

City of Flint, Michigan

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

5:00 PM

Committee Room

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Monica Galloway, Chairperson, Ward 7

*Eric Mays, Ward 1
Kerry L. Nelson, Ward 3
Wantwaz D. Davis, Ward 5
Vicki VanBuren, Ward 8*

*Jacqueline Poplar, Ward 2
Kate Fields, Ward 4
Herbert J. Winfrey, Ward 6
Scott Kincaid, Ward 9*

Inez M. Brown, City Clerk

ROLL CALL

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 170170** Referral/Water Fund/Revenues/Payment to Detroit
- Referral by Councilperson Mays to ADMIN/FINANCE, re: He would like to know what the revenues are in the water fund and how much the city is paying Detroit for water. Please respond in writing with copies for all councilpersons. [Referral Action Date: 3/23/2017 @ Governmental Operations Meeting]
- 170169** Referral/Increase in Water Rates/Prosecution for Those Responsible?
- Referral by Councilperson Mays to ADMIN/NEELEY/ANANICH, re: He would like for State Rep. Sheldon Neeley and Sen. Jim Ananich to research (and check with the Attorney General) whether the people who raised water rates illegally can be held criminally responsible. Please respond in writing with copies for all councilpersons. [Referral Action Date: 3/23/2017 @ Governmental Operations Meeting]
- 170168** Referral/PAL/Conflict of Interest/Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Money
- Referral by Councilperson Fields to ADMIN/LEGAL, re: She would like additional information on the PAL conflict. She said the referral answer received in the Council office did not mention the conflict of interest regarding CDBG money. Please respond in writing with copies for all councilpersons. [Referral Action Date: 3/23/2017 @ Governmental Operations Meeting]
- 170167** Referral/Policy/Enforcement/Free Newspapers & Other Litter
- Referral by Councilperson Fields to ADMIN/LEGAL, re: She would like to know what can be done about all the free newspapers and flyers that are littering Flint? Please respond in writing with copies for all councilpersons. [Referral Action Date: 3/23/2017 @ Governmental Operations Meeting]
- 170166** Referral/Status of Water Shut-Offs/Lakeshore Apartments
- Referral by Councilperson Fields to ADMIN/FINANCE, re: She would like to know how many residents will be affected if the shut-off notice to Lakeshore Apartments is acted on. Please respond in writing with copies for all councilpersons. [Referral Action Date: 3/23/2017 @ Governmental Operations Meeting]
- 170165** Referral/Status of Agreement/City of Flint/Genesee Conservation District
- Referral by Councilperson Fields to ADMIN/FINANCE, re: She would like to

know if there is a Memorandum of Understanding or a contract between the city and the Genesee Conservation District for removal of trees. If so, does it stipulate prices for contractors for the various services (removal, trimming, etc.)? Please respond in writing with copies for all councilpersons. [Referral Action Date: 3/23/2017 @ Governmental Operations Meeting]

170164 Referral/Budget for Trees v Amount Spent

Referral by Councilperson Fields to ADMIN/FINANCE, re: She would like to know the total amount the city has budgeted for tree service, including the budget-to-actuals for that service, so she can see what was budgeted and what was spent from the last fiscal year to date. Please respond in writing with copies for all councilpersons. [Referral Action Date: 3/23/2017 @ Governmental Operations Meeting]

OLD, OUTSTANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS

160516 Discussion Item/Civil Service, Ombudsperson and Human Relations Divisions

A discussion item as requested by Councilperson Mays, re: He asks that the City Council discuss the Civil Service Commission, the Ombudsperson's Office and the Human Relations Commission. [Referral Action Date: 11/14/2016 @ City Council Meeting]

160443 Discussion/Senior Centers

Councilperson Eric Mays would like to discuss the senior centers, particularly Hasselbring.

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.

160112 Discussion/Genesee County Land Bank/Immunity Agreement

Councilperson Eric Mays would like to discuss the Genesee County Land Bank's Immunity Agreement.

