuss the Human Relations Commission and the Revenue Estimating Commission.

RESOLUTIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS

None

OLD, OUTSTANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 160410** Status/Speech Dictation Software
- Referral made by Councilperson Eric Mays to CITY ADMINISTRATOR/POLICE CHIEF: He would like to know the status of speech dictation software. Please provide in writing for all councilpersons.
- 170024** Referral/Contract and Information/Natalie Pruett/Rebuild Flint the Right Way
- Referral by Councilperson Fields to ADMIN, re: She requests a copy of the contract between the City and Natalie Pruett, as well a copy of the work produced for funding to this point for the Rebuild Flint the Right Way Project. [Referral Action Date: 1/09/2017 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]

- 170123** Referral/Personnel Policy on Nepotism and Cronyism
- Referral by Councilperson Fields to LEGAL/HUMAN RESOURCES/ADMIN, re: During the February 27th Special Affairs Committee meeting, representatives from the Human Resources Department stated that, sometime during the last year, they submitted to Legal a personnel policy regarding nepotism and/or cronyism for its review. Ms. Fields asks that HR provide a copy of this draft document to the City Council for its perusal. [Referral Action Date: 2/27/2017 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]
- 170255** Referral/Road Construction Plan/PACER Report
- Referral by Councilperson Fields: She would like to know if there is a road reconstruction plan. If there is she would like a copy. She would also like the latest PACER report, broken down by ward, a list of projects already submitted to the State and a list of all road construction plans. [Referral Action Date: 5/3/2017 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]
- 170402** Discussion Item/Michigan Civil Rights Commission (MCRC)/Resolution for Racial Equity
- A discussion item as requested by Councilperson Mays, re: He would like to discuss the recommendations/resolution mentioned during a July 10th MCRC presentation on racial equity. [Referral Action Date: 7/10/2017 @ City Council Meeting.]
- 170599** Council Review/Rules Governing Meetings of the Council
- Per the "Rules Governing Meetings of the Council", the Flint City Council shall review the "Rules Governing Meetings of the Council." [NOTE: The "Rules Governing Meetings of the Council" were originally adopted by the City Council on May 10, 1976, with a 1st Amendment adopted May 24, 2010, a 2nd Amendment adopted on April 27, 2015, and a 3rd Amendment adopted on June 12, 2017.]
- 180056** Referral/Legal Opinion/Harassment and Discrimination in the Workplace
- Referral by Councilperson Fields to CITY ATTORNEY, re: She asks for a legal opinion as to whether or not Councilperson Mays' conduct during some council/committee meetings rises to the level of harassment, threats and/or intimidation, particularly in light of the City's Harassment and Discrimination Policy as adopted by EM Ambrose in April of 2015. [Referral Action Date: 2/12/2018 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]
- 180073** Discussion Item/Road Restoration/Previous/Ongoing
- Discussion item proposed by Councilperson Fields, re: She would like a discussion item about road restoration, previous and ongoing, for Governmental Operations. [Referral Action Date: 2/21/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

- 180087** Discussion Item/Ethics Board/Ombudsperson
- A discussion item from Councilperson Fields to ADMIN/LAW, re: She would like to discuss setting up basic criteria for the Ethics Board and job qualifications for the Ombudsperson. [Referral Action Date: 2/21/2018 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]
- 180183** Referral/Certification/Files Shredded in Human Resources/Labor Relations
- A referral as requested by Councilperson Fields to Human Resources Director: She would like a copy of the certification for the files recently shredded in Human Resources/Labor Relations (as discussed at the April 4, 2018 Governmental Operations Meeting). [Referral Action Date: 4/4/2018 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]
- 180236** Revenue/Downtown Parking Meters
- Referral from Councilperson Guerra to LEGAL: re, he would like to know if the city can take back the revenue from parking meters from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). [Referral Action Date: 5/9/2018 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]
- 180293** Discussion Item/Chief Public Health Advisor
- Discussion Item as requested by Councilperson Worthing, re: What is the exact role of the City's Chief Public Health Advisor?
- 180348** Referral/Question/Use of Electronic Cigarettes in Restaurants
- Referral by Councilperson Guerra to CITY ATTORNEY, re: He would like to know if the use of electronic cigarettes (vaping) is a health concern inside restaurants. [Referral Action Date: 6/20/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]
- 180368** Update/Schedule for Mowing Right-of-Ways
- Referral by Councilperson Winfrey-Carter to TRANSPORTATION: She would like to know when the right-of-ways will be cut, particularly in the area of Dayton and Mason. [Referral Action Date: 7/18/2018 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]
- 180411** Referral/Legal Opinion/Executive Staff and Departments/Directors and Appointees
- Referral by Councilpersons Fields and Galloway to LEGAL, re: They ask for a legal opinion on, as well as general information, regarding executive staff and departments, etc., as follows: (1) What are Mayor Weaver's current five (5) Executive Staff positions, per City Charter Section 4-202, and who currently holds these positions; (2) What are the City's current Executive Departments, per

