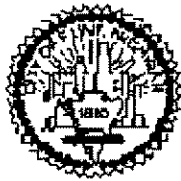


# City of Flint, Michigan

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Flint, Michigan 48502  
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## Meeting Agenda - Final

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

5:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

## GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

*Dennis Pfeiffer, Chairperson, Ward 8*

*Eric Mays, Ward 1  
Quincy Murphy, Ward 3  
Jerri Winfrey-Carter, Ward 5  
Allie Herkenroder, Ward 7*

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

*Davina Donahue, City Clerk*

## ROLL CALL

## 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

*Members of the public shall have no more than two (2) minutes to address the City Council on any subject. Only one speaking opportunity per speaker.*

## COUNCIL RESPONSE

*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 (2) minutes.*

## SPECIAL ORDERS

### 220445 Special Order/Police Chases

A Special Order as requested by Councilperson Mays to discuss police chases.

### 220446 Special Order/Legislation/Pipe Replacement Program

A Special Order as requested by Councilperson Mays to discuss legislation to allow city workers to enter private residences for the pipe replacement program.

### 220478 Special Order/Follow Up/Pulaski Street Fire

A Special Order as requested by Councilpersons Burns and Winfrey-Carter to follow up on the City Council's vote to hire an independent firm to investigate the fire on West Pulaski Street in which two children died.

### 230023 Special Order/ARPA Advisory Committee

A Special Order as requested by Councilperson Mays to discuss the ARPA Advisory Committee with Attorney Kim (Legal Department).

## RESOLUTIONS

### 230037 Repeal of Public Act 436 of 2012/The Local Financial Stability and Choice Act

Resolution resolving that the City of Flint fully supports House Bill 4065 and the

repeal of Public Act 436, and urges the Michigan Legislature to enact H.B. 4065 and repeal the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act 436 of 2012.

## APPOINTMENTS

**230038** Appointment/Downtown Development Authority Board (DDA)/Melinda Sol Wilson

Resolution resolving that the Flint City Council approves the appointment of Melinda Sol Wilson (1901 Whittlesey Street, Flint, Michigan, 48503) to the Downtown Development Authority Board, for a four-year term commencing immediately and expiring June 30, 2027. [NOTE: Melinda Sol Wilson will fill Brandy Brown's vacant position.]

**230039** Appointment/Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Board of Directors

Resolution resolving that the Flint City Council approves the recommendation and appointment of Martin Banks to the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors, for a six-year term commencing immediately and expiring March 16, 2029.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

## ADJOURNMENT

230037



PROCLAMATION NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENTED: FEB 08 2023

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

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REPEAL OF PUBLIC ACT 436 OF 2012, THE LOCAL FINANCIAL STABILITY AND CHOICE ACT**

The Local Financial Stability and Choice Act, Public Act 436 of 2012 (“P.A. 436”), was enacted to provide for the appointment of Emergency Managers to local municipalities and school districts experiencing financial distress; and

P.A. 436 authorizes an emergency manager to, among other things, amend a local government’s budget; sell, lease, or assign assets; apply for state loans on the municipalities’ behalf; suspend collective bargaining agreements; modify or terminate existing contracts; exercise power over the local pension board; consolidate or eliminate departments of local government; and decide whether to fill or create staff positions; irrespective of the local government’s charters and law; and

These broad powers conferred on an Emergency Manager, not subject to local review or control, had devastating financial consequences for many municipalities, including the City of Flint; and

While under the control of state-appointed Emergency Managers, the Flint Water Crisis occurred, water rates for residents ballooned to some of the highest in the nation; and Flint’s residents were deprived of their right to challenge their government when Charter-mandated offices were disbanded; and

On February 1, 2023, HB 4065 was introduced in the Michigan House of Representatives, which would, if enacted, repeal the entirety of P.A. 436.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Flint fully supports H.B. 4065 and the repeal of P.A. 436, and urges the Michigan Legislature to enact H.B. 4065 and repeal the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act 436 of 2012.

