City of Flint, Michigan

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 5:00 PM

Agenda amended to include 190019

Committee Room

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monica Galloway, Chairperson, Ward 7

Eric Mays, Ward 1 Santino J. Guerra, Ward 3 Jerri Winfrey-Carter, Ward 5 Allan Griggs, Ward 8 Maurice D. Davis, Ward 2 Kate Fields, Ward 4 Herbert J. Winfrey, Ward 6 Eva L. Worthing, Ward 9

Inez M. Brown, City Clerk

ROLL CALL

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Council shall vote on any changes to the agenda.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

An Executive Session as requested by the Department of Law to update the City Council regarding 1. Flint Police Department Sergeants Unit Labor Negotiations, and 2. the Grisi Settlement. Also, an Executive Session as requested by Councilperson Mays to discuss Referral No. 190004 (regarding the AECOM Contract.)

SPECIAL ORDERS

180420 Special Order/Master Fee Schedule

A Special Order as requested by Councilperson Mays concerning the recently amended (Reso No. 180351 - adopted July 23, 2018) Master Fee Schedule that added fees for micro-cell equipment.

190015 Special Order/Status of Water Fund

A Special Order as requested by Councilperson Fields to discuss the status of the city's Water Fund.

190016 Special Order/Status of Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP)

A Special Order as requested by Councilperson Worthing to discuss the status of the Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP).

RESOLUTIONS

190001 Policies & Guidelines/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 (which is part of this resolution), AND, resolving that the applicant and all qualifying persons that resided in the home must have an annual adjusted income less than the amounts shown (in this resolution), AND, resolving that the applicant's asset level, excluding the homestead, may not exceed \$10,000.00, regardless of income level, AND, resolving that the applicant may not have ownership interest in any real estate other than the homestead, nor shall anyone else living outside of the household have interest in this homestead and

(the applicant) must own the home for at least one calendar year, AND, resolving that a hardship exemption may be granted for only one year at a time, AND. resolving that the City of Flint Board of Review shall request identification of the applicant and/or proof of ownership of the homestead under consideration for hardship exemption, AND, resolving that the board of review may request from the applicant any supporting documents which may be utilized in determining a hardship exemption request, AND, resolving that the completed hardship exemption application must be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of the board of review in the year for which exemption is sought, AND, resolving that the board of review shall administer an oath wherein the applicant testifies as to the accuracy of the information provided, AND, resolving that the 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 Assessments.

190008

Multi-Year/Contract/American Electric Motor Corp./Motor Repair & Rewind Services

Resolution resolving that the proper city officials, upon the City Council's approval, are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with American Electric Motor Corp. for two-year motor repair and rewind services, as requested by Water Plant/Water Pollution Control, in an annual amount NOT-TO-EXCEED \$45,000.00 [Sewer Fund Acct. No. 590-550.202-775.000 = \$3,000.00 and Acct. No. 590-550.202-930.000 = \$17,000.00, and Water Fund Acct. No. 591-545.201-930.000 = \$25,000.00.]

DISCUSSION ITEMS

190019 Budget-to-Actual Report

A discussion item to allow City of Flint Chief Financial Officer Hughey Newsome to discuss the budget-to-actual report.

OLD, OUTSTANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS

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.]

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.]

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.]

170422 Copies/Bid/Contract/Martin Waymire

Referral by Councilperson Fields to FIN/LEGAL: She would like copies of the bid and the contract for public relations firm Martin Waymire. [Referral Action Date: 6/19/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

170424 Discussion Item/Water Assistance Program/Disadvantaged/Elderly Customers

Discussion item as requested by Councilperson Mays: He would like to talk about a water assistance program and/or agencies that can assist disadvantaged and/or elderly water customers. [Referral Action Date: 6/19/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

170577 Reimbursements/State of Michigan/City of Flint Departments

Referral from Councilperson Mays to FINANCE DIRECTOR: Regarding State of Michigan reimbursements to all city departments except Finance (see Discussion Item 170390): What has been requested and what has been reimbursed? [Referral Action Date: 11/21/17 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

170601 Referral/2016 Tax Reverted Property/5306 North Street

Referral by Councilpersons Mays and Guerra to LEGAL: He would like to know how and when the ownership of 5306 North Street (old Jefferson Elementary School) will be returned to the 2nd Chance Church (5306 North Street was the only tax reverted property whose transfer from Genesee County the City of Flint did not object to in 2016). [Referral Action Date: 12/13/2017 @ Special City Council Meeting.]

180001 Payments/State of Michigan's \$25 Million Discretionary Fund

Referral and discussion item from Councilperson Mays to FIN: How much money has been taken from the State of Michigan's \$25 million in discretionary funds and what was it used for? [Referral Action Date: 1/3/18 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180002 Referral/Positions/Water Plant/Water Service Center/Wage Study

Referral by Councilperson Fields to HUMAN RESOURCES/WATER SERVICE CENTER/DPW: She would like a list of all unfilled positions at the Water Plant

and Water Service Center; she would like the list also to include what certifications are needed for each position, what the compensation packages are, and what the city has done so far to recruit for these positions. She is also asking if a wage study for City of Flint positions has been completed (or started). [Referral Action Date: 1/3/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180015 Referral/List/Water Customers With Estimated Bills

