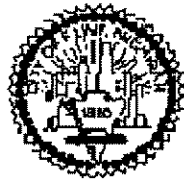


# **City of Flint, Michigan**

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## **Meeting Agenda - FINAL**

**Monday, September 25, 2023**

**4:30 PM**

**AMENDED to Add Resos No. 230328, 230329 and 230330**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

### **SPECIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

*Ladel Lewis, Chairperson, Ward 2*

*Eric Mays, Ward 1  
Judy Priestley, Ward 4  
Tonya Burns, Ward 6  
Dennis Pfeiffer, Ward 8*

*Quincy Murphy, Ward 3  
Jerri Winfrey-Carter, Ward 5  
Candice Mushatt, Ward 7  
Eva L. Worthing, Ward 9*

*Davina Donahue, City Clerk*

**ROLL CALL****REQUEST FOR CHANGES AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA****PUBLIC SPEAKING**

*Members of the public shall have no more than three (3) minutes to address the City Council on any subject.*

**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.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Per the amended Rules Governing Meetings of the Flint City Council (as adopted by the City Council on Monday, February 27, 2023), the Presiding Officer or Chair may request the adoption of a "Consent Agenda". After a motion to adopt a Consent Agenda is made and seconded, the Presiding Officer or Chair shall ask for separations. Any agenda item on a Consent Agenda shall be separated at the request of any Councilmember. After any separations, there is no debate on approving the Consent Agenda - it shall be voted on or adopted without objection.*

**RESOLUTIONS**

- 230281.1** Amended Resolution/ARPA Fund Utilization/Pandemic Impact on Health Disparities of Pregnant-New Mothers and Their Infants in Flint/Michigan State University/Flint Rx Kids Program

An amended resolution resolving that the appropriate City Officials are authorized to do all things necessary to provide funding to Michigan State University [for the Flint Rx Kids Program], amend the FY24 budget, and appropriate funding for revenue and expenditures in future fiscal years, for as long as funds are available from the funder. Funds will be paid from the American Rescue Plan Act fund (287). Before funds are spent, the City of Flint's ARPA administration, compliance, and implementation firm shall review and ensure compliance with the latest US Department of Treasury final rules. [NOTE: The Administration recommends funding up to \$1,000,000 for Michigan State University for the Flint Rx Kids Program.] [NOTE: Resolution amended to remove "...amend the FY24 budget..." from the Resolved paragraph.]

- 230328** Suspension/Councilwoman Ladel Lewis/Flint City Charter Violations

Resolution resolving that the Flint City Council, pursuant to its authority under Section 3-103 of the Flint City Charter, hereby suspends Councilwoman Ladel Lewis for a period of ninety (90) days, effective immediately, and through and including December 24, 2023, AND, resolving that while suspended, Councilwoman Ladel Lewis is prohibited from taking her seat or participating in any meeting of the City Council or its committees, in her official capacity as

City Councilwoman.

**230329** Suspension/Councilman Quincy Murphy/Flint City Charter Violations

Resolution resolving that the Flint City Council, pursuant to its authority under Section 3-103 of the Flint City Charter, hereby suspends Councilman Quincy Murphy for a period of ninety (90) days, effective immediately, and through and including December 24, 2023, AND, resolving that while suspended, Councilman Quincy Murphy is prohibited from taking his seat or participating in any meeting of the City Council or its committees, in his official capacity as City Councilman.

**230330** Recognition/Sickle Cell Awareness Month

Resolution resolving that Mayor Sheldon A. Neeley and the Flint City Council recognize September as Sickle Cell Awareness Month and urge everyone to learn more about this disease, AND, resolving that the Flint community is encouraged to donate blood to help sickle cell patients who need blood transfusions to alleviate this disease's devastating symptoms.

## **ADJOURNMENT**



230281.1

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

PRESENTED: AUG 28 2023

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

**RESOLUTION TO UTILIZE ARPA FUNDS TO RESPOND TO THE IMPACTS OF THE PANDEMIC ON HEALTH DISPARITIES OF PREGNANT / NEW MOTHERS AND THEIR INFANTS IN FLINT**

The City of Flint is a duly created and validly existing political subdivision of the State of Michigan under the Constitution and laws of the state of Michigan, and;

On March 11, 2021, the President of the United States of America signed into law the “American Rescue Plan Act of 2021”, also known as House Resolution 1319, an Act approved by the Congress of the United States, and which authorized the Treasury of the United States to disburse certain funds to local governments, including the City of Flint, which could be used for specific and defined purposes, and;

In accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the City of Flint wishes to exercise its right to extend and disseminate assistance to impacted households tied to specific criteria, as authorized by the Act, to assist citizens who may have been impacted financially by the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

The administration recommends funding up to \$1,000,000 for Michigan State University for the Flint Rx Kids program. Funding is to come from the following account:

Account Number	Account Name / Grant Code	Amount
287-729.100-801.000	FUSDT-CSLFRF	\$1,000,000

**IT IS RESOLVED** that the appropriate City officials are authorized to do all things necessary to provide funding to Michigan State University and appropriate funding for revenue and expenditures in future fiscal years, for as long as funds are available from the funder. Funds will be paid from the American Rescue Plan Act fund (287). Before funds are spent, the City of Flint’s ARPA administration, compliance, and implementation firm shall review and ensure compliance with the latest US Department of Treasury final rules.

**For the City:**

**For the City Council:**

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**Clyde D. Edwards, City Administrator**

**Approved as to Form:**

**Approved as to Finance:**

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**William Kim, City Attorney**

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**Jane Mager, acting Chief Financial Officer**

**RESOLUTION STAFF REVIEW**

**Date:** August 8, 2023

**Agenda Item Title:**

**RESOLUTION TO UTILIZE ARPA FUNDS TO RESPOND TO THE IMPACTS OF THE PANDEMIC ON HEALTH DISPARITIES OF PREGNANT / NEW MOTHERS AND THEIR INFANTS IN FLINT**

**Prepared by:**

Emily Doerr, Director of Planning and Development

**Background/Summary of Proposed Action:**

On October 24, 2022, the Flint City Council adopted an ARPA Allocation Plan for allocating the remaining \$60,351,968.00 of the City’s remaining ARPA funding. This included \$5,000,000 in COVID response / Contingency. From this line item, the Mayor is recommending that the City of Flint join the State of Michigan, C.S. Mott Foundation, Ruth Mott Foundation, Michigan Health Endowment Foundation, and the Jacobs Family Foundation in funding a citywide program called Rx Kids, led by Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha (Director of the MSU-Hurley Children’s Hospital Pediatric Public Health Initiative), which is a public/private partnership to address child poverty and health equity. It tackles a root cause of health disparities through the provision of cash allowances to pregnant / new mothers in Flint. The full program budget is \$55M and the effort has raised \$35M so far. It is slated to start in early 2024.

The program funds are running through Michigan State University and being coordinated by GiveDirectly, a nonprofit that is running similar programs like this around the world. The data collection and research evaluation will be a partnership between Michigan State University, University of Michigan (led by Dr. Luke Shaefer, Director of University of Michigan’s Poverty Solutions initiative), and Give Directly. On average the program will serve 1200 pregnant / new mothers a year for a total of 6000 over the five (5) year program period. To be eligible for these grants, women who are pregnant must have the pregnancy “verified” through a prenatal health provider at a 20-week check-in. At that point, enrollment begins with the first cash transfer of \$1500. Once the baby is born, monthly allowances of \$500 repeat for the first 12 months and new mothers engage with a network of resources to help increase their health and that of their baby. Programs like this around the world have shown to decrease maternal and infant mortality rates. This program seeks to do that in Flint as well as rebuild trust between Flint residents and their local government.

**Financial Implications:** ARPA funds must be obligated by 12/31/24 and fully expended by 12/31/26.

**Budgeted Expenditure:** Yes \_\_\_ No  X  **Please explain, if no:**

Project Type	Organization Name	Amount	Investment per Household	Households assisted with COF ARPA funds
Flint Rx Kids	MSU	\$1,000,000	\$7,500	Estimated 130 (total 6000)

**Pre-encumbered:** Yes \_\_\_ No  x

**Requisition #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Implications:** No other implications are known at this time.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of this resolution.

**APPROVAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emily Doerr, Director, Planning and Development**

230528

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

PRESENTED: SEP 25 2023

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

**RESOLUTION SUSPENDING COUNCILWOMAN LADEL LEWIS FOR MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS OF THE FLINT CITY CHARTER**

Section 3-103 of the Flint City Charter provides that the City Council “may punish its own members for misconduct” and Section 1-602(C)(8) of the Flint City Charter provides, in pertinent part, that “A public servant shall not accept gifts, gratuities, honoraria, or other things of value from any person or company seeking to do business with the City of Flint, seeking official action from the City of Flint, having interests that could be substantially affected by the performance of the public servant’s official duties, or who is known to the Public Servant as a registered lobbyist.”

Further, Section 1-602(D) of the Flint City Charter requires public servants to prepare written statements disclosing potential financial conflicts of interest, and if the public servant is a City Councilmember, the Councilmember is excused from taking part in the action or decision giving rise to the conflict.

Further, Section 3-104 of the Flint City Charter provides that City Councilmembers are “expected to conduct themselves with appropriate decorum [and] act respectfully with constituents, each other, and other public servants;”

At the Special Affairs Committee Meeting of Monday, August 14, 2023, the Councilwoman from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, Ladel Lewis, and the Councilman from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, Quincy Murphy, participated in a vote to approve Resolution 230225.1 regarding approval of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority’s Redevelopment Plan for a Flint Commerce Center Project. Said Project is funded and managed by Ashley Capital. Critically, Councilmembers Lewis & Murphy voted to approve the Project after accepting money from the Ashley Capital Political Action Committee (PAC), believed to be \$1,500.00 and \$11,000.00, respectively. Councilmembers Lewis & Murphy have publicly admitted on record at numerous Flint City Council Meetings to having accepted these funds. This is a clear violation of Section 1-602(C)(8) of the Flint City Charter, as aforesaid.