Charter Sec. 4-203; (3) Who currently holds a position as (or is acting as) "Department Director", per Charter Sec. 4-203(F) (position title and individual); (4) To which positions has Mayor Weaver "appointed" someone and who has been named or appointed to those positions; (5) What is the breakdown for all mayoral appointments, i.e., who/which positions are appointments, hirees, professional service agreement placements, etc. All information to include executive and departmental (City) staff, not board members. [Referral Action Date: 8/13/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]

180439 Discussion Item/Absentee Ballot Voting/City of Flint

Referral by Councilperson Mays to CLERK, re: He would like a discussion item about absentee ballot voting in the City of Flint on the Governmental Operations Agenda. [Referral Action Date: 8/22/2018 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]

180444 Referral/Street Sweepers

Referral by Councilperson Winfrey-Carter to ADMIN/STREET MAINTENANCE, re: She asks if street sweepers can again be utilized to address debris along the city's streets, as well as to help keep the areas around sewer drains clean. [Referral Action Date: 8/27/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]

180447 Discussion Item/City Council Referral Process

Discussion Item as requested by Councilperson Galloway, re: She would like to begin discussions regarding amendments to the City Council Rules, specifically concerning the Council's referral process and the need to have it outlined and incorporated into said rules. [Referral Action Date: 8/27/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]

180449 Referral/Issuance of Medical Marihuana Cards

Referral by Councilperson Galloway to LEGAL/CLERK, re: She asks whether or not businesses who deal with medical marihuana products can also issue medical marihuana cards (@ 2020 S. Center Road). Under current laws, exactly who is allowed to issue these cards? [Referral Action Date: 8/27/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]

180475 Referral/Use of Random Predictive Software/Location of Lead Pipes

A referral as requested by Councilperson Guerra to FIN/DPW: He would like to know if the city used Random Predictive Software to predict the location of lead pipes. If so, why did the city stop using it and what was the success rate. If not, why not. [Referral Action Date: 9/5/2018 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]

180487 Discussion Item/Genesee County Warning Sirens

A discussion item as requested by Councilperson Guerra, re: He would like to

discuss the county's warning (tornado) sirens that are tested on the first Saturday of each month (from March through November) because he has been getting complaints from residents who can't hear the warning. [Referral Action Date: 9/10/2018 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]

180488 Discussion Item/Landlord Task Force

A discussion item as requested by Councilperson Guerra, re: He would like to discuss the possibility of having a task force whose responsibility would be checking on landlords and their properties with regard to code enforcement and other rules/laws. [Referral Action Date: 9/10/2018 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]

180491 Referral/City Council Parliamentarian Session

Referral by Councilperson Worthing to CLERK, re: She would like to know if it is possible to schedule another parliamentarian session for City Council members, specifically with regard to Points of Order and Points of Information. [Referral Action Date: 9/10/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]

180493 Referral/Legal Opinion/City Charter Appointment Sections

Referral by Councilperson Fields to LEGAL, re: She would like to know if there are any legal ramifications or concerns for "violating" the City Charter with regard to mayoral appointments, requirements and timelines, etc. [Referral Action Date: 9/10/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]

180494 Referral/License to Operate

Referral by Councilperson Worthing to CLERK/LICENSING/BSI, re: She would like to know if 2020 S. Center Road and 1938 S. Dort Highway (Piece of the Rock) are open operating under business licenses formally approved by the City of Flint and, if so, under what status are they operating. [Referral Action Date: 9/24/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]

180536 Referral/GLWA Board Appointment

Referral by Councilperson Fields to ADMIN, re: She would like to know the current status of the City's expected appointment to the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) Board. [Referral Action Date: 10/8/2018 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]

180537 Referral/Possible Business Violations

Referral by Councilperson Galloway to POLICE/PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT, re: She asks that the business at 1709 S. Saginaw Street (Platinum Hookah) be checked with regard to underage drinking, and drinking and marijuana usage taking place outside of the building. Complainant (owner of business at 1714 S. Saginaw) states that he has trouble keeping Platinum's customers from using his parking lot, that he has been threatened numerous times, and that the majority of

the issues he is experiencing stem from the underage drinking. [Referral Action Date: 10/8/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]

