

City of Flint, Michigan

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

5:00 PM

Committee Room

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Eric Mays, Chairperson, Ward 1

*Maurice D. Davis, Ward 2
Kate Fields, Ward 4
Herbert J. Winfrey, Ward 6
Allan Griggs, Ward 8*

*Santino J. Guerra, Ward 3
Jerri Winfrey-Carter, Ward 5
Monica Galloway, Ward 7
Eva L. Worthing, Ward 9*

Inez M. Brown, City Clerk

ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session as requested by the Department of Law to update the City Council regarding Willie Justin-Isaac Powell II, Complaint Number 51254-10.

SPECIAL ORDERS

180257 Special Order/Water Fund/Trial Collection Policy

A Special Order as requested by Finance Director Hughey Newsome to update City Council members on the current state of the water fund and what steps need to be taken to address its future solvency, and the effectiveness of the Trial Collection Policy put into effect March 12, 2018.

180258 Special Order/Proposed Budget Amendments

A Special Order as requested by Councilperson Mays to discuss proposed amendments to the FY2018-19 and FY2019-2020 budget proposed by Mayor Karen Weaver.

RESOLUTIONS

180261 Reinstatement/Flint Police Deputy Chief Position

Resolution resolving that the proper city officials, upon City Council's approval, reinstate the Flint Police Deputy Chief Position at a Level EH1-37, as of April 22, 2018, AND, resolving that the proper city officials, upon City Council's approval, do all things necessary to amend the police budget in the amount of \$4,703.09, moving said funds from General Fund Charter Pension Acct. No. 101-302.100-718.100 to General Fund Wages & Salaries Acct. No. 101-302.100-702.000, as requested by Police.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

180233 Copy/Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)/Emergency Order

A referral from Councilperson Galloway to LEGAL: re, she would like a copy of the EPA emergency order given to each Councilperson. [Referral Action Date: 5/9/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting]

180234 Update/Great Lakes Water Authority Contract

A referral from Councilperson Fields to LEGAL: re, she would like an update on the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) contract, particularly the additional elements within the contract. [Referral Action Date: 5/9/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

OLD, OUTSTANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 170061** Referral/Copy/Public Relations Contract
- Referral by Councilperson Fields to ADMIN/LEGAL, re: She would like a copy of the public relations contract that was entered into with pipe replacement funding. [Referral Action Date: 1/18/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]
- 170066** Referral/Business Customers/Legal Action/Multi-Unit Developments
- Referral by Councilperson Mays to ADMIN/LEGAL, re: He would like the law department to provide information on how to pursue action against owners of multi-unit developments when the renters pay their water bills but the landlord does not, and if that can be written into an ordinance. [Referral Action Date: 1/18/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]
- 170388** Discussion Item/Ward Accounts
- Discussion item from Councilperson Mays: He would like a discussion of ward accounts on the next Finance Committee Meeting agenda. [Referral Action Date: 7/6/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]
- 170390** Discussion Item/State of Michigan Reimbursements
- Discussion item from Councilperson Mays: He would like a discussion item about State of Michigan reimbursements to other city departments on the next Finance Committee Meeting agenda. [Referral Action Date: 7/6/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]
- 170420** Ordinances/Oversight/Residential Medical Marijuana
- Referral by Councilperson Galloway to LAW/PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: She would like to know if ordinances can be written for better oversight of residential medical marijuana. [Referral Action Date: 6/19/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]
- 170422** Copies/Bid/Contract/Martin Waymire
- Referral by Councilperson Fields to GENERAL MCDANIEL: She would like copies of the bid and the contract for public relations firm Martin Waymire. [Referral Action Date: 6/19/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]
- 170424** Discussion Item/Water Assistance Program/Disadvantaged/Elderly Customers
- Discussion item as requested by Councilperson Mays: He would like to talk about a water assistance program and/or agencies that can assist disadvantaged and/or elderly water customers. [Referral Action Date: 6/19/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

- 170577** Reimbursements/State of Michigan/City of Flint Departments
- Referral from Councilperson Mays to FINANCE DIRECTOR: Regarding State of Michigan reimbursements to all city departments except Finance (see Discussion Item 170390): What has been requested and what has been reimbursed? [Referral Action Date: 11/21/17 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]
- 170601** Referral/2016 Tax Reverted Property/5306 North Street
- Referral by Councilperson Mays to LEGAL: He would like to know how and when the ownership of 5306 North Street (old Jefferson Elementary School) will be returned to the 2nd Chance Church (5306 North Street was the only tax reverted property whose transfer from Genesee County the City of Flint did not object to in 2016). [Referral Action Date: 12/13/2017 @ Special City Council Meeting.]
- 180001** Payments/State of Michigan's \$25 Million Discretionary Fund
- Referral and discussion item from Councilperson Mays to FIN: How much money has been taken from the State of Michigan's \$25 million in discretionary funds and what was it used for? [Referral Action Date: 1/3/18 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]
- 180002** Referral/Positions/Water Plant/Water Service Center/Wage Study
- Referral by Councilperson Fields to HUMAN RESOURCES/WATER SERVICE CENTER/DPW: She would like a list of all unfilled positions at the Water Plant and Water Service Center; she would like the list also to include what certifications are needed for each position, what the compensation packages are, and what the city has done so far to recruit for these positions. She is also asking if a wage study for City of Flint positions has been completed (or started). [Referral Action Date: 1/3/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]
- 180003** Referral/Change Orders/Fast Start Vendors
- Referral by Councilperson Galloway to ADMIN/FIN: She would like a list of Change Orders -- and amount of increase for each Change Order -- for each company contracted to work on the Fast Start Program. [Referral Action Date: 1/3/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]
- 180015** Referral/List/Water Customers With Estimated Bills
- Referral by Councilperson Mays to FIN: He would like a list of water customers who had estimated bills and then were hit with high bills when actual readings were used. He would also like to know if these customers still have "holds" on their accounts and if they are in danger of having their water shut off. [Referral Action Date: 1/3/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]
- 180016** Referral/List/FAQs/Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP)

Referral by Councilperson Fields to FIN: She would like a list of FAQs (frequently asked questions) for the WRAP (Water Residential Assistance Program). [Referral Action Date: 1/3/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180019 Referral/City of Flint/How Much Unfilled Positions Are Worth

A referral by Councilperson Galloway for FINANCE/HUMAN RESOURCES: She would like to know how much the 87 unfilled positions in the City of Flint are worth. [Referral Action Date: 1/17/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180020 Referral/Water Fund Revenues

A referral by Councilperson Griggs for FIN: He would like to know why revenue in the Water Fund increased in 2012. [Referral Action Date: 1/17/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180021 Referral/Accounts/Long Outstanding Balance Sheet Account

A referral from Councilperson Galloway to FIN: She would like to know what the accounts are in the "Long Outstanding Balance Sheet Account" on Page 14 of the Audit Report Summary. [Referral Action Date: 1/17/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180022 Referral/Information Requested of Community & Economic Development

A referral from Councilperson Galloway to FIN: She would like to know when the information (that has not been received) was requested of the Community and Economic Development Division and why it hasn't been received yet (so that the Single Audit can be completed). [Referral Action Date: 1/17/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180023 Referral/Breakdown/\$100,000.00 For Seven (7) Homes

A referral from Councilperson Guerra to FIN/LAW/PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: He would like a breakdown of the \$100,000.00 that the city says is needed to secure the seven (7) homes that the city recently assumed ownership of and prepare them for transfer. [Referral Action Date: 1/17/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180025 Referral/Copy/'Transfer of Property'

A referral from Councilperson Mays to LAW: He would like a copy of the Legal Department's interpretation of "Transfer of Property." [Referral Action Date: 1/17/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180026 Referral/Explanation/Need for Security, Maintenance, Insurance, Etc./Seven (7) Recently Acquired Homes

A referral from Councilperson Mays to LAW: He would like a written basis for

why the city needs security, maintenance, insurance, realtor fees, etc. on the seven homes that it recently assumed ownership of? [Referral Action Date: 1/17/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180051 Referral/Discussion Item/Citizens' Participation Plan/HUD Guidelines

Referral by Councilperson Fields to PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: She would like a discussion item on the Citizens' Participation Plan. She would also like past Citizens' Participation Plans and HUD guidelines for such plans provided to the City Council. [Referral Action Date: 2/7/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180055 Referral/Reprogramming/Unspent CDBG Grant Funds/HUD Regulations/Email Exchange

Referral by Councilperson Galloway to PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT, re: She requests copies of the HUD rules/policies that govern the distribution and reprogramming of unspent CDBG grant funds. She also requests a copy of the email exchange between Interim Planning and Development Director Suzanne Wilcox and HUD representatives with regard to \$442,200.00 reprogrammed funds (See Resolution No. 180011, as adopted by the City Council on January 22, 2018). [Referral Action Date: 2/12/2018 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]

180057 Referral/Life Insurance/Short-Term Disability Insurance/Flint City Council

Referral by Councilperson Fields to CITY ATTORNEY/FINANCE, re: She would like for the Legal and Finance departments to investigate what it would take to reinstitute the ability of the City Council to pay into a retirement benefits fund (life insurance; short-term disability insurance). [Referral Action Date: 2/12/2018 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]

180058 Discussion Item/Guidelines for Granting Hardship Exemptions from Property Taxes/Attendance Request/Assessor Staci Bassi

Discussion Item as requested by Councilperson Galloway, with referral to ASSESSMENTS, re: She asks that City Assessor Staci Bassi attend the 2/21/2018 Governmental Operations Committee meeting in order to continue discussion about the guidelines for granting hardship exemptions from property taxes, including questions regarding (non) eligibility for renters (See Resolution No. 180037, as adopted by the City Council on February 12, 2018). [Referral Action Date: 2/12/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]

180074 Referral/Copies/Current & Revised/WIIN Project Plans

Referral by Councilperson Fields TO FINANCE/DPW, re: She would like copies of the plans, both old and new, for the WIIN grant, and a rationale for the amounts assigned to each. (For example, money allocated to the Water Plant was reduced after the city signed the long-term water deal with the Great Lakes Water Authority). [Referral Action Date: 2/21/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180075 Discussion Item/Water System Projects

A discussion item as proposed by Councilperson Fields, re: She would like to discuss water system projects at the next Finance Committee Meeting. [Referral Action Date: 2/21/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180076 Referral/Last Appearance Date/Ret. Brig. Gen. Michael McDaniel

A referral by Councilperson Galloway to DPW, re: She would like to know when Ret. Brig. Gen. Michael McDaniel last appeared before Council. [Referral Action Date: 2/21/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180080 Referral/Kellogg Grant/Entire Proposal

A referral from Councilperson Fields to ADMIN/LAW, re: She would like a copy of the entire Kellogg Grant proposal. [Referral Action Date: 2/21/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180083 Referral/Executive Session/Water Crisis Lawsuits

A referral from Councilperson Mays to LAW, re: He requests an executive session on any outstanding litigation from the water crisis where the city and/or state are named as defendants. [Referral Action Date: 2/21/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180084 Referral/Police Department/Number of Lawsuits/Cost of Lawsuits

A referral from Councilperson Fields to LAW, re: She would like to know how many lawsuits there have been in the last two years involving the Flint Police Department, including the status for each and the total estimated cost. [Referral Action Date: 2/21/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180085 Referral/Employment Contract/Whitney Frasier-Jenkins

A referral from Councilperson Fields to LAW/HUMAN RESOURCES, re: She would like the employment contract for Whitney Frasier-Jenkins and a copy of her work log. [Referral Action Date: 2/21/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180142 Referral/Executive Session/Lawsuit Over Water Rates

A referral from Councilperson Fields to LAW, re: She requests an executive session on the lawsuit filed by former Councilperson Scott Kincaid regarding water rates. [Referral Action Date: 3/12/2018 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]

180160 Discussion Item/Itemized Water Fund Revenues & Expenditures

A discussion item as requested by Councilperson Mays regarding the city's Water Fund. He would like itemized revenues and expenditures. [Referral Action Date: 3/22/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180161 Referral/Justification/\$60 Service Fee

A referral as requested by Councilperson Fields to FIN: she would like justification for the \$60 ready-for-use charge on customers' water/sewer bills. [Referral Action Date: 3/22/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180180 Referral/Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Money/Salvation Army

A referral as requested by Councilperson Mays to Planning & Development: He would like to know if Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money can be given to the Salvation Army. [Referral Action Date: 4/4/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180181 Referral/Justification/\$75.00 Turn-On, Turn-Off Fee

A referral as requested by Councilperson Fields to FIN/DPW: She would like justification for charging customers \$75.00 to turn water on and \$75.00 to turn water off. [Referral Action Date: 4/4/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180182 Referral/Justification/Number of Personnel/Water Turn-Ons, Turn-Offs

A referral as requested by Councilperson Fields to FIN/DPW: She would like to know how many people are needed to turn water on/off. [Referral Action Date: 4/4/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180203 Referral/Notice of Advancement/Interim City Treasurer

A referral as requested by Councilperson Fields to MAYOR/ADM: She would like to know why City Council was not notified that Amanda Trujillo is now Interim City Treasurer. [Referral Action Date: 4/18/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180204 Referral/Trial Water Shut-Off/Shut-On Policy

A referral as requested by Councilperson Fields to FIN: She would like to know how the new Trial Collection Policy for shutting water off and turning it back on it working. [Referral Action Date: 4/18/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180205 Referral/Itemized Billing Statements/Attorneys

A referral as requested by Councilperson Fields to FIN/LAW: She would like itemized billing statements for Attorney Kendall Williams and the Butzell Long Law Firm. [Referral Action Date: 4/18/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180206 Referral/Cost/Parliamentarian

A referral as requested by Councilperson Fields to CITY CLERK: She would like to know the cost for the City Council to hire a Parliamentarian. [Referral Action Date: 4/18/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180207

Referral/Executive Session/Water Lawsuit

A referral as requested by Councilperson Fields to LAW: She would like an executive session to update the City Council on the water lawsuit filed by former City Councilperson Scott Kincaid. [Referral Action Date: 4/18/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT