

City of Flint, Michigan

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

5:00 PM

Committee Room

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Monica Galloway, Chairperson, Ward 7

*Eric Mays, Ward 1
Kerry L. Nelson, Ward 3
Wantwaz D. Davis, Ward 5
Vicki VanBuren, Ward 8*

*Jacqueline Poplar, Ward 2
Kate Fields, Ward 4
Herbert J. Winfrey, Ward 6
Scott Kincaid, Ward 9*

Inez M. Brown, City Clerk

ROLL CALL

APPOINTMENT

170544 Mayoral Appointment/Department of Public Works (DPW) Director/Robert Bincsik

Resolution resolving that the Flint City Council approves the recommendation by Mayor Karen Weaver to appoint Robert Bincsik as the Director of the Department of Public Works (DPW), at an hourly compensation rate of \$61.704, payable in regular biweekly installments and in the same manner that other employees of the City are paid - with such earnings paid from multiple accounts, which includes grant funds from the Mott Foundation. [NOTE: Mr. Bincsik shall be entitled to two weeks' notice prior to the termination of his appointment and, upon termination of said appointment due to the filling of the position with a different DPW Director, Mr. Bincsik shall revert back to his former classification of Water Service Center Supervisor or equivalent, as described in the requisition dated September 23, 2013. In the event that Mott Foundation opts not to fund the position, and if Mr. Bincsik is not replaced by another DPW Director, the compensation rate would be reduced to \$95,000.00.]

OLD, OUTSTANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS

160112 Discussion/Genesee County Land Bank/Immunity Agreement

Councilperson Eric Mays would like to discuss the Genesee County Land Bank's Immunity Agreement.

160410 Status/Speech Dictation Software

Referral made by Councilperson Eric Mays to CITY ADMINISTRATOR/POLICE CHIEF: He would like to know the status of speech dictation software. Please provide in writing for all councilpersons.

160443 Discussion/Senior Centers

Councilperson Eric Mays would like to discuss the senior centers, particularly Hasselbring.

170024 Referral/Contract and Information/Natalie Pruett/Rebuild Flint the Right Way

Referral by Councilperson Fields to ADMIN, re: She requests a copy of the contract between the City and Natalie Pruett, as well a copy of the work produced for funding to this point for the Rebuild Flint the Right Way Project. [Referral Action Date: 1/09/2017 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting]

- 170122** Referral/Legal Opinion/Personnel Policy on Nepotism and Cronyism
- Referral by Councilperson Fields to LEGAL, re: During the February 27th Special Affairs Committee meeting, representatives from the Human Resources Department stated that, sometime during the last year, they submitted to Legal a personnel policy regarding nepotism and/or cronyism for its review. Ms. Fields asks that the Legal Department provide an opinion on the nepotism document that was sent from HR (sometime during the term of CLO Erwin Oakes). [Referral Action Date: 2/27/2017 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting]
- 170123** Referral/Personnel Policy on Nepotism and Cronyism
- Referral by Councilperson Fields to HUMAN RESOURCES/ADMIN, re: During the February 27th Special Affairs Committee meeting, representatives from the Human Resources Department stated that, sometime during the last year, they submitted to Legal a personnel policy regarding nepotism and/or cronyism for its review. Ms. Fields asks that HR provide a copy of this draft document to the City Council for its perusal. [Referral Action Date: 2/27/2017 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting]
- 170194** Repair/Copper Service Line/618 W. Alma
- Referral by Councilperson Mays to ADM: He would like to know when the city plans to repair a ruptured copper service line at 618 W. Alma. [Referral Action Date: 4/19/2017 @ Finance Committee Meeting]
- 170251** Process/Fire Insurance Escrow
- Referral by Councilperson Poplar to FIRE DEPARTMENT/FINANCE: How much does the city have in fire insurance escrow, which houses have fire insurance in escrow and how does that process work. [Referral Action Date: 5/3/2017 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]
- 170253** Referral/Organization Chart
- Referral by Councilperson Fields to MAYOR/ADM, She would like a detailed organization chart for the city that lists titles and the name of the person who currently holds each position. [Referral Action Date: 5/3/2017 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]
- 170255** Referral/Road Construction Plan/PACER Report
- Referral by Councilperson Fields: She would like to know if there is a road reconstruction plan. If there is she would like a copy. She would also like the latest PACER report, broken down by ward. [Referral Action Date: 5/3/2017 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]
- 170402** Discussion Item/Michigan Civil Rights Commission (MCRC)/Resolution for

Racial Equity

A discussion item as requested by Councilperson Mays, re: He would like to discuss the recommendations/resolution mentioned during a July 10th MCRC presentation on racial equity. [Referral Action Date: 7/10/2017 @ City Council Meeting.]