180602 Referral/City Charter Amendments

Referral as requested by Councilperson Fields to LEGAL, re: She asks whether or not the Attorney's Office is working on Charter amendments and, if so, at whose direction? Why wasn't City Council made aware that Charter amendments were being made? What exactly are the amendments and what is their purpose? [Referral Action Date: 11/19/2018 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]

180603 Referral/Optimized Corrosion Control

Referral as requested by Councilperson Griggs to ADMIN/DPW, re: He would like a copy of the EPA Administrative Consent Order that requires the City to have optimized corrosion control (see Reso No. 180582 - Arcadis of Michigan LLC). [Referral Action Date: 11/19/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]

180608 Attendance Request/Land Bank Officials

A referral as requested by Councilperson Mays: re, he would like for Deb Cherry and relevant Land Bank officials to attend the next Governmental Operations Committee to discuss Resolution 180589 (An Objection to the Transfer of Tax-Reverted Property). [Referral Action Date: 11/20/18 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]

190047 Referral/City Engineer's Involvement in Projects

A discussion item as requested by Councilperson Griggs to discuss whether the city engineer is involved in projects that other firms are contracted to do to insure that federal and state guidelines are followed. [Referral Action Date: 2/6/2019 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

190056 Discussion Item/Blight and Equipment

Discussion Item as requested by Councilperson Mays, re: He would like to discuss blight concerns throughout the city and the making sure that workers have the necessary equipment to get the job done efficiently and effectively (e.g. backhoe tractors, etc.). [Referral Action Date: 2/11/2019 @ City Council Meeting.]

190078 Referral/Charter Amendment (Ballot Proposal)

Referral by Councilperson Guerra to LEGAL, re: He requests that the Legal Department draft a Charter amendment in order to make the Flint City Council's election cycle 2020 instead of 2021. [Referral Action Date: 2/25/2019 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]

- 190080** Referral/Meeting Minutes/Local Officers Compensation Commission [LOCC]
Referral by Councilperson Fields to CITY CLERK, re: She would like a copy of the minutes for the February 2019 LOCC meeting. [Referral Action Date: 2/25/2019 @ City Council Meeting.]
- 190152** Referral/Closed [Executive] Sessions/Ethics and Accountability Board (EAB)
Referral by Councilperson Fields to LEGAL, re: She asks that training be provided to the Ethics and Accountability Board (EAB) regarding closed/executive sessions. [Referral Action Date: 4/08/2019 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]
- 190155** Discussion Item/Dump Permits
A discussion item as requested by Councilperson Davis, re: Dump permits. [Referral Action Date: 4/11/2019 @ Special City Council Meeting.]
- 190156** Discussion Item/Blight and Clean-Ups
A discussion item as requested by Councilperson Davis, re: Blight and City of Flint and Land Bank clean-ups. [Referral Action Date: 4/11/2019 @ Special City Council Meeting.]
- 190232** Restoration/List of Homes Restored/List of Homes Ready to be Restored
Referral by Councilperson Galloway to DPW, re: She would like lists for homes that have already been restored and those ready to be restored. [Referral @ 6-5-19 Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]
- 190293** Ordinance/Disposition of City Property
Referral by Councilperson Fields to LEGAL, re: She would like a copy of the ordinance that deals with disposition of city property. [Referral Action Date: 7/17/19 Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]
- 190295** Letter from Genesee County Treasurer Deb Cherry
Referral by Councilpersons Fields and Guerra to ADMIN/LEGAL, re: They would like a copy of the letter sent to the city from Genesee County Treasurer Deb Cherry regarding properties being transferred from the county to the city. [Referral Action Date: 7/17/19 Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]
- 190297** City of Flint Boards/Number One Person Can Serve On
Referral by Councilperson Galloway to CITY CLERK: She would like to know how many City of Flint boards one person can serve on. [Referral Action Date: 7/17/2019 @ Governmental Operations Meeting.]
- 190336** Referral/Flint City Charter/Regular Departmental Reports

Referral by Councilperson Galloway to ADMIN/LEGAL, re: She would like to know when department heads will schedule regular times to meet with City Council, per City Charter Section 3-208. [Referral Action Date: 8/12/2019 @ City Council Meeting.]

Sec. 3-208 REGULAR DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS.

Upon City Council's request; the Mayor shall require department heads to appear before and report to City Council on a quarterly basis on activities within their departments, progress on departmental budgets, progress on performance goals set in departmental budgets, and to answer questions from City Council.

