



City of Flint, Michigan Meeting Minutes - Draft SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL

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Candice Mushatt, Vice President, Ward 7*

*Leon El-Alamin, Ward 1
Judy Priestley, Ward 4
Tonya Burns, Ward 6*

*Quincy Murphy, Ward 3
Jerri Winfrey-Carter, Ward 5
Dennis Pfeiffer, Ward 8
Jonathan Jarrett, Ward 9*

Davina Donahue, City Clerk

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

5:51 PM

Council Chambers

This Special City Council Meeting was called by President Lade/ Lewis (2nd Ward) and Finance Chairperson Judy Priestley (4th Ward) for the purpose of Adopting a City of Flint Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget; and Other General City Business.

CALL TO ORDER

This Special City Council Meeting was called to Order at 5:51 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilperson Murphy arrived at 5:55

Present: Councilperson El-Alamin, Councilperson Lewis, Councilperson Priestley, Councilperson Winfrey-Carter, Councilperson Burns, Councilperson Mushatt and Councilperson Jarrett

Absent: Councilperson Murphy and Councilperson Pfeiffer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilperson Jarrett.

PRAYER OR BLESSING

Moment of silence.

READING OF DISORDERLY PERSONS CITY CODE SUBSECTION

Reading of Disorderly Persons was read by Council President Lewis.

REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

2 Public Speakers.

COUNCIL RESPONSE

Councilpersons to respond (Councilperson Burns, Councilperson Murphy, Councilperson Winfrey-Carter).

RECONSIDERATION

Councilperson Mushatt, seconded by Councilperson El-Alamin, made a motion to Approve the Reconsideration . The motion was PASSED by a vote of 5.3. (Councilperson Winfrey-Carter, Councilperson Burns and Councilperson Jarrett)

240191 Amendment/Ordinance/Chapter 31 (General Offenses)/Article I (In General)/Section 31-10 (Disorderly Conduct, Assault and Battery, And Disorderly Persons)

An ordinance to amend Chapter 31 (General Offenses), Article I (In General), of the Code of the City of Flint by amending Section 31-10 (Disorderly Conduct, Assault and Battery, And Disorderly Persons). [NOTE: This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment.]

240140 ARPA Contingency Funds and Earned Interest/Flint Downtown Development Authority [DDA]/Revenue Replacement Funds/Parking Revenue Loss During COVID-19 Pandemic

Resolution resolving that the appropriate City officials are authorized to do all things necessary, including executing any necessary agreements, to appropriate funding from the funding source Accts. No. 01-287.000-963.000 and No. 001-000.000-273.800 for a contribution to the component unit, Downtown Development Authority, in the amount of \$560,586. Based on review and validation of the appropriate fund use by the City's compliance firm, implementation of these funds will be consistent and compliant with US Department Treasury requirements and previously approved authorizations. [NOTE: City Administration recommends reallocating \$560,586 of ARPA funds - \$250,000 previously obligated for contingency and \$310,586 from earned interest – to provide revenue replacement funds to the Flint Downtown Development Authority because of parking revenue lost during the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically from April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022. During these 27 months, compared to the parking revenue reported from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, the parking revenue loss was calculated to be \$560,586.

240177 Appointment/Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors/Judy Priestley

Resolution resolving that the Flint City Council approves Mayor Sheldon A. Neeley's recommendation of the appointment of Judy Priestley to serve a (6) six-year term on the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors, with such term commencing immediately and expiring on March 31, 2030.

240181 Designated Videography Area/City Council Chambers

Resolution resolving that, to minimize the possibility of disrupting the meetings of the City Council or its Committees, all use of free-standing camera stands, including but not limited to tripods, camera stands, and other physical devices

used to support or elevate cameras, cell phones, or other video recording devices, is restricted to an area to be designated by City Clerk in the northeast corner of the City Council chambers during those meetings. Persons in violation of this resolution will be deemed to be acting in a disorderly fashion and shall be ordered to leave the meeting, and any unattended video equipment shall be deemed abandoned, AND, resolving that the City Clerk shall post copies of this resolution at the entrance to the City Council chambers.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson Priestley, made a Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda, with Separations. No Vote was taken. Councilperson Burns Motioned to Separate everything.

ORDINANCES (May Be Reconsidered/Acknowledged for First Reading)

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Councilperson Priestley, seconded by Councilperson Mushatt, Acknowledgement for the First Reading passed with a Vote 5.3. (No: Winfrey-Carter, Burns, Jarrett)

COUNCIL MOTION

CALL THE QUESTION

During discussion of the Acknowledgement of the First Reading, Councilperson Priestley, with support from Councilperson Mushatt, made a motion to Call the Question . The vote was 5.3 (No: Winfrey-Carter, Burns , Jarrett)

RESOLUTIONS (May Be Reconsidered)

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A motion was made by Councilperson Priestley, seconded by Councilperson Mushatt, that this matter be REFERRED TO COMMITTEE to the CITY COUNCIL. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilperson El-Alamin, Councilperson Lewis, Councilperson Murphy, Councilperson Priestley and Councilperson Mushatt

No: 2 - Councilperson Winfrey-Carter and Councilperson Jarrett

Abstain: 1 - Councilperson Burns

Absent: 1 - Councilperson Pfeiffer

Present: Councilperson El-Alamin, Councilperson Lewis, Councilperson Murphy, Councilperson Priestley, Councilperson Winfrey-Carter, Councilperson Burns, Councilperson Mushatt, Councilperson Pfeiffer and Councilperson Jarrett

COUNCIL MOTION

CALL THE QUESTION

During discussion of the motion 240140 Councilperson Mushatt, seconded by Councilperson Priestley made a motion to Call the Question. The vote was 5.3. (No.: Winfrey-Carter, Burns, Jarrett)

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A motion was made by Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson Mushatt, that this matter be REFERRED TO COMMITTEE to the CITY COUNCIL. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilperson El-Alamin, Councilperson Lewis, Councilperson Murphy, Councilperson Priestley and Councilperson Mushatt

No: 3 - Councilperson Winfrey-Carter, Councilperson Burns and Councilperson Jarrett

Absent: 1 - Councilperson Pfeiffer

CALL THE QUESTION

During discussion of the motion 240177 Councilperson Murphy, with support from Councilperson Mushatt, made a motion to Call the Question. The vote was 5.3. (No: Winfrey-Carter, Burns, Jarrett)

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Aye: 5 - Councilperson El-Alamin, Councilperson Lewis, Councilperson Murphy, Councilperson Priestley and Councilperson Mushatt

No: 3 - Councilperson Winfrey-Carter, Councilperson Burns and Councilperson Jarrett

Absent: 1 - Councilperson Pfeiffer

CALL THE QUESTION

During discussion of the motion 240181 Councilperson Mushatt, seconded by Councilperson Priestley made a motion to Call the Question. The vote was 5.3. (No: Winfrey-Carter, Burns, Jarrett)

RESOLUTIONS

240158 Reallocation of ARPA Funds/Reroot Pontiac/Alternate Uses for Vacant Lots

Resolution resolving that the appropriate City Officials are authorized to do all things and execute any agreements necessary to Reroot Pontiac and appropriate funding in the current and future fiscal years, in the amount of \$25,000.00, for as long as the funds are available. Prior to any disbursement of funds, the City of Flint's ARPA administration, compliance, and implementation firm shall review and ensure compliance with the latest US Department of Treasury rules.

A motion was made by Councilperson Priestley, seconded by Councilperson El-Alamin, that this matter be REFERRED TO COMMITTEE to the CITY COUNCIL. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilperson El-Alamin, Councilperson Lewis, Councilperson Murphy, Councilperson Priestley and Councilperson Mushatt

No: 1 - Councilperson Winfrey-Carter

Abstain: 2 - Councilperson Burns and Councilperson Jarrett

Absent: 1 - Councilperson Pfeiffer

COUNCIL MOTION

CALL TO QUESTION

During discussion of the motion 240158 Councilperson Priestley, seconded by Councilperson Murphy made a motion to Call the Question. The vote was 5.1.2. (No:: Winfrey-Carter),(Abstain: Burns, Jarrett)

RESOLUTION CONTINUED

240216 Adoption/2024 Operating Millage Rate of Nineteen and Ten Hundredths (19.10) Mills/City of Flint Real and Personal Property

Resolution resolving that there be levied against every dollar of all taxable property appearing on the 2023 Assessment Rolls of the City of Flint, through the constitutional and statutory processes of County and State Equalization, a total of Nineteen and Ten Hundredths (19.10) mills, of which Seven and Fifty Hundredths (7.50) mills shall be for General City Operating Purposes; Two and Fifty Hundredths (2.50) mills shall be for retirement of debt, improvements and other purposes as provided in Section 7-201 of the Flint City Charter, as amended; Two and Zero Hundredths (2.00) mills shall be for Police Services; Fifty Hundredths (0.50) mills shall be for the purpose of improvements and maintenance of City parks, forestry and recreation services; Sixty Hundredths (0.60) mills shall be for the purpose of funding public transportation services in the city by the Mass Transportation Authority; and Six and Zero Hundredths (6.0) mills shall be for Police and Fire Services, AND, resolving that the City Assessor is authorized to prepare the City of Flint 2024 Tax Roll by spreading said taxes authorized and levied for City of Flint purposes, School purposes, and Special Authority purposes in one column of said tax roll, and the provisional parts of said rate - namely, General Operating purposes, Debt Services and Capital Improvement Programs, School purposes and Special Authority purposes - be shown on the Tax Statement.

A motion was made by Councilperson Priestley, seconded by Councilperson Murphy, that this matter be REFERRED TO COMMITTEE to the CITY COUNCIL. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilperson El-Alamin, Councilperson Lewis, Councilperson Murphy, Councilperson Priestley, Councilperson Burns, Councilperson Mushatt and Councilperson Jarrett

No: 1 - Councilperson Winfrey-Carter

Absent: 1 - Councilperson Pfeiffer

240217 Adoption/2024 Operating Millage Rate of 1.8806 Mills/City of Flint Downtown Development Authority [DDA]

Resolution authorizing that the City Council of the City of Flint adopts the levy of 1.8806 mills for the ensuing Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Downtown Development Authority operating budget.

A motion was made by Councilperson Priestley, seconded by Councilperson El-Alamin to Approve. NO vote was taken.

A motion was made by Councilperson Burns, seconded by Councilperson Mushatt, that this matter be REFERRED TO COMMITTEE to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilperson El-Alamin, Councilperson Lewis, Councilperson Winfrey-Carter, Councilperson Burns, Councilperson Mushatt and Councilperson Jarrett

No: 2 - Councilperson Murphy and Councilperson Priestley

Absent: 1 - Councilperson Pfeiffer

240218

Assessment/Street Lighting Costs for Fiscal Year 2025

Resolution resolving that, effective July 1, 2024, the cost of operating, maintaining and improving street lighting, as contemplated under MCL 117.4d, shall be assessed against the special lighting district to provide for the operational costs of the current system, and to enable upgrades and improvements to street lighting throughout the city. The assessment will be collected through the property tax bill for all property owners. The amount to be assessed will be adjusted annually to reflect the projected cost for the operational, maintenance and improvement costs, and the number of property owners, AND, resolving that the cost per parcel for the July 2024 tax bill will be set at \$72.18 per parcel, AND, resolving that all funds shall be used exclusively for the purpose intended - for the payment of costs permitted under MCL 117.4d(2)(b), including engineering, financial, legal, and administrative services, and the operation and maintenance of the City street lighting system.

A motion was made by Councilperson Priestley, seconded by Councilperson Mushatt, that this Motion be approved. NO vote was taken.

A motion was made by Councilperson Burns, seconded by Councilperson El-Alamin, that this matter be REFERRED TO COMMITTEE to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilperson El-Alamin, Councilperson Murphy, Councilperson Winfrey-Carter, Councilperson Burns and Councilperson Jarrett

No: 3 - Councilperson Lewis, Councilperson Priestley and Councilperson Mushatt

Absent: 1 - Councilperson Pfeiffer

240219

User Fee/Municipal Solid Waste Costs for Fiscal Year 2025

Resolution resolving that, effective July 1, 2024, the cost of collecting and disposing of [solid waste] and City-related operating, maintenance and collection activities as contemplated under MCL 117.1 et seq. and MCL 141.101 et seq., shall be charged to each residential and multi-family dwelling up to four units, AND, resolving that, effective July 1, 2024, the user fee shall be \$202.56,

to be charged to residential and multi-family dwellings up to four units, and the charge shall be calculated on the number of units and the charge shall be placed on the July 2024 tax bill, AND, resolving that commercial and industrial properties will not be charged as they do not receive waste collection services from the City, AND, resolving that all funds shall be used exclusively for the purpose intended - for the payment of costs permitted under MCL 117.1 et seq., and the Revenue Bond Act of 1933, Act 94 as amended, MCL 141.101 et seq., including collection and disposal, and legal and administrative services associated and appropriated for in the City's Garbage Collection Special Revenue Fund.

A motion was made by Councilperson Priestley, seconded by Councilperson Murphy to Approve. NO vote was taken.

A motion was made by Councilperson Winfrey-Carter, seconded by Councilperson Murphy, that this matter be REFERRED TO COMMITTEE to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilperson El-Alamin, Councilperson Murphy, Councilperson Winfrey-Carter, Councilperson Burns and Councilperson Jarrett

No: 3 - Councilperson Lewis, Councilperson Priestley and Councilperson Mushatt

Absent: 1 - Councilperson Pfeiffer

COUNCIL MOTION

CALL TO QUESTION

During discussion of the motion 240220 Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson Priestley made a motion to Call the Question. The vote was 3.5. (No:: Winfrey-Carter, Burns, Jarrett)

RESOLUTION CONTINUED

240220 Adoption and Implementation/2024-2025 Master Fee Schedule

Resolution resolving that the Biennial Master Fee Schedule, which includes Water and Wastewater Volumetric Rates and Service Charges, be approved and implemented as outlined, and kept on file with the City Clerk, AND, resolving that the Biennial Master Fee Schedule can and will be modified, should the need arise, at any time during the biennial timeframe for Fiscal Year 2025, AND, resolving that the appropriate City Officials are authorized to do all things necessary to implement and collect the user fees, effective July 1, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilperson Priestley, seconded by Councilperson Mushatt, that this matter be REFERRED TO COMMITTEE to the CITY COUNCIL. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Councilperson Lewis, Councilperson Priestley and Councilperson Mushatt

No: 3 - Councilperson El-Alamin, Councilperson Burns and Councilperson Jarrett

Abstain: 1 - Councilperson Winfrey-Carter

Absent: 2 - Councilperson Murphy and Councilperson Pfeiffer

A motion was made by Councilperson Mushatt, seconded by Councilperson El-Alamin, that this matter be REFERRED TO COMMITTEE to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilperson El-Alamin, Councilperson Lewis, Councilperson Priestley, Councilperson Mushatt and Councilperson Jarrett

No: 1 - Councilperson Burns

Abstain: 1 - Councilperson Winfrey-Carter

Absent: 2 - Councilperson Murphy and Councilperson Pfeiffer

240221 FY2025/Exempt Employee Compensation Schedule/Cost of Living Adjustment

Resolution resolving that the Flint City Council approves the [FY2025] Exempt Compensation Schedule, effective upon enactment of this resolution, and authorizes the appropriate City Officials to do all things necessary to implement this schedule.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mushatt, seconded by Councilperson Priestley, that this matter be REFERRED TO COMMITTEE to the CITY COUNCIL. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Councilperson El-Alamin, Councilperson Lewis, Councilperson Murphy, Councilperson Priestley, Councilperson Winfrey-Carter, Councilperson Burns, Councilperson Mushatt and Councilperson Jarrett

Absent: 1 - Councilperson Pfeiffer

240222 Adoption/City of Flint Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

Resolution resolving that the Proposed FY2025 City of Flint Budget, as submitted to the City Council on March 4, 2024, is adopted consistent with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, MCL 141.421 et seq, and Section 7-101 of the Flint City Charter, AND, further resolving that the FY2025 City of Flint Budget is premised on the establishment of water and sewer rates by the Chief Financial Officer sufficient to generate the estimated revenue stated herein, and the adoption of the following tax levies, pursuant to State statute, for a total City level of 19.10 mills: General Operating @ 7.50 mills, Public Improvement @ 2.50 mills, Police Services @ 2.00 mills, Public Transportation @ 0.60 mills, Parks and Recreation @ 0.50 mills, and Police and Fire Protection @ 6.00 mills; AND, further resolving that the City adopts the FY2025 City of Flint Budget as follows; General Fund (101), Major Street Fund (202), Local Street Fund (203), Public Safety Fund (205), Neighborhood Policing Fund (207), Parks and Recreation Fund (208), Street Lighting Fund (219), Garbage and Rubbish Fund (226), Building Inspection Fund (249), Drug Law Enforcement Fund (265), Section 108 Loans Fund (285), Debt Service Fund (301), Public Improvement Fund (444), Sewer Fund (590), and Water Fund (591); AND, further resolving that the City establishes the estimated revenue budgets for the funds listed for the various City departments, divisions, boards, commissions, and other activities as the FY2025 City of Flint Budget.

A motion was made by Councilperson Priestley, seconded by Councilperson El-Alamin, that this matter be Adopted. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilperson El-Alamin, Councilperson Lewis, Councilperson Priestley and Councilperson Mushatt

No: 3 - Councilperson Winfrey-Carter, Councilperson Burns and Councilperson Jarrett

Absent: 2 - Councilperson Murphy and Councilperson Pfeiffer

COUNCIL MOTION

A Motion was made by Councilperson Priestley, seconded by Councilperson Mushatt, that this matter of Amending the Budget to reduce the Ombudsman's budget to \$250,000.00. FAILED 2.5 (El-Alamin, Priestley, Winfrey-Carter, Burns, Jarrett)

A Second Motion was made by Councilperson Mushatt, seconded by Councilperson Burns, that this matter of Amending the Budget to reduce the Ombudsman's budget to \$250,000.00. PASSED 6.2. (Priestley, Murphy)

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Councilperson Mushatt, seconded by Councilperson El-Alamin, motioned to Adjourn the meeting. The vote was 7:0. Meeting was Adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectively transcribed and submit

*Christel Snider
City Council Secretary*