**FOR THE MAYOR:**

**FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:**

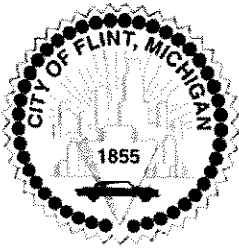
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Sheldon A. Neeley, Mayor

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**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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William Y. Kim, City Attorney

230038



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

PRESENTED: FEB 08 2023

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

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF MELINDA SOL WILSON TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD**

**BY THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Sheldon A. Neeley recommends the appointment of Melinda Sol Wilson (1910 Whittlesey St. Flint MI 48503) to fill the vacancy position of Brandy Brown on the Downtown Development Authority Board for a four-year term; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Sheldon A. Neeley recommends the appointment of Melinda Sol Wilson (1901 Whittlesey St. Flint MI 48503) to complete the four-year term on the Downtown Development Authority Board, with such term commencing immediately, and expires June 30, 2027.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Flint City Council approves the appointment of Melinda Sol Wilson to serve the four-year term on the Downtown Development Authority Board, with such commencing immediately and expiring June 30, 2027.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**William Kim, Chief Legal Officer**

**FOR THE CITY OF FLINT:**

**Sheldon A. Neeley, Mayor**

**APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL:**

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**For the City**



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WE HUSTLE DIFFERENT

Mama Sol

## THE VOICE

Two-time cancer survivor **Mama Sol**, is not only a walking miracle, she exhales miraculous language.

### BRIEF BIO

Flint, Michigan's own Mama Sol has crafted language for some of the biggest brands in the country from the iconic introduction of FUBU to our culture to her present voicing for the Detroit Pistons 2022 season. She's opened for musical greats the likes of Robert Glasper, Rakim, Rapsody, Talib Kweli, and Mos Def now known as Yasin Bey, to name a few. She's also blessed stages with some of this country's greatest minds including Representative Maxine Waters, Dr. Umar Johnson, Dr. Eric Thomas and Dr. Francis Cress Welsing. She speaks, performs, and pens lyric in the way in which few can believe, but at the end of the day she lives for what she lives for.

She lives to write. She lives to teach. She lives to flow verbally over beautiful beats. She lives to tell the story about how she faced cancer twice and won the battles; how she wakes up every morning different than before...but she's up. She's thriving. But most of all she lives for the one title that feeds her soul....Mom.

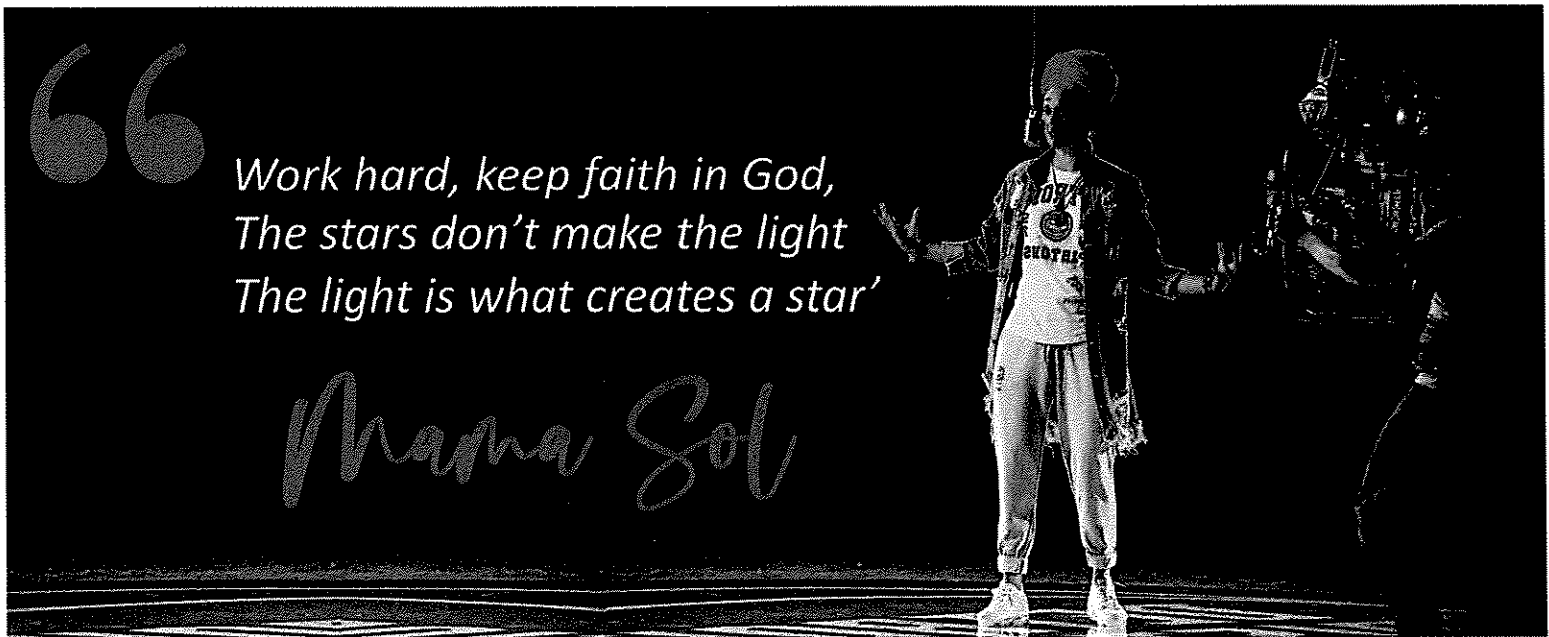
The world got a glimpse of that love when a clip of Mama Sol and her son Wasir went viral. Thanks to ABC's popular video show, **Right This Minute**, the clip of Mama Sol and her son taking a drive while vibing and reciting her lyrics was profiled. In the clip, Mama Sol delivers the verses painting in vivid picture the experience of raising her son as a single mother and dropping jewels on what that looked like from her eyes. As she flowed from one word to the next, her son chimed in every other beat; a moment on video that couldn't have been more beautiful had there been a production crew and soundstage. It was the essence of poetry in motion. The power of language set perfectly within the power of love. Mass media fell in love with that dynamic and gave it platform for everyone to see. News in that moment that warmed hearts and reminded us that some of us have great stories to share and some 'would-be' complexities of life can often times bear incredible fruit.

The bond with her son is a priceless one and not only evidence of how she raised him in perfect love and included him in her creative process, but how she taught him. She taught him because she teaches us all. That's what she does; probably the reason teaching sits boldly on her resume as one of her accomplishments, in the literal sense.

If we do a deep dive into her teaching history, we find the stuff of legends. Engaging her students, the way only she can, the students at an Afrocentric charter school in Detroit, Michigan lovingly called her Mama Sol. She promised her students she would keep that name for life and Mama Sol never makes a promise she doesn't keep.

That synergy with students and gift of educating kids finds her a regular presence in the arena of higher education. She's performed at University of Michigan, Ohio State University, University of Wisconsin, Florida International University and more. Her constant appearance in this sector allows the audience to receive a masterclass in creative expression and communication; an education these privileged students couldn't have gotten from anyone else.

Suffice it to say that Mama Sol has contributed greatly to the cultural fiber of the genre and more specifically to her communities throughout Michigan. Constantly in high demand 'Sol' also counts artistic institutes and creative spaces as consistent platforms she's graced. The likes of Detroit Institute of the Arts, Flint Institute of the Arts, Charles H. Wright Museum of African History and The Bronx Museum.



Today, Mama Sol and her son lives in Flint, Michigan. She continues to travel the country delivering awe-inspiring performances for audiences young and seasoned. She continues to connect with souls and teach the world that it can have and should have better air to breathe.

#### **MEDIA CONTACT**

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230039



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

PRESENTED: FEB 08 2023

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

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARTIN BANKS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**BY THE MAYOR:**

Pursuant to MCL 125.1602, et seq., the City of Flint established the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Flint (the "EDC") under Act 338, Public Acts of Michigan, 1974 as amended (the "EDC"); and, by adoption of Flint City Ordinance No. 2580 on January 1, 1977; and

Mayor Sheldon A. Neeley recommends the appointment of Martin Banks to serve on the Economic Development Corporation Board for a six-year term.

**IT IS RESOLVED** that the Flint City Council approves the recommendation and appointment of Martin Banks, to serve a six-year term on the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors, commencing immediately and expiring March 16, 2029.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**William Kim, Chief Legal Officer**

**FOR THE CITY OF FLINT:**

**Sheldon A. Neeley, Mayor**

**APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL:**

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**For City Council**



# MARTIN J. BANKS

 FUNERAL DIRECTOR  
 FLINT

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## SUMMARY

Insightful Manager with experience directing and improving operations through effective employee motivational strategies and strong policy enforcement.

Proficient in best practices, market trends and regulatory requirements of industry operations. Talented leader with analytical approach to business planning and day-to-day problem-solving.

## OVERVIEW

# 26

YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE



## WORK HISTORY



**Manager**

The Banks Group, Inc.

2009-09 - Current

[Show Description](#)



**Certified Guest Teacher**

Flint Community Schools

2001-02 - 2012-09

[Show Description](#)



**Manager**

Serenity Funeral Chapel

2008-12 - 2009-08

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## EDUCATION



**Bachelor of Science - Mortuary Science**

Wayne State University



**MBA - Strategic Management**

Regis University



**High School Diploma**

Beecher High School

## SKILLS

Verbal and Written Communication

Business Planning

Customer Relationship Management

Brand Management

## TIMELINE

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