



City of Flint, Michigan

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Meeting Agenda – FINAL
Wednesday, October 8, 2025
5:00 PM

City Council Chambers

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Candice Mushatt, Chairperson, Ward 7

Leon El-Alamin, Ward 1

Ladel Lewis, Ward 2

LaShawn Johnson, Ward 3

Judy Priestley, Ward 4

Jerri Winfrey-Carter, Ward 5

Tonya Burns, Ward 6

Dennis Pfeiffer, Ward 8

Jonathan Jarrett, 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 will be removed from the meetings.

REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public who wish to address the City Council or its committees must register before the meeting begins. A box will be placed at the entrance to the Council Chambers for collection of registrations. No additional speakers or slips will be accepted after the meeting begins.

Members of the public shall have no more than three (3) minutes per speaker during public comment, with only one speaking opportunity per speaker.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

Per the amended Rules Governing Meetings of the Flint City Council (as adopted by the City Council on Monday, April 22, 2024), the Chair may request the adoption of a "Consent Agenda". After a motion to adopt a Consent Agenda is made and seconded, the 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

250329-T Recognition/Family Court Awareness Month (FCAM)/November 2025

Resolution resolving that the Flint City Council declares the month of November 2025 as Family Court Awareness Month in the city of Flint, Michigan. [NOTE: Family Court Awareness Month aims to encourage collaboration among legislators, advocates, professionals, and the community to improve family court practices, ensuring they are guided by evidence-based research and prioritize the safety and best interests of children.]

SPECIAL ORDERS/DISCUSSION ITEM

250230-T Discussion Item/Water Testing/3400-3600 Blocks of Brownell Boulevard

A Discussion Item as requested by Council President Lewis to discuss issues concerning water testing within the 3400-3600 blocks of Brownell Boulevard.

ADJOURNMENT

250329-T

RESOLUTION: _____

PRESENTED: 10-8-2025

ADOPTED: _____

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2025 AS
FAMILY COURT AWARENESS MONTH (FCAM)**

BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

WHEREAS, the mission of Family Court Awareness Month (FCAM) is to highlight the need to prioritize child safety in family court, as 1 in 3 families in Michigan are exposed to domestic abuse; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 58,000 children in the U.S. are ordered into unsupervised contact with abusive parents each year, resulting in almost 1000 children in the United States murdered during visitation with an abusive parent since 2008. In Michigan, 39 children have been murdered by a parent since 2008 during divorce or custody disputes, including 6-year-old Rowan Morey-Pols of Caledonia, Michigan in 2024 and 3-year-old Dylan Thebo of Kent County in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Rowan's and Dylan's families have been working to increase awareness of child safety issues by promoting Family Court Awareness Month and have been honoring their children's legacy by introducing legislation to improve the safety of missing children in Michigan and helping improve Kent County's response to domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Rowan's Act was introduced in the Michigan House of Representatives this year by Angela Rigas who represents portions of Allegan, Kent, and Barry counties. This amendment would allow a faster response for Amber Alerts to be issued if Police believe a missing child to be in danger; and

WHEREAS, Kent County, Michigan recognized the need for a specialized Domestic Violence Court, following six domestic violence-related homicides within three months in 2021. This court, staffed by individuals knowledgeable about the intricacies of domestic violence, aims to support victims and families, hold offenders accountable, and prevent further homicides; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County hopes to improve safety and outcomes for families exposed to domestic violence by having law enforcement change the way it responds to domestic violence calls by using 'Lethality Assessments' in all domestic violence cases; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Family Court Awareness Month (FCAM) is to promote judicial education that would include training on domestic violence, child abuse, childhood

trauma, coercive control, and post-separation abuse for all professionals involved in family court cases; and

WHEREAS, Family Court Awareness Month recognizes the need to incorporate evidence-based research into the court's decisions. This includes the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Study. This research highlights long term effects of exposure to abuse in childhood and emphasizes the need for research-informed and impartial decision-making to protect children's well-being; and

WHEREAS, Family Court Awareness Month aims to encourage collaboration among legislators, advocates, professionals, and the community to improve family court practices, ensuring they are guided by evidence-based research and prioritize the safety and best interests of children.

IT IS RESOLVED, that the Flint City Council declares the month of November 2025 as Family Court Awareness Month in the city of Flint, Michigan.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL:

JoAnne Gurley, Chief Legal Officer