# City of Flint, Michigan

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## **Meeting Agenda - FINAL**

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 4:45 PM

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS** 

### SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL

Ladel Lewis, President, Ward 2 Candice Mushatt, Vice President, Ward 7

Eric Mays, Ward 1 Judy Priestley, Ward 4 Tonya Burns, Ward 6 Quincy Murphy, Ward 3 Jerri Winfrey-Carter, Ward 5 Dennis Pfeiffer, Ward 8

Eva L. Worthing, Ward 9

Davina Donahue, City Clerk

This Special City Council Meeting was called by 2nd Ward City Councilperson Ladel Lewis and 7th Ward City Councilperson Candice Mushatt for the purpose of considering the following resolutions: Resolution Suspending Councilmember Eric Mays for Conduct Unbecoming a City Councilmember (Reso No. TBD); and Resolution Censuring Councilmember Jerri Winfrey-Carter for Conduct Unbecoming a City Councilmember (Reso No. TBD).

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL** 

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER OR BLESSING

#### 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 three (3) minutes per speaker during public comment. Only one speaking opportunity per speaker. Numbered speaker slips will be provided prior to the start of the meeting to those wishing to speak during this portion of the agenda. No additional speakers or slips will be accepted after the meeting begins.

#### **COUNCIL RESPONSE**

Councilmembers may respond once to all public speakers only after all public speakers have spoken. An individual Councilmember's response shall be limited to two (2) minutes and is subject to all rules.

#### 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

230448 Suspension/Councilmember Eric Mays/Conduct Unbecoming a City Councilmember

Resolution resolving that the Flint City Council, pursuant to its authority under Section 3-103 of the Flint City Charter, suspends Councilmember Eric Mays for a period of three months, effective immediately. While suspended, Councilmember Eric Mays is prohibited from taking his seat or participating, in any meeting of the City Council or its committees, in his official capacity as a City Councilmember.

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Censure/Councilmember Jerri Winfrey-Carter/Conduct Unbecoming a City Councilmember

Resolution resolving that the Flint City Council, pursuant to its authority under Section 3-103 of the Flint City Charter, censures Councilmember Jerri Winfrey-Carter for conduct unbecoming a City Councilmember.

#### FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Final Council Comments shall be limited to two (2) minutes and are subject to all rules.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**





RESOLUTION NO.:				
PRESENTED:	DEC	6	2023	
ADOPTED:				

### Resolution Suspending Councilmember Eric Mays for Conduct Unbecoming a City Councilmember

Section 3-103 of the Flint City Charter provides that the City Council "may punish its own members for misconduct" and 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;"

In August 2023, Councilmember Mays was suspended for one month for conduct unbecoming a City Councilmember on July 10, 2023. Since returning from his suspension, Councilmember Mays has persistently used racist rhetoric and has also used constant frivolous motions to impede the business of the Council. On multiple occasions, Councilmembers Mays has also used aggressive, profane language towards other members of the City Council and has mocked and belittled individuals with medical conditions and disabilities. Councilmember Mays has also created and monetized demeaning t-shits depicting other members of City Council as "handkerchief head negroes" and continues to refer to other members of the City Council in that fashion.

Such actions violate Section 3-104 of the Flint City Charter, in that they do not reflect "appropriate decorum" and are not acts that are respectful towards "constituents, each other, and other public servants" and are thus conduct unbecoming a Flint City Councilmember.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that that the Flint City Council, pursuant to its authority under Section 3-103 of the Flint City Charter, suspends Councilmember Eric Mays for a period of three months, effective immediately. While suspended, Councilmember Eric Mays is prohibited from taking his seat or participating, in any meeting of the City Council or its committees, in his official capacity as a City Councilmember.

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### Resolution Censuring Councilmember Jerri Winfrey-Carter for Conduct Unbecoming a City Councilmember

Section 3-103 of the Flint City Charter provides that the City Council "may punish its own members for misconduct" and 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;"

On November 27, 2023, Councilmember Jerri Winfrey-Carter violated rules of decorum by making an explicit verbal threat towards a fellow Councilmember to destroy their property, saying, "Next time you park in my parking space you will come downstairs to all flat tires."

This action violates Section 3-104 of the Flint City Charter, in that it is not "appropriate decorum" nor is it respectful towards "constituents, each other, and other public servants" and is thus conduct unbecoming a Flint City Councilmember.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that that the Flint City Council, pursuant to its authority under Section 3-103 of the Flint City Charter, censures Councilmember Jerri Winfrey-Carter for conduct unbecoming a City Councilmember.

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