

City of Flint, Michigan

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Santino J. Guerra, Chairperson, Ward 3

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

*Maurice D. Davis, Ward 2
Jerri Winfrey-Carter, Ward 5
Monica Galloway, Ward 7
Eva L. Worthing, Ward 9*

Inez M. Brown, City Clerk

ROLL CALL

SPECIAL ORDER

180277 Special Order/Mass Transportation Authority (MTA)

A special order as requested by Ed Benning, General Manager/CEO of the Mass Transportation Authority (MTA), to update Council members on new MTA services.

RESOLUTIONS

180228.1 Approval/Vacation of Forest Street/Vacation of a Portion of Mathews Street/Vacation of a Portion of Manning Court/Ward 7

Resolution resolving that all that is part of Forest Street, from the northern portion of Forest Street, beginning at Robert T Longway Boulevard, adjacent to Parcel No. 41-07-403-017, to its termination, adjacent to Parcel No. 41-07-427-010, totaling 538 feet, as well as a portion of Mathews Street, beginning at Hunt Lane, adjacent to Parcel No. 41-07-427-010, extending east to its termination, adjacent to Parcel No. 41-07-403-039, totaling 382 feet, as well as a portion of Manning Street, beginning at Hunt Lane, adjacent to Parcel No. 41-07-426-020, and extending east toward its termination, adjacent to Parcel No. 41-07-427-011, totaling 75 feet, are hereby vacated and discontinued forever as public streets, alleys or public grounds, and the same is hereby placed on the assessments rolls for the purpose of taxation, AND, resolving that there is hereby reserved to the City of Flint easements for public utility purposes for the operation, repair, maintenance and replacement of sewers, water mains and appurtenances presently installed in the portion of the attached described streets, alleys or public grounds herein vacated and given access to the easement for such purposes, and except further that easements for public utility purposes for the operation, repair, maintenance and replacement of gas mains and underground and overhead electric and telephone lines and appurtenances presently installed in the portion of the described streets, alleys or public grounds herein vacated are hereby reserved to the owners of such facilities, and no structures shall be placed over or under any such existing utility without the express written consent of the owner thereof, AND, resolving that the City Clerk shall, within thirty (30) days of this action, record a certified copy of this resolution with the Register of Deeds for Genesee County and forward a certified copy of said resolution to the State Treasurer.

180227.1 Approval/Vacation of a Portion of an Alley (Buckham Alley)/Ward 5

Resolution resolving that Buckham Alley, from West Kearsley Street, adjacent to Parcel No. 41-18-101-011 for a distance of 320 feet until its termination at West Union Street, adjacent to Parcel No. 41-18-101-002, is hereby vacated and

discontinued forever as a public street, alley or public ground, and the same is hereby placed on the assessments rolls for the purpose of taxation, AND, resolving that there is hereby reserved to the City of Flint an easement for the public utility purposes for the operation, repair, maintenance and replacement of sewers, water mains and appurtenances presently installed in the portion of the attached described street, alley or public ground herein vacated and given access to the easement for such purposes, and except further that an easement for public utility purposes for the operation, repair, maintenance and replacement of gas mains and underground and overhead electric and telephone lines and appurtenances presently installed in the portion of the described street, alley or public ground herein vacated is hereby reserved to the owners of such facilities, and no structures shall be placed over or under any such existing utility without the express written consent of the owner thereof, AND, resolving that the City Clerk shall, within thirty (30) days of this action, record a certified copy of this resolution with the Register of Deeds for Genesee County and forward a certified copy of said resolution to the State Treasurer.

OLD, OUTSTANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 160112** Discussion/Genesee County Land Bank/Immunity Agreement
- Councilperson Eric Mays would like to discuss the Genesee County Land Bank's Immunity Agreement.
- 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.]
- 170194** Repair/Copper Service Line/618 W. Alma

Referral by Councilperson Mays to ADM: He would like to know when the city plans to repair a ruptured copper service line at 618 W. Alma. [Referral Action Date: 4/19/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

170253 Referral/Organization Chart

Referral by Councilperson Fields to MAYOR/ADM, She would like a detailed organization chart for the city that lists titles and the name of the person who currently holds each position. [Referral Action Date: 5/3/2017 @ Governmental Operations 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. [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.]

