

# City of Flint, Michigan

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## Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, January 10, 2022

4:30 PM

Council Chambers

### SPECIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

*Allie Herkenroder, Chairperson, Ward 7*

*Eric Mays, Ward 1  
Quincy Murphy, Ward 3  
Jerri Winfrey-Carter, Ward 5  
Dennis Pfeiffer, Ward 8*

*Ladel Lewis, Ward 2  
Judy Priestley, Ward 4  
Tonya Burns, Ward 6  
Eva L. Worthing, Ward 9*

*Inez M. Brown, City Clerk*

*Davina Donahue, Deputy Clerk*

**ROLL CALL**

**REQUESTS FOR CHANGES AND/OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

*Council shall vote to adopt any amended agenda.*

**READING OF DISORDERLY PERSONS CITY CODE SUBSECTION**

*Any person that persists in disrupting this meeting will be in violation of Flint City Code Section 31-10, Disorderly Conduct, Assault and Battery, and Disorderly Persons, and will be subject to arrest for a misdemeanor. Any person who prevents the peaceful and orderly conduct of any meeting will be given one warning. If they persist in disrupting the meeting, that individual will be subject to arrest. Violators shall be removed from meetings.*

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

*Per the amended Rules Governing Meetings of the Council (as adopted by the City Council on Monday, June 12, 2017), two (2) minutes per speaker. Only one speaking opportunity per speaker.*

**COUNCIL RESPONSE**

*Per the amended Rules Governing Meetings of the Council (as adopted by the City Council on Monday, June 12, 2017), 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 minutes.*

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

220011 Special Order/Resolution 210590.1/Objection to the Transfer of Tax-Reverted Property

A Special Order as requested by Council President Mays to discuss amended Resolution No. 210590.1 -- a resolution objecting to the transfer of tax-reverted property from Genesee County to the City of Flint.

**RESOLUTIONS**

210491 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/City of Flint/Flint Children's Museum

Resolution resolving that the appropriate city officials, upon City Council's approval, are authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Flint and the Flint Children's Museum.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**ORDINANCES**

220002 Amendment/Chapter 50/PC-21-401/RACER Trust/Rezoning/Northeast Corner

of Hamilton Avenue and North Street/From 'C-1' to 'G'/Ward 3

An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Flint has been requested by RACER Trust (PC-21-401) to change the District boundaries or regulations established in Chapter 50 thereof, specifically allowing under 50-4 a zoning map amendment, as follows: Industrial Ave., Flint, MI, 48505, Parcel No. 41-06-326-050, legally described as OAK PARK SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SECTIONS 1 AND 2 OF SMITH'S RESEVATION. LOTS 3 THRU 30 INCL; ALSO LOTS 2 & 31 EXC WLY 10 FT, BLK 16; ALSO LOTS 3 THRU 30 INCL; ALSO LOTS 2 & 31 EXC WLY 10 FT, BLK 17; ALSO LOTS 3 THRU 30 INCL; ALSO LOTS 2 & 31 EXC WLY 10 FT, BLK 18; ALSO LOTS 3 THRU 13 INCL; ALSO LOTS 15 & 16; ALSO LOTS 24 THRU 30 INCL; ALSO NLY 35 FT OF LOT 17; ALSO LOTS 2 & 31 EXC WLY 10 FT, BLK 19, from "C-1" Multi-Family Walk-up and future zoned "CE-Commerce and Employment" to "G" Heavy Manufacturing. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

220003

Amendment/Chapter 50/PC-21-414/Theodore Van Steyn/Rezoning/703 South Grand Traverse/From 'D-1' to 'D-3'/Ward 5

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## DISCUSSION ITEMS

210596

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."] [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.]

## ADJOURNMENT



210491

RESOLUTION NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENTED: OCT - 6 2021

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF FLINT AND THE FLINT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**

**BY THE MAYOR:**

**WHEREAS,** The City of Flint has title to certain real estate ID #41-07-180-004 and 41-07-180-003. The property address is 420E. Boulevard and commonly referred to as "The Old Farmers' Market." Uptown Redevelopment Corporation currently holds a lease on the property and has stated an intent to terminate that lease early in order to facilitate redevelopment of the property by the Flint Children's Museum (FCM).

**WHEREAS,** The Flint Children's Museum has requested the ability to purchase the listed property for the purpose of creating a new home for the Flint Children's Museum.