170430 Discussion Item/Pavement Right-of-Way Restoration Services

A discussion item as requested by Councilperson Mays, re: He would like to discuss, along with DPW staff (B. Wideman), the restoration of major streets with asphalt and concrete (right-of-ways). [Referral Action Date: 7/24/2017 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]

170442 Referral/Escrow Accounts by Address

Referral by various Councilpeople to STEVE BRANCH: They would like a list (by ward) of addresses that have money in escrow in case of fire. [Referral Action Date: 8/9/2017 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]

170443 Discussion Item/Fund for High Water Bill Assistance

Discussion Item proposed by Councilperson Mays: He would like to discuss setting aside \$200,000.00 to \$300,000.00 to help constituents with high water bills. [Referral Action Date: 8/9/2017 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]

170444 Referral/Funding for Blight Plan

Referral by Councilperson Galloway to PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: She asks how the city will finance the blight plan being developed by Planning & Development personnel. [Referral Action Date: 8/9/2017 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]

170447 Referral/Attorney General Opinion/Water Bills/Landlord's Responsibility

Referral by Councilperson Galloway to CITY ATTORNEY: She asks for a copy of the Attorney General's opinion outlining a landlord's responsibility with respect to water bills that City Attorney Angela Wheeler mentioned during a recent meeting. [Referral Action Date: 8/9/2017 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]

170462 Discussion Item/City Tree Work

A discussion item as requested by Councilpersons Fields and Galloway, re: They would like to discuss the solicitation for the City's tree work, a draft resolution for the contract for tree work, and a possible resolution for emergency tree work while waiting on the process for a City tree contract.

- 170471** Discussion Item/Update/Police Department Fleet
- A discussion item as requested by Councilpersons Mays, re: He asks for an update on the total number of vehicles available for use by the Police Department (including the six 2017 pursuit vehicles requested for up-fitting). [Referral Action Date: 8/28/2017 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]
- 170472** Referral/Report on New Water Meters
- Referral by Councilperson Fields to PURCHASING/WATER PLANT, re: She would like an update on the new water meters/transponders that have been installed within the city. Is there software available to utilize these new meters to their fullest capacity (e.g. more accurate usage/billing)? If so, how much will this software cost? [Referral Action Date: 8/28/2017 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]
- 170475** Referral/Management of City Trees
- Referral by Councilperson Galloway to LEGAL, re: She would like to know, with regard to the management and/or removal of trees from City property, if residents can assume any responsibility legally - or if they have to wait until the City can address maintenance and hazards. [Referral Action Date: 8/28/2017 @ City Council Meeting.]
- 170498** Referral/State Law/Pawning of Municipal Equipment
- A referral for LAW as requested by Councilpersons Mays, re: He would like a copy of state law that talks about pawn shops not accepting governmental property. [Referral Action Date: 9/6/2017 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]
- 170499** Referral/Police Investigation/Alleged Circulator Violations
- A referral for LAW/POLICE as requested by Councilpersons Mays, re: He would like to know the status of the police investigation into alleged violations by petition circulators. [Referral Action Date: 9/6/2017 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]
- 170500** Referral/Police Investigation/Club on Saginaw Street
- A referral for LAW/POLICE as requested by Councilpersons Nelson, re: He would like to know the status of the investigation into the club on Saginaw Street that's had many recent violations. [Referral Action Date: 9/6/2017 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]
- 170530** Discussion Item/Transition Houses
- Discussion item proposed by Councilperson Mays, re: He would like to discuss prison transition houses and what can be done about them.

ADJOURNMENT