170129 Referral/Legal Opinion/Haskell Center Operations

Referral by Councilperson Poplar to LEGAL, re: She would like to know if it is a conflict of interest for Haskell Center CEO Michael Townsend to also be a member of the Flint Receivership Transition Advisory Board (RTAB). [Referral Action Date: 2/27/2017 @ City Council Meeting]

170128 Referral/Haskell Center Operations

Referral by Councilperson Poplar to LEGAL, re: With regard to the Haskell Center, she would like to know if the center is currently open, whether or not Ofc. Jesse Carpenter has returned to work there and if the PAL program has moved from the sight. She would also like to know what programs are currently available at Haskell and what the future plans for the building are. [Referral Action Date: 2/27/2017 @ City Council Meeting]

170127 Referral/Legal Opinion/Removal of Street Trees

Referral by Councilperson Galloway to LEGAL, re: She asks whether or not a conflict of interest exists with regard to decisions being made about the removal of street trees by "Erika Barlow" of the Genesee Conservation District, due to the fact that Ms. Barlow also appears to be associated with one of the companies being contracted for the actual removal of said trees. [Referral Action Date: 2/27/2017 @ City Council Meeting]

170126 Discussion Item/Removal of Street Trees

Discussion Item as requested by Councilperson Mays, re: He asks that the Council continue the dialogue regarding the Genesee Conservation District's removal of street trees within the city in detail. [Referral Action Date: 2/27/2017 @ City Council Meeting]

170125 Referral/Human Resources-Labor Relations/Chain of Command

Referral by Councilperson Galloway to HUMAN RESOURCES/ADMIN, re: She would like to know the Chain of Command for all employees within the Human Resources and Labor Relations department/division. [Referral Action Date: 2/27/2017 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting]

170124 Referral/Process for Professional Service Agreements (PSA)

Referral by Councilperson Galloway to LEGAL/HUMAN RESOURCES/ADMIN, re: She is inquiring about the process for Professional Service Agreements (PSA). Do PSAs operate under the purview of Human Resources? Or is it the responsibility of the Legal Department to draft, enter into, etc. any PSAs with the City of Flint? Do both departments have to agree with, advise on and/or approve any PSA drafted by the accountable department? [Referral Action Date: 2/27/2017 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting]

170123 Referral/Personnel Policy on Nepotism and Cronyism

Referral by Councilperson Fields to 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]

- 170122 Referral/Legal Opinion/Personnel Policy on Nepotism and Cronyism
- Referral by Councilperson Fields to LEGAL, 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 the Legal Department provide an opinion on the nepotism document that was sent from HR (sometime during the term of CLO Erwin Oakes). [Referral Action Date: 2/27/2017 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting]
- 170115 Referral/Appointed Positions
- Referral by Councilperson Mays to HUMAN RESOURCES/ADMIN, re: He asks for an inventory of appointed positions within the City of Flint (staff, mayoral appointments, and department/division heads), including the exact title of each position, the name of the person currently in the position (with vacant positions noted), and the length of time individuals have held a position. [Referral Action Date: 2/27/2017 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting]
- 170114 Discussion Item/Grant from Federal Government
- A discussion item as requested by Councilperson Mays, re: He would like to discuss the \$100 million grant from the federal government. [Referral Action Date: 2/22/2017 @ Grants Committee Meeting].
- 170113 Referral/Attendance Request/Water Service Lines
- Referral by various council people to RET. BRIG. GENERAL MICHAEL MCDANIEL, re: They would like for Mr. McDaniel to attend the next Governmental Operations Committee (5 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2017) to provide information on previous allocations for water service lines and where future allocations are planned. They also would like to receive the information in writing prior to the meeting. [Referral Action Date: 2/22/2017 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting]
- 170112 Referral/Traffic Enforcement
- Referral by Councilperson Winfrey to ADMIN/POLICE, re: He would like information on traffic enforcement in the Mackin, Sloan, Nolen Drive areas (he's getting complaints about drag racing going in that area). [Referral Action Date: 2/22/2017 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting]
- 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]

170013

Dissolution/Reconstitution/Ombudsman, Civil Service Commission and Human Relations Commission

Referral by Councilperson Fields to CITY ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE/LEGAL, re: In reference to Discussion Item # 160516, she asks who abolished the Ombudsman, Civil Service Commission and Human Relations Commission, and how much it would cost to reconstitute each. Please provide a written response for all councilpersons. [Referral Action Date: 1/4/2017 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting].

ADJOURNMENT