**WHEREAS,** A memorandum of understanding (MOU) has been placed before City Council in order to facilitate the exploration of the development of the property. The MOU allows the FCM to purchase on option for \$36,000 while it explores options to fundraise for the purpose of redeveloping the property.

**WHEREAS,** The MOU protects the interest of the City by retaining ownership of the property and not allowing mortgaging of same until transfer of ownership.

The MOU allows for the creation of a development agreement and transfer of ownership via quit claim deed.

**IT IS RESOLVED,** that the appropriate City Officials are authorized to enter the attached memorandum of understanding between the City of Flint and The Flint Children's Museum.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

Angela Wheeler  
Angela Wheeler, Chief Legal Officer

**APPROVED AS TO FINANCE**

Robert J. F. Widigan  
Robert Widigan  
Interim Chief Financial Officer

**CITY COUNCIL:**

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**ADMINISTRATION:**

Sheldon A. Neeley  
Sheldon A. Neeley, Mayor

Memorandum of Understanding  
Between  
The Flint Children's Museum  
And  
The City of Flint  
For Application To  
The Former Site of the Flint Farmers' Market

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes an agreement between the Flint Children's Museum, a Michigan non-profit corporation, with principal place of business at 1602 University Ave., Flint, MI 48504, and the City of Flint, the local governing body, with principal offices at 1101 S. Saginaw St., Flint, MI 48502.

Summary – The Flint Children's Museum and the City of Flint intend to enter into an agreement designed to convert the property located at 467 E. Boulevard, currently owned by the City of Flint and commonly known as "the Old Farmers' Market", into the new location for the Flint Children's Museum – an interactive museum that has been providing early learning experiences through hands-on play and exploration for children ages birth through eight for more than 41 years.

Together, the Parties enter this Memorandum of Understanding to help facilitate the renovation and transfer of ownership of this property from the City of Flint to the Flint Children's Museum for the ongoing operation of the Flint Children's Museum.

A. **Purpose and Scope:** Together, the Flint Children's Museum and the City of Flint enter into this agreement to achieve the following results:

1. To renovate and convert the existing 14,000 square foot building into a unique, welcoming, and dramatically appealing children's museum serving children ages birth through eight and their families
2. To develop the attached outdoor space and pavilion - converting it into a natural, outdoor learning space with exhibits, eating areas, and green space for children and families
3. To pulverize, remove, and resurface the existing parking lot, and to install decorative fencing and lighting throughout

B. **Budget:** Based on estimates from Gazall Lewis Architects and Lurvey Construction, the estimated cost of the renovation of the building and site development is:

- a. \$2.73M – 2.93M: Renovation of existing building
- b. \$619,000 – 689,000: Site upgrades to accommodate outdoor learning space and parking lot

C. **Commitments:** The Flint Children's Museum and the City of Flint will each provide the following commitments to the partnership:

a. Flint Children's Museum Commitments:

- i. To campaign, promote, and raise the necessary funds for the project
- ii. To hire the necessary architect(s) and contractor(s) to successfully renovate the building and site
- iii. To apprise the City of progress on a regular basis - describing fundraising, design, permitting, construction, and commencement of operation
- iv. To maintain the location as a clean and safe project site upon transfer of ownership
- v. To relocate the Flint Children's Museum from its current location (1602 W. University Avenue) to this new location upon completion of the project
- vi. In the event that the FCM is unsuccessful in raising the funds and commencing construction by the date identified in the development agreement, the City of Flint will have the Right of First Refusal to purchase the property back for \$12,000 (1/3 the original option price).

b. City of Flint Commitments:

- i. To provide an option on the Property from the City of Flint to the Flint Children's Museum for the price of \$36,000
  1. The City of Flint, contingent upon City Council approval and early termination of the lease by Uptown, will provide FCM with the legal authority to enter and use the property including but not limited to environmental studies, non-destructive testing and construction of temporary structures.
  2. FCM will not be allowed to mortgage or otherwise use the property as collateral until the project is completed at which time the City of Flint will provide a quit claim deed for \$1.
  3. FCM can exercise the option to complete purchase of the property by
    - a. Entering into a development agreement with the city prior to the expiration of this MOU.
- ii. To provide expeditious processing of requests for planning/ zoning and building reviews
- iii. To support the Flint Children's Museum in applying for State and Federal funding to support the project where possible

c. Joint Commitments

- i. Both parties agree to promote and support the project publicly.
- ii. Both parties agree to work together to make the project successful.

**D. Consent and Termination:**

This MOU is at-will and may be modified or terminated by mutual consent of the Party's authorized officials. This MOU shall become effective upon signature of the authorized officials. This MOU shall expire on June 30, 2022.

**E. Authorized Officials:**

Flint Children's Museum Official: Kimberly Roddy, Executive Director

City of Flint Official: Sheldon A. Neeley, Mayor

Signatures:

Kimberly Roddy, Executive Director, Flint Children's Museum,

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sheldon A. Neeley, Mayor, City of Flint

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:**

**Email:** cedwards@cityofflint.com

September 17, 2021

UPTOWN  
REINVESTMENT  
CORPORATION

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*Chair/Secretary*

TIM HERMAN  
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JOSEPH PICHLA

City of Flint  
Attn: Mayor Sheldon Neeley and Flint City Council  
1101 S. Saginaw St.  
Flint, MI 48502

Re: Old Farmers' Market

Dear Mayor Neeley and Flint City Council,

Uptown Reinvestment Corporation (URC) currently leases the old Flint Farmers' Market from the City of Flint. That lease expires on June 30, 2029 but has an option in favor of URC allowing it to renew the lease, at its sole option, for an additional 20 years. It is URC's intention to renew that lease for the additional 20-year period. A copy of that lease is available as part of the City's records but if a copy is needed for review, one can be provided.

The Flint Children's Museum has expressed an interest in relocating to the site of the Old Farmers' Market and has made these intentions known to URC. As part of that move, the Flint Children's Museum would spend significant sums of money to renovate to Old Farmers' Market so that it could become the Flint Children's Museum.

In the event the City of Flint would sell the old Farmers' Market property to the Flint Children's Museum, URC would agree to relinquish its leasehold interest in the property PROVIDED there is a deed restriction placed on the property as part of the sale that would require the property to be used only as a Children's Museum or in a similar fashion by a non-profit organization for the benefit of the public AND that the property may never be used as a Farmers' Market.

Sincerely,



Tim Herman  
President

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Council members:

The following is the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Flint and the Flint Children's Museum (FCM) for the FCM to purchase the Old Farmer's Market (OFM) and make it the new home of the FCM.

The FCM currently has space at Kettering University, but has outgrown that space and Kettering has indicated a need to use that space so there is an urgency on the part of the FCM to move forward on acquiring new space.

Currently the OFM is under a long-term lease with Uptown Redevelopment. Uptown has indicated their willingness to break the lease in favor of this project for the FCM. That indication has only been in the form of an email and I have requested a formal agreement to memorialize.

Items to note:

- The property is approximately 4 acres
- The City assessor values the land at approximately \$166,000
- Single use/ and short story buildings are not the best fit for downtown construction
- Surface parking is not the ideal use for downtown settings
- The Children's museum would not pay taxes on the property
- There has been market inquiries made on the space
- Time permitting – I would advise the City to enter into a development agreement on the space that demanded certain design elements and offered the property at below market costs to entice that development

220002

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A Proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 50 of the Code of the City of Flint has been requested by RACER Trust (PC 21-401) for a rezoning change for the property at the NE corner of Hamilton Ave and North St., across from Lear Corp., (Parcel ID# 41-06-326-050) from C-1 Multi-Family Walk-up to G Heavy Manufacturing.

The Planning Commission recommends APPROVAL of a Zoning Ordinance map amendment concerning this property located in WARD 3.

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF FLINT:

Sec. 1. That the code of the City of Flint is hereby amended to change the District boundaries or regulations established in Chapter 50 thereof, specifically allowing under 50-4 a zoning map amendment, as follows:

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Sec. 2. This ordinance shall take effect on the \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 A.D.

Approved this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 A.D.

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Sheldon A. Neeley, Mayor

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Inez M. Brown, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Angela Wheeler, Chief Legal Officer

220003

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A Proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 50 of the Code of the City of Flint has been requested by Theodore Van Steyn (PC 21-414) for a rezoning change for the property at 703 S. Grand traverse (Parcel ID# 41-18-154-038) from D-1 Office District to D-3 Community Business.

The Planning Commission recommends APPROVAL of a Zoning Ordinance map amendment concerning this property located in WARD 5.

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