Further, Councilmembers Lewis & Murphy failed to properly disclose these financial conflicts of interest, in violation of Section 1-602(D) of the Flint City Charter as referenced above.

In light of the financial conflict of interest for Councilmembers Lewis & Murphy, and despite the protestations of numerous other Councilmembers, including Councilwoman Jerri Winfrey-Carter of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward, Councilwoman Tonya Burns of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward, and Dennis Pfeiffer of the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward, insisting that Councilmembers Lewis & Murphy abstain from the vote, Lewis & Murphy refused to do so, proceeding to vote to approve the Project, along with Councilmembers Judy Priestly of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward, Candice Mushatt of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward, and Eva Worthing of the 9<sup>th</sup> Ward, despite the clear conflict of interest, and despite Section 1-602(D) of the Flint City Charter which excuses Councilmembers from participating in such actions or decisions where a conflict exists.

In addition to the clear violations of Sections 1-602(C)(8) & 1-602(D), as aforesaid, Councilmembers Lewis & Murphy, in so refusing to abstain, have also created a strong appearance of impropriety, and have advanced notions of political corruption and pay-to-play politicking on the Flint City Council. In so doing, Lewis & Murphy have failed to conduct themselves with appropriate decorum in violation of

Section 3-104 of the Flint City Charter, in dereliction of their duty, and in a manner unbecoming Flint City Councilmembers.

Every elective officer in the City of Flint, including members of the Flint City Council, swear an Oath of Office pursuant to Section 1-601 of the Flint City Charter to, among other things, “faithfully discharge the duties of the office” for which the individual was elected. This responsibility includes fidelity and adherence to the provisions of the Flint City Charter.

The conduct of Flint City Councilwoman Ladel Lewis, as recounted herein, violated numerous provisions of the Flint City Charter, as aforesaid.

Members of the Flint City Council, pursuant to their sworn Oath of Office, have an obligation to support, uphold, and preserve the provisions of the Flint City Charter, and must therefore punish their fellow Councilmembers whose conduct violates same.

**IT IS RESOLVED**, that the Flint City Council, pursuant to its authority under Section 3-103 of the Flint City Charter, hereby suspends Councilwoman Ladel Lewis for a period of 90 (ninety) days, effective immediately, and through and including December 24, 2023.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that while suspended, Councilwoman Ladel Lewis is prohibited from taking her seat or participating in any meeting of the City Council or its committees, in her official capacity as City Councilwoman.

**FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:**

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**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**William Y. Kim, City Attorney**

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

PRESENTED: \_\_\_\_\_ SEP 25 2023

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

**RESOLUTION SUSPENDING COUNCILMAN QUINCY MURPHY FOR MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS OF THE FLINT CITY CHARTER**

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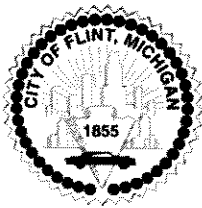
**FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:**

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**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**William Y. Kim, City Attorney**



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PRESENTED: SEP 25 2023

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

**BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS  
SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH**

September is Sickle Cell Awareness Month. Sickle Cell Disease is a chronic condition that causes the red blood cells to harden and form a sickle shape. This condition causes severe and unpredictable pain, intense fatigue, frequent infections and other ailments.

According to the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America (“SCDAA”), approximately 100,000 Americans live with this disease. 2,800 of those reside here in Michigan. While African Americans account for 98% of those of cases, sickle cell also affects those of Latino descent.

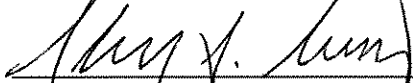
The Mayor and City Council support the SCDAA-Flint Chapter as it held its annual “Sickle Cell Walk ”on September 16, 2023 in Max Brandon Park, with proceeds benefiting the Hurley Foundation’s Sickle Cell Fund. This event raises funding for better treatments, education and outcomes for sickle cell warriors.

Although sickle cell disease is often a life-long condition without a cure, blood transfusions are one of the most critical treatments for sickle cell patients. Those individuals who suffer from sickle cell benefit most from blood transfusions from people of the same race or similar ethnicity. However only 5% of blood donors are of African ancestry. Increasing blood donations among African-Americans will have a major impact in fighting the crippling symptoms of sickle cell disease.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Mayor Sheldon A. Neeley and the Flint City Council recognizes September as Sickle Cell Awareness Month and urges everyone to learn more about this disease.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Flint community is encouraged to donate blood to help sickle cell patients who need blood transfusions to alleviate this disease’s devastating symptoms.

**FOR THE CITY OF FLINT:**

  
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Sheldon A. Neeley, Mayor

**FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:**

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Flint City Council

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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William Y. Kim, City Attorney