170443 Discussion Item/Fund for High Water Bill Assistance

Discussion Item proposed by Councilperson Mays: He would like to discuss setting aside \$200,000.00 to \$300,000.00 to help constituents with high water bills. [Referral Action Date: 8/9/2017 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]

170462 Discussion Item/City Tree Work

A discussion item as requested by Councilpersons Fields and Galloway, re: They would like to discuss the solicitation for the City's tree work, a draft resolution for the contract for tree work, and a possible resolution for emergency tree work while waiting on the process for a City tree contract.

170472 Referral/Report on New Water Meters

Referral by Councilperson Fields to PURCHASING/WATER PLANT, re: She would like an update on the new water meters/transponders that have been installed within the city. Is there software available to utilize these new meters to their fullest capacity (e.g. more accurate usage/billing)? If so, how much will this software cost? [Referral Action Date: 8/28/2017 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]

- 170498** Referral/State Law/Pawning of Municipal Equipment
- A referral for LAW as requested by Councilpersons Mays, re: He would like a copy of state law that talks about pawn shops not accepting governmental property. [Referral Action Date: 9/6/2017 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]
- 170530** Discussion Item/Transition Houses
- Discussion item proposed by Councilperson Mays, re: He would like to discuss prison transition houses and what can be done about them.
- 170583** Allocate Dollars/High Water Bills
- Referral from Councilperson Mays to FIN: He asks the Finance Director to set aside money for high water bills. [Referral Action Date: 11/21/17 @ Governmental Operations Committee 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.]
- 180005** Referral/Police Investigation/Clubs With Recent Violations
- A referral by Councilperson Galloway for LAW/POLICE: She would like to know the status of the investigations into clubs with recent violations, including one on Saginaw Street and Piece of the Rock on Dort Highway. [Referral Action Date: 1/3/2018 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]
- 180018** Discussion Item/City of Flint Charter
- Discussion item proposed by Councilperson Mays, re: He would like a discussion of the new Flint City Charter on the next Governmental Operations Agenda. [Referral Action Date: 1/3/2018 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]
- 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.]

180059

Discussion Item/"Pilot Program"/Tax Reverted Property

Discussion Item as requested by Councilperson Mays, re: He would like to discuss the necessary rules, policies, procedures, etc. for establishing a "pilot program" for the disposal of seven (7) homes recently reverted to the City's ownership by way tax reverted property. [Referral Action Date: 2/13/2018 @ Special City Council 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.]

180086

Referral/Interim Positions/Timelines

A referral from Councilperson Galloway to ADMIN/LAW, re: She would like to discuss interim positions and timelines for those positions, including how many positions are interim, is there movement to appoint a permanent replacement and what does the new Charter say about interim appointments/positions. [Referral Action Date: 2/21/2018 @ Governmental Operations 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.]

180179

Referral/Genesee County Conservation District

A referral as requested by Councilperson Fields to FIN/DPW: She would like to know how much money the Genesee County Conservation District has left-over from last year's budget. [Referral Action Date: 4/4/2018 @ Finance 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.]

180208

Referral/Local Officers' Compensation Commission (LOCC)

A referral as requested by Councilperson Mays to MAYOR/ADM: He would like to know who is currently part of the Local Officers' Compensation Commission (LOCC) and when the Mayor will make other appointments. [Referral Action Date: 4/18/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180235 Conflict/Aonie Gilcreast/Position with City of Flint

A referral from Councilperson Mays to LEGAL: re, he would like to know if Aonie Gilcreast's new job affects his wife's appointment to the Hurley Board of Managers? [Referral Action Date: 5/9/2018 @ 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.]

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT