

City of Flint, Michigan

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

4:15 PM

ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETING

SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Santino J. Guerra, Chairperson, Ward 3
Monica Galloway, Vice Chairperson, Ward 7*

Eric Mays, Ward 1

Kate Fields, Ward 4

Herbert J. Winfrey, Ward 6

Eva Worthing, Ward 9

Maurice D. Davis, Ward 2

Jerri Winfrey-Carter, Ward 5

Allan Griggs, Ward 8

Inez M. Brown, City Clerk

Davina Donahue, Deputy City Clerk

SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE -- ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETING**PUBLIC NOTICE
FLINT CITY COUNCIL ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETING**

On Friday, October 5, 2020, the Michigan Supreme Court (MSC) issued an order declaring that the Emergency Powers of Governor (EPG) Act as an unconstitutional delegation of legislative authority, which was the primary authority relied on by Governor Whitmer for her COVID-19 related executive orders. Subsequently, Governor Whitmer requested that the MSC clarify that their order does not go into effect until October 30, 2020. On Monday October 12, 2020, the Michigan Supreme Court rejected Governor Whitmer's request to delay the effect of its decision to strike down the EPG. On, Tuesday, October 13, 2020, Senate Bill 1108 passed, amending the Open Meetings Act to allow municipalities to hold electronic meetings. On Friday, October 16, 2020, Governor Whitmer signed into law Senate Bill 1108 amending the Open Meetings Act. Subsequently, on December 22, 2020 Public Act 267 of 1976 was amended through Senate Bill 1246 extending the electronic meetings with no reason through March 31, 2021. The act also allows that after March 31, 2021 electronic meetings may be held if a local state of emergency was declared. On March 23, 2020, the Flint City Council extended Mayor Neeley's declaration of emergency indefinitely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, this meeting will be held electronically.

Pursuant to Act 267 of the Public Acts of 1976 Open Meetings Act as amended and Flint City Charter Section 3-202, notice is hereby given that the Flint City Council hereby calls for a Regular Meeting of the Flint City Council scheduled to be held as follows:

Special City Council Finance Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the newly revised Open Meetings Act and Flint City Charter Section 3-202, notice is hereby given that Finance Committee Chairperson Santino Guerra and 1st Ward Councilperson Eric Mays call for a Special Finance Committee Meeting of the Flint City Council, scheduled to be held as follows:

Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Time: 4:15 p.m.

Location: Via Electronic Public Meeting

The meeting is being held for the following purpose:

- To hear from the public regarding the \$99 million that Flint is projected to receive in COVID-19 relief as part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP).
- To hear from Congressman Dan Kildee as to details of the ARP.

1. The public and media may listen to the meeting online by live stream at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCp2cWTuocUM3awU4xXWzwaw> or through Start Meeting Solution by dialing (617) 944-8177.

2. In order to speak during the PUBLIC SPEAKING PERIOD of the meeting by telephone, participants will also call (617) 944-8177:

- a. All callers will be queued and muted until the Public Speaking portion of the agenda;
- b. Public speakers will be unmuted in order and asked if they wish to address the City Council ON ANY SUBJECT;
- c. Public speakers should state and spell their name for the record and will be allowed three (3) minutes for public speaking;
- d. The speaker will be returned to mute after the 3 minutes have expired;
- e. After the telephonic public speakers are completed, emailed public comments will be read by the City Clerk. All emailed public comments will be timed for 3 minutes;
- f. Per Rules Governing Meetings of the Council (Rule 7.1 VII), there will only be one speaking opportunity per speaker. Consequently, public participants who call in and speak during the public speaking period of the meeting WILL NOT have written comments as submitted read by the City Clerk.

3. The public may send public comments by email to CouncilPublicComment@cityofflint.com no later than 10 minutes prior to the meeting start time of 4:15 p.m.

4. Persons with disabilities may participate in the meeting by the above-mentioned means or by emailing a request for an accommodation to CouncilPublicComment@cityofflint.com, with the subject line Request for Accommodation, or by contacting the City Clerk at (810) 766-7418 to request accommodation - including but not limited to interpreters.

The City Council Committee meetings will follow at 5 p.m., or immediately after this Special Finance Committee meeting.

This Special Finance Committee meeting has been called to hear from the public regarding the \$99 million that Flint is projected to receive in COVID-19 relief as part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP), and to hear from Congressman Dan Kildee as to details of the ARP.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MEMBER REMOTE ANNOUNCEMENT

Pursuant to the newly revised Open Meetings Act, each Council member shall state that they are attending the meeting remotely and shall state where he or she is physically located (county or city and state).

MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION

Eric Mays - (810) 922-4860; Maurice Davis - mdavis@cityofflint.com; Santino Guerra - sguerra@cityofflint.com; Kate Fields - kfields@cityofflint.com; Jerri Winfrey-Carter - jwinfrey-carter@cityofflint.com; Herbert Winfrey - (810) 691-7463; Monica Galloway - mgalloway@cityofflint.com; Allan Griggs - agriggs@cityofflint.com; Eva Worthing - eworthing@cityofflint.com.

PROCEDURES ON CONDUCTING ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

All boards and commissions must adhere to all laws established under the Michigan Compiled Laws and in accordance with the revisions to the Open Meetings Act adopted in Senate Bill 1108, as passed on October 13, 2020, and signed into law on October 16, 2020.

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.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

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- *To hear from Congressman Dan Kildee as to details of the ARP.*

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT



Janell Johnson <jjohnson@cityofflint.com>

Fwd: American Rescue Plan Act - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund

1 message

Inez Brown <ibrown@cityofflint.com>
To: Janell Johnson <jjohnson@cityofflint.com>

Tue, May 4, 2021 at 1:35 PM

For the agenda

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Verhagen, Spencer (Stabenow)" <Spencer_Verhagen@stabenow.senate.gov>
Date: May 3, 2021 at 10:45:08 AM EDT
To: ibrown@cityofflint.com
Subject: American Rescue Plan Act - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund

Good morning Ms. Brown,

I hope this information will be helpful for your Council meeting.

As you know, the American Rescue Plan Act provides \$350 billion in emergency funding for state, local, territorial, and tribal governments. It is estimated that Michigan will receive approximately \$10.3 billion allocated as follows:

- \$5.6 billion for the State of Michigan
- \$250 million from the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund
- \$4.426 billion for local governments
 - \$1.96 billion for counties
 - \$1.78 billion for metropolitan cities

- \$686 million for smaller local governments

Guidance for the program is under development by the U.S. Treasury Department. The Treasury Department has released recent instructions to local governments on actions they can take to prepare before funds are released. Click [HERE](#).

This fact sheet provides more details, and questions and answers on the program. Click [HERE](#).

This spreadsheet provides initial estimates of state and local allocations. These are estimates only and final allocations will be determined by the Treasury Department. Click [HERE](#).

Thank you,

Spencer Verhagen

Regional Manager – Flint, Saginaw Bay, Thumb

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow

(810) 720-4172



CONGRESSMAN DAN KILDEE

Federal Support for Mid-Michigan Under the American Rescue Plan Act

Dear Stakeholder,

I was proud to work in Congress to help pass the American Rescue Plan, which provides critical support for mid-Michigan communities, schools and families facing hardships during the COVID-19 pandemic. My office is here to work with you in how you can use these funds.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my District Director, Chris Flores, by email at Chris.Flores2@mail.house.gov or by telephone at 810-238-8627.

Funding from the American Rescue Plan includes:

Local Funds

How can these local funds be used?

- Responding to the public health emergency of COVID-19 or the negative economic impacts of the pandemic, including assistance to households, small businesses and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries like tourism, travel and hospitality.
- Supporting essential workers by providing premium pay to eligible workers or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work. Premium pay is up to \$13/hour on top of regular wages; with a cap of \$25,000 for each individual eligible worker.
- Supplementing revenue loss from the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Investing in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

How can these local funds not be used?

- Offsetting tax cuts or delay the imposition of any tax or tax increase,
- As a deposit to a pension fund.

All local funding must be spent by the end of calendar year 2024. This funding will come in two waves, the first half will be in about two months. (60 days after the enactment of the legislation.) The second half will arrive one year after the first half of funding.

Cities must undergo periodic reporting back to the U.S. Department of Treasury on the use of funds. The Department of Treasury will soon provide further details on timing and requirements for reporting the use of these funds.

K-12 Education Funds

Local Education Agencies (LEAs) must dedicate *at least 20 percent of this funding* to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as: summer school, extended day or afterschool programs, to address students' academic, social and emotional needs.

The rest of K-12 Education funds may be used for:

- Any activity authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Individuals with Disabilities Act, Adult Education and Family Literacy Act or Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act.
- Response efforts in coordination with state and local public health departments.
- Activities to address the unique needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, English Language Learners, foster youth and students experiencing homelessness.
- Developing LEA emergency preparedness and response efforts.
- Training for staff on sanitation and containing the spread of infectious disease.
- Purchasing cleaning supplies.
- Implementing long-term closures, including providing meals to students.
- Purchasing educational technology.
- Providing mental health services.
- Implementing summer learning and supplemental afterschool programs.
- Addressing learning loss among students, including administering standardized assessments, implementing evidence-based activities, providing assistance to families and tracking student attendance.
- School facility repairs and improvements to reduce risk of virus transmission or exposure to environmental health hazards, including updating indoor air quality in school facilities.
- Implementing guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the safe reopening and operation of school facilities.
- Other activities necessary to maintain operation of services.

All K-12 Education funding must be spent by September 2024. The state of Michigan must make these funds available to LEAs within 60 days of receiving them.

Child Tax Credit (CTC) and Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Expansion

How will the Child Tax Credit be expanded?

- Increases the CTC for this year from \$2,000 to \$3,000 for children under 18 and \$3,600 for children under six, delivering in total an additional \$2.4 billion to Michigan families.
- Expands the CTC to nearly two million Michigan children—810,000 more Michigan children than were previously eligible—cutting child poverty in half.
- Advanced monthly payments to families begin in July as opposed to an annual lump-sum when they are filing their taxes.

How will the Earn Income Tax Credit be expanded?

- Expands the EITC for low-income workers without children by nearly tripling the size of the credit.
- Expands the number of workers eligible by increasing income limits and allowing childless full-time workers between ages 19-24 and 65 and older to claim the credit.
- This expansion of the EITC is estimated to benefit 600,000 Michigan workers.



Janell Johnson <jjohnson@cityofflint.com>

Fwd: Relief Act allocation to cities

1 message

Inez Brown <ibrown@cityofflint.com>
To: Janell Johnson <jjohnson@cityofflint.com>

Tue, May 4, 2021 at 1:40 PM

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Eric Mays <ericmays4thcity@gmail.com>
Date: May 4, 2021 at 11:10:37 AM EDT
To: ibrown@cityofflint.com
Subject: Fwd: Relief Act allocation to cities

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From: Flores, Chris <Chris.Flores2@mail.house.gov>
Date: Fri, Mar 26, 2021, 4:37 PM
Subject: Relief Act allocation to cities
To: ericmays4thcity@gmail.com <ericmays4thcity@gmail.com>

Councilman, here is what we know so far and this has been shared with the City Administration.

LOCAL FUNDING SPECIFICS

Allowable Uses

- Responding to the public health emergency of COVID-19 or the negative economic impacts of the pandemic, including assistance to households, small businesses and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries like tourism, travel and hospitality.

- Supporting essential workers by providing premium pay to eligible workers or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work. Premium pay is up to \$13/hour on top of regular wages; with a cap of \$25,000 for each individual eligible worker.
- Supplementing revenue loss from the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Making necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Prohibited Uses

- Offsetting tax cuts or delaying the imposition of any tax or tax increase, nor
- Using as a deposit to a pension fund.

Revenue Measurement

Revenue loss is measured in reduction in revenue due to the pandemic and relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year. Replaced revenue must be used for the provision of government services.

Requirements of Receiving Funds

The city must undergo periodic reporting back to Treasury on the use of funds and any other info Treasury may require. We expect more detail on timing and requirements of this reporting to be further expanded by Treasury.

Timing of Receiving Funding

- Funds must be spent by the end of calendar year 2024.

- The funding will come in two waves, the first half will be 60 days after enactment, in approximately two months. The second half will arrive one year later (from the date of the receipt of the first half of funding).
- The city may transfer money to a private nonprofit organization, a public benefit corporation involved in the moving of passengers or cargo, or a special-purpose unit of State or local government. If desired, Saginaw may also transfer funds to the State of Michigan.

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