Referral by Councilperson Mays to FIN: He would like a list of water customers who had estimated bills and then were hit with high bills when actual readings were used. He would also like to know if these customers still have "holds" on their accounts and if they are in danger of having their water shut off. [Referral Action Date: 1/3/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180025 Referral/Copy/'Transfer of Property'

A referral from Councilperson Mays to LAW: He would like a copy of the Legal Department's interpretation of "Transfer of Property." [Referral Action Date: 1/17/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180055 Referral/Reprogramming/Unspent CDBG Grant Funds/HUD Regulations/Email Exchange

Referral by Councilperson Galloway to PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT, re: She requests copies of the HUD rules/policies that govern the distribution and reprogramming of unspent CDBG grant funds. She also requests a copy of the email exchange between Interim Planning and Development Director Suzanne Wilcox and HUD representatives with regard to \$442,200.00 reprogrammed funds (See Resolution No. 180011, as adopted by the City Council on January 22, 2018). [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.]

180074 Referral/Copies/Current & Revised/WIIN Project Plans

Referral by Councilperson Fields TO FINANCE/DPW, re: She would like copies of the plans, both old and new, for the WIIN grant, and a rationale for the amounts assigned to each. (For example, money allocated to the Water Plant was reduced after the city signed the long-term water deal with the Great Lakes Water Authority). [Referral Action Date: 2/21/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180080 Referral/Kellogg Grant/Entire Proposal

A referral from Councilperson Fields to ADMIN/LAW, re: She would like a copy of the entire Kellogg Grant proposal. [Referral Action Date: 2/21/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180084 Referral/Police Department/Number of Lawsuits/Cost of Lawsuits

A referral from Councilperson Fields to LAW, re: She would like to know how many lawsuits there have been in the last two years involving the Flint Police Department, including the status for each and the total estimated cost. [Referral Action Date: 2/21/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180160 Discussion Item/Itemized Water Fund Revenues & Expenditures

A discussion item as requested by Councilperson Mays regarding the city's Water Fund. He would like itemized revenues and expenditures. [Referral Action Date: 3/22/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180180 Referral/Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Money/Salvation Army

A referral as requested by Councilperson Mays to Planning & Development: He would like to know if Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money can be given to the Salvation Army. [Referral Action Date: 4/4/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180204 Referral/Trial Water Shut-Off/Shut-On Policy

A referral as requested by Councilperson Fields to FIN: She would like to know how the new Trial Collection Policy for shutting water off and turning it back on it working. [Referral Action Date: 4/18/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180206 Referral/Cost/Parliamentarian

A referral as requested by Councilperson Fields to CITY CLERK: She would like to know the cost for the City Council to hire a Parliamentarian. [Referral Action Date: 4/18/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180234 Update/Great Lakes Water Authority Contract

A referral from Councilperson Fields to LEGAL: re, she would like an update on the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) contract, particularly the additional elements within the contract. [Referral Action Date: 5/9/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180294 Referral/LED Street Lights

Referral by Councilpersons Fields and Guerra to ADMIN, re: An action plan and project steps (equipment and labor) concerning the LED street lights. [Referral Action Date: 6/20/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180297 Referral/Breakdown/Chief of Staff Budget

Referral by Councilperson Fields to FINANCE, re: She would like a detailed breakdown of the \$75,000.00 budgeted for the Chief of Staff, including how, who, when and the date it was spent. [Referral Action Date: 6/25/2018 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]

180298 Referral/Breakdown/Budgets/Mayor & City Administrator

Referral by Councilperson Fields to FINANCE, re: She would like a detailed, itemized breakdown of the budgets for Mayor and City Administrator, particularly for wages and salaries -- who they're for and how much each earns. [Referral Action Date: 6/25/2018 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]

180300 Referral/Quarterly Budget Amendment Reports

Referral by Councilperson Fields to FINANCE, re: She would like to see quarterly budget amendment reports that are supposed to be supplied to City Council per the newly adopted City Charter. [Referral Action Date: 6/25/2018 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]

180302 Discussion Item/Budgetary Requirements/Ethics & Accountability Board

Referral by Councilperson Mays to FINANCE, re: He would like to add a discussion about budgetary requirements as they relate to the Ethics and Accountability Board on the Finance Committee Agenda. [Referral Action Date: 6/25/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]

180356 Discussion Item/Investigative Hearing

Councilperson Mays asked that a discussion item about the Investigative Hearing City Council members approved for financial issues related to the Water Crisis be placed on the Finance Committee Agenda. [Referral Action Date: 7/9/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180365 Attendance Request/Discussion/Filling Budgeted Positions in Water/Sewer

Referral from Councilperson Mays to HUMAN RESOURCES/DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, re: He would like for Makini Jackson, Director of Human Resources, and Rob Binscik, Director of DPW, to attend the next Finance Committee meeting to discuss unfilled budgeted positions in water and sewer as identified on an organizational chart distributed at the last Finance Committee Meeting. [Referral Action Date: 7/18/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180369 Referral/Number of Employees Needed/Turning Water On and Off

Referral from Councilperson Mays to DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS/FINANCE, re: He would like a breakdown of personnel needed to turn water on and then to turn water off. [Referral Action Date: 7/18/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180418 Referral/Dates/Activities in FastStart

Referral by Councilperson Galloway to FIN, re: She would like to see dates for each of the activities described on Page 6 of the FastStart presentation given by the Finance Director at the last Finance Committee meeting. [Referral Action Date: 8/8/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180419 Referral/Payments from Water Fund to Subcontractors

Referral by Councilperson Fields to LAW, re: She would like to justification for paying a subcontractor (Arco) out of the Water Fund without City Council permission. [Referral Action Date: 8/8/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180437 Referral/Accounting/Water Funds/Grant Funds/Budget Amendments

Referral by Councilperson Fields to FIN, re: She would like a detailed accounting of all 591 and 296 funds (with detailed subsets) and any from other accounts that the city has used to accept Water Funds/Grants, has paid invoices and expenditures from, and all related Budget Amendments made since January 2016 to current that relate to these funds. [Referral Action Date: 8/22/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180438 Referral/Lead Service Line Replacements/Those Paid/Those Submitted for Reimbursement

Referral by Councilperson Fields to FIN, re: She would like any lead service line replacements that have been paid and/or submitted for reimbursement by contractors since May 2018 to current. [Referral Action Date: 8/22/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180472 Referral/Contract Clauses/Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA)/Collection Rate/Transmission Pipe

A referral as requested by Councilperson Fields to FIN/LEGAL: She would like the clauses in the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) that speak to the collection rate for water/sewer customers and the transmission pipe. [Referral Action Date: 9/5/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180474 Referral/Status of 'New' Program Manager/Division of Community & Economic Development (DCED)

A referral as requested by Councilperson Galloway to FIN/LEGAL/HR: Planning & Development Director Suzanne Wilcox has a clause in her contract that allows her to return to her former position (Program Manager for DCED) in the event that her supervisory position doesn't work out. But her former job was recently filled. Councilperson Galloway would like to know what would happen to the "new" Program Manager if Ms. Wilcox decided to return to that position. [Referral Action Date: 9/5/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180508 Referral/Questions/Finance/Contracts/Invoices/Financial Statements/Rizzo

A referral as requested by Councilpersons Fields and Galloway to FIN: They

would like answers to questions posed in a memo to Finance Director Hughey Newsome regarding contracts, invoices (including any outstanding invoices) and various financial statements, and specific questions about invoices and payments to trash company Rizzo (copy of memo provided). They would also like the account(s) the money was taken from, proof that it was budgeted, information regarding who authorized (signed the payments), and an answer as to why Rizzo was paid in 2018 and not 2016 or 2017. [Referral Action Date: 9/24/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180509

Referral/Line Item Details/Revenues/Expenditures/Invoices Paid/First \$2 Million/State of Michigan

A referral as requested by Councilperson Fields to FIN: She would like line item details of revenues in and expenditures out on the first \$2 million received from the State of Michigan. She would also like line item accounts and invoices paid from this \$2 million. [Referral Action Date: 9/24/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180510 Referral/Federal Procurement Rules/Sub-Contractors

A referral as requested by Councilperson Fields to FIN/LEGAL: She would like a copy of the federal procurement rules as it relates to sub-contractors. [Referral Action Date: 9/24/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180511 Referral/Attendance/Planning & Development Director/Action Plan

A referral as requested by Councilperson Mays to PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: He would like for Planning & Development Director Suzanne Wilcox to attend the next Finance Committee meeting to discuss Special Order 180448 - the final allocations of the recent Action Plan, as well as any leftover funds. [Referral Action Date: 9/24/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180512 Referral/Attendance/Finance Committee Meeting/Lead Line Replacements, Etc.

A referral as requested by Councilperson Mays to FIN/DPW/LEGAL/MAYOR/ADMIN: He wants to discuss lead line replacements, including hydrovacing, excavation and restoration, with Mayor Weaver, Mr. Gilcreast, and DPW Director Rob Binscik, and representatives from the following: Aecom, Goyette Mechanical and Martha Brown Custom Builders, LLC. He also asks that City Attorney Angela Wheeler weigh in on whether this conversation should take place in open or closed session. [Referral Action Date: 9/24/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180529 Referral/Revenue to Turn On, Turn Off Water Service

A referral as requested by Councilperson Galloway to FIN: How much revenue is generated from shutting off water? Turning on water? Was the water study that was promised ever completed? If so, what were the results? [Referral Action Date: 10/3/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180569

Discussion Item/Office of the Ombudsperson

A discussion item as requested by Councilperson Mays, re: He would like to discuss the appointment of an ombudsperson and the financial implications with regard to the new City Charter. [Referral Action Date: 10/22/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]

180570

Referral/Waste Collection Contract

Referral by Councilperson Mays to ADMIN/DPW re: He would like a copy of the current waste collection contract with Republic for waste/rubbish collection. [Referral Action Date: 10/22/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]

180598

Discussion Item/Sole Source Purchases

Discussion Item as requested by Councilperson Griggs, re: He would like to discuss City Code Subsection No. 18-21.8, Sole Source Purchases. [Referral Action Date: 11/19/2018 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting]

180599

Referral/Attorneys Hired by the City

Referral as requested by Councilperson Fields to LEGAL, re: She would like a listing of every attorney and/or law firm that has been hired by the City during the calendar years of 2015 through 2018, with totals for each attorney/firm listed by the same years. [Referral Action Date: 11/19/2018 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]

180600

Referral/City Contract Totals/Lead Line Replacement Program

Referral as requested by Councilperson Fields to ADMIN/DPW, re: She would like to know the current contract totals for lead service line replacement work contractors and subcontractors, up to and including AECOM, ARCO, DLZ, E Holdings (E & L Construction), Super Construction, A&S. Zito, Orchard, AFSCME, W.T. Stevens, Goyette, etc. [Referral Action Date: 11/19/2018 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]

180601

Referral/Lead Pipe Contractors and Subcontractors

Referral as requested by Councilperson Fields to ADMIN/DPW, re: She would like a listing of every contractor and subcontractor who has done or is doing work for the City concerning lead pipe replacement, with list to include phase worked, dates worked and payment/contract totals. [Referral Action Date: 11/19/2018 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]

180604

Discussion Item/Water Account Trends

Referral by Councilperson Fields: She would like to know if there are trends that can be identified in the city's Water Account. [Referral Action Date: 11/20/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180605 Referral/Aecom/Procedures & Sub-Contractors

Referral by Councilperson Fields: She would like to see documents that show Aecom followed proper procurement procedures, per the company's contract, and that the city approved all of their sub-contractors [Referral Action Date: 11/20/2018

@ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180614 Referral/Aecom/Written Documentation/Scope of Work

Referral from Councilperson Fields to ADMIN/DPW: She would like written documentation of the change in scope of work that was given to Aecom that allowed them think they could continue working and move beyond 6,000 service lines. [Referral Action Date: 12/5/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180615 Referral/Aecom/\$1.1 Million Change Order/Line Items

Referral from Councilperson Fields to FIN: She would like a copy of the line items that represent the \$1.1 million in Aecom's change order. [Referral Action Date: 12/5/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

190001

RESOLUTION	NO :
PRESENTED:	1 - 9 - 19
ADOPTED:	

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR GRANTING OF HARDSHIP EXEMPTIONS FROM PROPERTY TAXES PURSUANT TO MCL 211.74 AND ESTABLISHING BEGINNING DATE FOR THE BOARD OF REVIEW

WHEREAS, P.A. 390 of 1994, which amended Section 7u of Act 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, as amended by Act 313 of the Public Acts of 1993, being section 211.7u of the Michigan Compiled Laws, requires the governing body of the assessing unit to determine and make available to the public the policy and guidelines for granting of poverty exemptions under MCL 211.70;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That to be eligible for consideration of a hardship exemption pursuant to MCL 211.7u in the City of Flint, 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 Michigan Department of Social Services or Social Security Administration; and meet City of Flint poverty income standards;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the <u>applicant and ALL qualifying persons that resided in the home</u> must have an annual adjusted income less than the amounts shown in Attachment A;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the applicant's asset level, excluding the homestead, may not exceed \$10,000; regardless of income level, as shown in Attachment A of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the applicant may not have ownership interest in any real estate other than the homestead, nor shall anyone else living outside of the household have interest in this homestead and must own the home for at least one calendar year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a hardship exemption may be granted for only one year at a time;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board of review shall request identification of the applicant and/or proof of ownership of the homestead under consideration for hardship exemption;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board of review may request from the applicant any supporting documents which may be utilized in determining a hardship exemption request;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the completed hardship exemption application must be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of the board of review in the year for which exemption is sought;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board of review shall administer an oath wherein the applicant testifies as to the accuracy of the information provided;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board of review may deviate from the established policy and guidelines only for substantial and compelling reasons. The applicant will be notified, in writing, the reasons for deviating from the policy and guidelines for hardship exemption;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That to conform with the provisions of P.A. 390 of 1994, this resolution is hereby given immediate effect.

ATTACHMENT A

POVERTY LEVEL GUIDELINES

Household allowance is the number of persons dwelling under one roof

Family Unit:	Gross Annual Income Can Not Exceed:	Adjusted Annual Household Income Can Not Exceed:		
Family unit of 1 member	\$20,000	\$17,000		
Family unit of 2 members	\$22,500	\$19,125		
Family unit of 3 members	\$25,000	\$21,250		
Family unit of 4 members	\$27,500	\$23,375		
Family unit of 5 members	\$29,300	\$24,905		
Family unit of 6 members	\$32,960	\$28,016		
Family unit of 7 members	\$37,140	\$31,569		
Family unit of 8 members	\$41,320	\$35,122		
Each family member greater than 8	\$5,000	\$4,250		

BE VERESOLVED, APPROVED AS TO FORM:	APPROVED AS TO FINANCE:
Angela Wheeler, City Attorney Karen I Kawes	Hughey Newsome, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Karen W. Weaver, Mayor	CITY COUNCIL:
	Herbert Winfrey, Council President

RESOLUTION STAFF REVIEW

DATE: 11/28/2018

Agenda Item Title: Poverty Exemption

Prepared By: Stacey Kaake

Background/Summary of Proposed Action:

Criteria in accordance with P.A. 390 of 1994, which amended Section 7u of Act 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, as amended by Act 313 of the Public Acts of 1993, being section 211.7u of the Michigan Compiled Laws, for Poverty Exemption Guidelines and Asset Test to be used by the Board of Review. This year there were no requests from the Board of Review to make changes to the guidelines. The only changes were the adjustment to the income level that is set by the Federal Poverty guidelines and then the City of Flint decreases by an additional 15%. Their income is used to calculate the taxable value for a tax bill at no more than 3.5% of their income.

Financial Implications:

This is a tool for the Board of Review that gives guidance when considering qualifications for a hardship exemption from property taxes for residents who own and occupy their home. This exemption does not apply to commercial or industrial properties.

<u>Budgeted Expenditure?</u> No Please explain if no: This is a standard application and guidelines that must be set annually.

Approval: (

Account No.:

Pre-encumbered? No Requisition #

Other Implications (i.e., collective bargaining):

Staff Recommendation: Approval

Staff Person: Starey Karke Assessor

Hughey Newsome, Director of Finance

2019 HARDSHIP EXEMPTION APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

THIS APPLICATION SHOULD BE RETURNED TO:

City of Flint, Assessing Division. 1101 S Saginaw St. Flint MI 48502

2019 City of Flint

To be considered for a hardship exemption, the following steps must be followed:

- 1. The Petitioner must complete this application in full, including signatures on the last page and those signatures **must be notarized**. Return the application and attachments to the Assessing Department at least 5 days prior to the beginning of the Board of Review.
- 2. Per City of Flint Resolution, you must attach signed copies of the following for all persons living in the household AND all owners of the residence:

	_ 2018 FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN (1040)
_	2018 W 2's & 1099's.
_	2018 MICHIGAN INCOME TAX RETURN (MI-1040)
_	_ 2018 HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FORM (MI-1040CR)
	2018 SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT STATEMENT (SSA-1099)
_	YEAR END STATEMENTS FOR ASSET INFORMATION (SEE LIST ON PG 5 OF 8)
_	_ IF YOU'RE CLAIMING NO INCOME, YOU MUST SUBMIT A DETAILED & NOTARIZED
	LETTER EXPLAINING HOW EXPENSES ARE BEING MET.
_	IF BILLS ARE PAID BY FRIEND/FAMILY MEMBER OR YOU RECEIVED MONEY FROM
	A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER, YOU MUST PROVIDE A SIGNED AND NOTARIZED
	LETTER FROM THAT PERSON(S) STATING HOW MUCH FINANCIAL SUPPORT THEY
	GIVE

- 3. Produce a valid driver's license or other form of picture identification;
- 4. Be able to produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which the exemption is being requested, **if not in Assessor's records**;
- 5. Meet the federal poverty income guidelines for the household, which are updated annually in the federal register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services; and
- 6. Meet the claimant and total household asset levels set by the Flint City Council.

If your application does not include copies of the above documents or if your signature is not notarized, it will be considered incomplete and therefore ineligible for a Hardship Exemption.

Hardship Exemption as defined by the Michigan Complied Laws is as follows:

Section 211.7u: The homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the supervisor and board of review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute toward the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under this act.

Please be aware that as an applicant for Hardship Exemption, you must also comply with the following sections of the Michigan Compiled Laws:

Section 211.116 Perjury: Any person who, under any of the proceedings required or permitted by this act, shall willfully swear falsely, will be guilty of perjury and subject to its penalties.

If received timely, your application will be presented at the next scheduled Board of Review. The Board of Review schedule for 2019 is as follows:

March: Begins on Monday, March 11, 2019

July: Tuesday, July 16, 2019
December: Tuesday, December 10, 2019

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Assessing Department at 810-766-7255

INCOME & ASSET GUIDELINES FOR HARDSHIP EXEMPTIONS

If your income exceeds the amounts shown <u>or</u> your assets exceed the amounts shown, unless the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from this policy and guidelines, you are **NOT** eligible for a Hardship Exemption.

The applicant **shall not** be eligible for consideration, if 85% of the total household income exceeds the current income standards developed by the Flint City Council. The excluded 15% of the total household income shall be earmarked for family medical needs. For 2019, the limits are:

Family Unit:	Gross Annual Income Can Not Exceed:	Adjusted Annual Household Income Can Not Exceed:
Family unit of 1 member	\$20,000	\$17,000
Family unit of 2 members	\$22,500	\$19,125
Family unit of 3 members	\$25,000	\$21,250
Family unit of 4 members	\$27,500	\$23,375
Family unit of 5 members	\$29,500	\$24,905
Family unit of 6 members	\$32,960	\$28,016
Family unit of 7 members	\$37,140	\$31,569
Family unit of 8 members	\$41,320	\$35,122
Each family member greater than 8	\$5,000	\$4,250

When determining any poverty exemption, all assets of the family unit, as well as all available sources of income or funds shall be considered. The value of additional assets shall not exceed three (3) times the annual household income of the applicant.

Asset Eligibility

Applicants can have **no more than \$10,000 in assets** to be eligible for consideration and no more cash than an amount equal to one month's gross household income. Assets do not include the homestead or one (1) automobile. Assets do include: stocks, bonds, mutual funds, insurance policies, coin collections, boats, ORVs, motorcycles, recreational vehicles, second homes or sellable property, retirement accounts, jewelry, etc.

GUIDELINES BY WHICH HARDSHIP EXEMPTIONS ARE DETERMINED

 Completed application form and all required documents and attachments MUST be filed with the City Assessor's Office no later than:

March 13, 2019 for action by the March Board of Review; or

July 12, 2019 for action by the July Board of Review; or

December 6, 2019 for action by the December Board of Review.

Sign the form when you return it to the City Assessor's Office. It MUST be notarized OR witnessed by a member of the City Assessor's staff.

NOTE: The filing of a claim constitutes an appearance before the Board of Review. Also, the dates for filing will be updated annually in accordance with the State of Michigan Property Tax Calendar.

- 2. The Board of Review determines if Income Standards have been met.
- 3. The Board of Review determines if Asset limits have been met.
 - a. Cash assets to the total household may not exceed an amount equal to one month's gross household income. Cash assets are defined as cash, money held in checking or savings accounts, money markets and other financial institution accounts, and/or instruments or securities which can be readily converted to cash.
 - b. Non-cash assets to the total household may not exceed \$10,000. Non-cash assets are defined as those which are not considered to be cash assets, as defined above. The following assets are excluded from this limit:
 - 1. Applicant's homestead
 - Applicant's household personal property
 - 3. Assets not accessible by the applicant, co-owner or any member of the applicant's household.
 - 4. All applicants, if approved by the Board of Review, shall pay taxes equal to 3.5% of household income. This does not include any special assessments that are assessed to the property.
 - 5. The Board of Review will consider all revenue and non-revenue producing assets of the owner, co-owner and all members of the household. Any attempt to hide and/or shift assets to another person, business or corporation shall be grounds for denial.

- 4. The Board of Review will consider the effect of all Michigan Income Tax Credits the applicant receives or can receive. Credits include Homestead Property Tax credits, Senior Citizen Prescription Drug credits and Home Heating credits.
- 5. If no income is submitted then the Board of Review will use monthly expenses to determine annual income.
- Applications must be filed every year. If granted, the exemption is for current year only.
- 7. Applicant may not have ownership interest in any real estate other than the homestead and must own the homestead for, at least, one (1) calendar year. Also, no person living outside the household shall have interest in the homestead.
- 8. All applications will be reviewed by the Board of Review. The Board may ask applicants, or their authorized agents, to be physically present to answer questions. Teleconferencing for the purpose of asking questions of the applicant is allowable if the applicant is not able to attend.
- 9. Applicants, or their authorized agents, may have to answer questions regarding such subject as financial affairs, health and/or the status of people living in the principal residence at a meeting that is open to the public.
- 10. All applications will be evaluated based on data and statements given to the Board by the applicant. The Board can also use information gathered from any other source.
- 11. The Board of Review shall follow the policy and guidelines established herein when granting or denying an exemption.
- 12. The Board of Review may deviate from the guidelines if it determines there are substantial and compelling reasons which are to be communicated, in writing, to the applicant. Compelling reasons include, but are not limited to, excessive medical expenses or excessive expenses necessary for the care of elderly or handicapped persons.
- 13. Applicants may be subject to investigation of their entire financial and property records by the City. This would be done to verify information given or statements made to the Board of Review or assessor in regards to the poverty tax claim.
- 14. Household income limits are adjusted each year to comply with the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- 15. Applicants will be sent a written notice of the Board of Review's final decision. An applicant may appeal the Board of Review's decision to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An assessor may also appeal the Board of Review's decision. Appeals must be filed with the Michigan Tax Tribunal by the following dates:

July 31st for a decision made by the March Board of Review 35 days from the decision of the July or December Board of Review

THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX ACT (EXCERPT)

Act 206 of 1893

- 211.7u Principal residence of persons in poverty; exemption from taxation; applicability of section to property of corporation; eligibility for exemption; application; policy and guidelines to be used by local assessing unit; duties of board of review; appeal of property assessment; "principal residence" defined.
- Sec. 7u. (1) The principal residence of persons who, in the judgment of the supervisor and board of review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute toward the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under this act. This section does not apply to the property of a corporation.
 - (2) To be eligible for exemption under this section, a person shall do all of the following on an annual basis:
 - (a) Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.
- (b) File a claim with the supervisor or board of review on a form provided by the local assessing unit, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year. The filing of a claim under this subsection constitutes an appearance before the board of review for the purpose of preserving the claimant's right to appeal the decision of the board of review regarding the claim.
- (c) Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested by the supervisor or board of review.
- (d) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested if required by the supervisor or board of review.
- (e) Meet the federal poverty guidelines updated annually in the federal register by the United States department of health and human services under authority of section 673 of subtitle B of title VI of the omnibus budget reconciliation act of 1981, Public Law 97-35, 42 U.S.C. 9902, or alternative guidelines adopted by the governing body of the local assessing unit provided the alternative guidelines do not provide income eligibility requirements less than the federal guidelines.
- (3) The application for exemption under this section shall be filed after January 1 but before the day prior to the last day of the board of review.
- (4) The governing body of the local assessing unit shall determine and make available to the public the policy and guidelines the local assessing unit uses for the granting of exemptions under this section. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and total household income and assets.
- (5) The board of review shall follow the policy and guidelines of the local assessing unit in granting or denying an exemption under this section unless the board of review determines there is substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and guidelines and the substantial and compelling reasons are communicated in writing to the claimant.
- (6) A person who files a claim under this section is not prohibited from also appealing the assessment on the property for which that claim is made before the board of review in the same year.
- (7) As used in the section, "principal residence" means principal residence or qualified agricultural property as those terms are defined in section 7dd.

History: Add. 1980, Act 142, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1980; -- Am. 1993, Act 313, Eff. Mar. 15, 1994; -- Am. 1994, Act 390, Imd. Eff. Dec. 29, 1994; -- Am. 2002, Act 620, Imd. Eff. Dec. 23, 2002; -- Am. 2003, Act 140, Eff. Jan 1, 2004.

Popular name: Act 206



	YEAR _	2019	
PARCEL NO.			·····

HARDSHIP EXEMPTION APPLICATION

***** Confidential Information *****

PETITIONER INFORMATION	
Name	Date of Birth
Phone Number: Daytime: () Cell Phone: ()	Evening: ()
Property Address for Which Relief is Being S	Sought: <u>Marital Status</u> <u>No. of Years</u>
	[] Divorced
	[1]Widowed
	[] Separated
Spouse Name:	
PETITIONER EMPLOYMENT STATUS:	SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT STATUS:
[] Disabled No of years	[] Disabled No of years
[] Do you qualify for disability benefits? [] Yes [] No	[] Do you qualify for disability benefits? [] Yes [] No
[] Employed Full-time	[] Employed Full-time
[] Employed Part-time [] Retired – No. of Years	[] Employed Part-time [] Retired – No. of Years
[] Unemployed – No. of Years	[] Unemployed - No. of Years
[] Laid-off - No. of Years	[] Laid-off No. of Years
[] Other	[] Other
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Employer	Spouse's
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MORTGAGE INFORMATION

A. Purchase Date:	Amount Paid:				
B. Mortgage/Land Contract Balance: _					
C. Monthly Payment:	Does this payment include taxes? [1 Yes [1 No				
A. Purchase Date: Amount Paid: B. Mortgage/Land Contract Balance: Does this payment include taxes? [D. Number of Years Remaining on the mortgage/land contract:					
E. Are your property taxes paid?	Yes I No				
F. Did you apply for a poverty exempti	on last year? [] Yes [] No				
G. Do you have an ownership interest	in any other real estate in Michigan or anywhere else?				
[] Yes [] No					
if yes, please list:					
Location:	Tax I.D. No: Estimated Current Value:				
Current State Equalized Value:	Estimated Current Value:				
Purchase Date:	Purchase Price:				
Attach additional sheet if necessary	Purchase Price:				
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I. Are you and/or your spouse the sole	owners of the subject property? [] Yes [] No				
If no, list all owners and their percen	itage of ownership:				
 Have any improvements, changes 	or additions been made to the property in the last two (2				
years?					
[] Yes [] No If yes, please explai	n:				
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[] Yes [] No Explain:	lead property for which relief is sought in the next year?				
[] Too [] No Explain.					
 Does anyone contribute to your sup 	port? [] Yes-Amount \$				
[] No, Explain:					

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RESIDENT STATUS

Please list ALL people currently living in your household other than yourself and your spouse:

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Age			### POPULATION OF THE STATE OF	
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Claimed as Dependent	[] Yes [] No	[]Yes []No	[] Yes [] No	[]Yes []No
Heir to Estate?	[] Yes [] No	[]Yes []No	[]Yes []No	[]Yes []No

ASSET INFORMATION

What are your current assets in addition to the real estate noted previously?

Cash	\$	
Savings Accounts/Certificates & Money Markets	\$	
Checking Accounts	\$	
Stocks/Bonds/Treasury Bills	Š	······································
Insurance	\$	
Other	\$	
Investments	\$	
IRA, Keogh, Annuities, Deferred Compensation	Š	
Personal property held as an investment	\$	
(i.e. gems, jewelry, coin collection, antiques cars etc)	\$	
TOTAL:	\$	

Vehicles, Cars, Trucks, Boats, Trailers, etc.

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Do you have other loans or land contracts outstanding? (attach additional sheet if necessary)

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Current Balance	

EXPENSE INFORMATION

Average M-o-n-t-h-i-y Expenses:	MONTHLY AMOUNT
Rent/House Payment (Principal & Interest)	\$
Life Insurance	\$
Health Insurance	\$
Home Insurance	\$
Auto Insurance	\$
Taxes (Principal Residence)	\$
Taxes on other property	\$
Car Payment	\$
Special Assessment	\$
Utilities: Gas/Oil	\$
Electricity	\$
Telephone	\$
Water/Sewer	\$
Child Care	\$
Food/Clothing	\$
Other Loans	\$
Medical	\$
Lawn care/snow removal	\$
Cable/Dish	\$
Other (Specify) Examples: Newspaper, Gasoline Disposal Service, Water Softener, Pet Food, License Plates, Church, Christmas Giving	\$
TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES:	\$
VERIFICATION OF EXPENSES MAY BE REQUIRE	-
Do you have any major or unusual expenses? [] Ye If yes, please explain:	
(Attach additional sheet if necessary)	

INCOME INFORMATION

Please list all sources of your personal income. Please indicate the amount from each source on an **A-n-n-u-a-l** basis.

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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

I/We, am/are unable to pay the full property taxes on the above described property and hereby make application for property tax relief in accordance with Section 211.7u Michigan Compiled Laws.

I/We have read this application and fully understand the contents thereof. I/We declare that the statements made herein are complete, true, and correct to the best of my/our knowledge. I/We further understand that if any information contained herein is found to be false or incomplete, any and all relief granted by this application will be forfeited and placed back on the assessment roll with penalties and interest occurring on the additional tax liability in accordance with Section 211.119 Michigan Compiled Laws.

Petitioner's Signature:	
Spouse's Signature:	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this	day of,
Notary Public/Assessing Office Staff	Advicemental debition ranges
	County,
My Commission Expires:	

RESOLUTION REVIEW FORM

FROM:	Finance Department	NO		18-6483
RESOLUTION NAME:				
Resolution establishing guidelines for granting hardship exemptions from property taxes pursuant to MCL 211.7u and establishing beginning date for the Board of Review.				
	1. RESOLUTION	REVIEW – I	LE	EGAL
	Date in: _	12/01/18		
The attached Resolution and Staff Review is submitted to the Legal Department for approval. The Legal Department reviewed this Resolution as to form and content and by signing this form approves as to form and content.				
BY:				
	e on resolution) eler, Interim Chief Legal Officer	Date:	_	12/01/18
2. RESOLUTION REVIEW - FINANCE				
	Date in:	11/30/18	-	_
	Resolution and Staff Review is submitted to eviewed this Resolution as to finance compl			
BY:				
(see signature Hughey New	e on resolution) some, Chief Financial Officer	Date:		11/30/18
3. RESOLUTION REVIEW – MAYOR				
Date in:12/01/18				
	Resolution is submitted to the Mayor for appropriate and by signing this form appropriate the compliance and by signing this form appropriate the compliance and by signing the complex comp			
BY:				
				Date:
Dr. Karen W.	Weaver, Mayor			

190008

(Proposal #19000549)	SUBMISSION NO.:	
	PRESENTED: 1-23-19	
	ADOPTED:	
BY THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR:		
RESOLUTION TO AMERICAN ELECTRIC FOR MOTOR REPAIR/REWIND		
RESOLUTION		
The Department of Purchases & Supplies has solicited proposals for two year motor repair/rewind services as requested by Water Plant and Water Pollution Control Facilities; and		
American Electric Motor Corp., PO Box 7178, Flint, Michigan was the low bidder from five solicitations for said requirements. Funding for said services will come from the following accounts: 590-550.202-775.000 (\$3,000), 590-550.202-930.000 (\$17,000), 591-545.201-930.000 (\$25,000); and		
IT IS RESOLVED, that the Proper City Officials are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with American Electric Motor Corp. for two year motor repair/rewind services in an annual amount not to exceed \$45,000.00. (Sewer Fund, Water Fund - in the accounts reference above)		
APPROVED PURCHASING DEPT.: Bryan D. Fond Interim Purchasing Manager APPROVED AS TO FORM	APPROVED AS TO FINANCE: Hughey Newsome Chief Financial Officer	

RESOLUTION STAFF REVIEW

November 20, 2018

Agenda Item Title: Two- Year Electric Motor Repair/Rewind Services for WPC

Submitted By: John Florshinger, Utilities Maintenance/SCADA Supervisor

Background/Summary of Proposed Action:

WPC utilizes a large number of electric motors of multiple voltages, ranging from fractional horsepower to 1750 horsepower, to operate the many pumps and other wastewater treatment equipment. When the motors become worn or fail, it is usually more cost-effective to repair or rebuild, rather than replace, them. Keeping these motors reliable and functional is critical to the continuous operation of the treatment process.

Financial Implications:

Staff Person:

Please use accounts 590-550.202-775.000 (\$3,000.00), and 590-550.202-930.000 (\$17,000.00) when issuing this two-year (FY19-FY20) contract in the amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

Budgeted Expenditure: Yes No Please explain if no:

<u>Account No:</u> Year 1 590-550-202-775.000 \$3,000.00, 590-550.202-930.000

\$17,000.00 Total: \$20,000.00

Year 2 590-550-202-775.000 \$3,000.00, 590-550.202-930.000

\$17,000.00 Total: \$20,000.00

Pre-encumbered: Yes No Requisition: 180000370

Other Implications (i.e., collective bargaining): None.

Staff Recommendation: Approval Recommended

(Robert J. Case, WPC Supervisor)

RESOLUTION STAFF REVIEW

DATE: Decen

December 5, 2018

Agenda Item Title: 2 Year Electric Motor Repair/Rewind Services WTP

Prepared By: Melanie Poisson, Utilities/Water Treatment Plant

Background/Summary of Proposed Action:

The City of Flint Water Plant utilizes a large number of electric motors of multiple voltages, ranging from fractional horsepower to 1750 horsepower, to operate the many pumps and other equipment. When the motors become worn or fail, it is usually more cost-effective to repair or rebuild rather than replace them. Keeping these motors reliable and functional is critical to continuous operation. The amount being requested is \$25,000.00 per year for FY19 and FY20. After bid review, the vendor selected is American Electric Motor, Inc.

Financial Implications: Funding

Budgeted Expenditure? Yes X No Please explain if no:

Account #.: 591-545.201-930.000

Pre-encumbered? Yes X No Requisition # 180000192

Other Implications (i.e., collective bargaining): None

<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Recommend Approval

Staff Person:

Robert Bincsik, Director - Department of Public Works