190339 Referral/Flint Police Department/Problems at the Downtown Flat Lot

Referral by Councilperson Galloway to POLICE DEPARTMENT, re: She asks that the police department look into public safety concerns at the downtown flat lot, particularly between the hours of 11:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. [Referral Action Date: 8/12/2019 @ City Council Meeting.]

190340 Referral/Business Services and Permitting/Noise Ordinance

Referral by Councilperson Galloway to PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT/BSI, re: She asks that inspectors look into citizens' complaints regarding violation of City noise ordinance(s) in light of the construction of apartments in the area of Wallenberg and E. Third Streets (work starting before 7 a.m.). [Referral Action Date: 8/12/2019 @ City Council Meeting.]

190341 Referral/Blight Elimination and Neighborhood Stabilization/Mowing

Referral by Councilperson Guerra to PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT/BENS, re: He asks that the tall grass that is taking over street corners be addressed within the city as soon as possible, as drivers are creating more hazards by pulling into intersections before crossing. [Referral Action Date: 8/12/2019 @ City Council Meeting.]

190388 Referral/Report/Vision & View/Blight

Referral by Councilperson Mays to PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT/BLIGHT: re, He requests a written report on the vision and view for Blight, from September 2019 to September 2020, including personnel and equipment needed. [Referral Action Date: 9/4/2019 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]

190389 Referral/Landlords/Increased Charges for Trash

Referral by Councilperson Griggs to LEGAL: re, He would like to know if the city can charge landlords more for trash pickup, since their tenants are responsible for a lot of the dumping. [Referral Action Date: 9/4/2019 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]

- 190390** Referral/Neighborhood Safety Officers/Attendance/Names
- Referral by Councilpersons Guerra and Winfrey-Carter to POLICE/BLIGHT: re, Mr. Guerra would like the names of the Neighborhood Safety Officers (NSOs), and the wards they represent. Ms. Winfrey-Carter asks that they attend the next Governmental Operations Committee Meeting. [Referral Action Date: 9/4/2019 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]
- 190391** Referral/Result of Investigation/Teens Hit By Car
- Referral by Councilperson Mays to POLICE: re, He would like to know the results of the investigation into the case where two teens were hit by a car while walking down the street. [Referral Action Date: 9/4/2019 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]
- 190392** Referral/Under-Funded/Shrinking Retirement Fund
- Referral by Councilperson Griggs to FIN: re, He would like to know what the city intends to do about the "under-funded and shrinking retirement fund," as related in a letter to Mr. Griggs from a constituent. [Referral Action Date: 9/4/2019 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]
- 190399** Discussion Item/Disposition of Acquired Genesee County Treasurer Properties
- A Discussion Item as requested by Councilperson Mays, re: He asks that the council discuss Reso No. 180627, Resolution Adopting the Policy of Disposition of Acquired Land Bank Properties [City of Flint Policy of Disposition of Acquired Genesee County Treasurer Properties], as adopted by City Council on April 8, 2019.
- 190443** Referral/William White Proclamation
- A referral from Councilperson Fields to CITY CLERK, re: She requests that the City Council do a formal proclamation for Mr. William S. White, Chairman of the Mott Foundation Board of Trustees, who passed away on October 9, 2019. [Referral Action Date: 10/14/2019 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]
- 190497** Referral/Attendance Request/Administration/Hurley Board
- Referral by Councilperson Galloway to MAYOR/ADMIN, re: She requests that appropriate members from the Administration attend the December 17, 2019 Governmental Operations Committee meeting in order to discuss the Hurley Board of Managers and its appointees. [Referral Action Date: 12/09/2019 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting]
- 190499** Council Review/Rules Governing Meetings of the Council (RGMC)
- Per the "Rules Governing Meetings of the Council", the Flint City Council shall review the "Rules Governing Meetings of the Council" (RGMC). [NOTE: RGMC

Rule No. 33.1 states that, "Every December, the City Council shall place an item on the Special Affairs Committee agenda for review of these rules." Because said review was not included as a part of the 12/09/2019 SA Committee agenda, it has been added to this Gov Ops agenda since there are no other SA committee meetings scheduled for 2019.] [NOTE: The "Rules Governing Meetings of the Council" were originally adopted by the City Council on May 10, 1976, with a 1st Amendment adopted May 24, 2010, a 2nd Amendment adopted on April 27, 2015, and a 3rd Amendment adopted June 12, 2017.]

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT