

City of Flint, Michigan

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

5:00 PM

Committee Room

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Santino J. Guerra, Chairperson, Ward 3

*Eric Mays, Ward 1
Kate Fields, Ward 4
Herbert J. Winfrey, Ward 6
Allan Griggs, Ward 8*

*Maurice D. Davis, Ward 2
Jerri Winfrey-Carter, Ward 5
Monica Galloway, Ward 7
Eva L. Worthing, Ward 9*

Inez M. Brown, City Clerk

ROLL CALL

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Council members shall vote on any changes/additions to the agenda.

SPECIAL ORDERS

- 180553** Special Order/Human Relations Commission/Revenue Estimating Commission
- Special Order as requested by Councilperson Fields to discuss the Human Relations Commission and the Revenue Estimating Commission.
- 180554** Special Order/Blight Elimination/Personnel/Equipment
- Special Order as requested by Councilperson Mays on blight elimination, including personnel and equipment.
- 180555** Special Order/Blight Court
- Special Order as requested by Councilperson Winfrey to discuss blight court.
- 180571** Special Order/Attendance Request/Republic Services
- A Special Order as requested by Councilperson Winfrey-Carter, re: She asks that representatives from Republic Services attend the 11/20 Governmental Operations Meeting in order to discuss the company's contract and services provided to residents. [Referral Action Date: 10/22/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]
- 180606** Special Order/Strategic Plan
- A Special Order as requested by Councilperson Fields to discuss the city's Strategic Plan.
- 190018** Special Order/Road Restoration
- A Special Order as requested by Councilperson Fields to discuss road restoration.
- 190153** Special Order/Concerns by Legal/City Auditor
- A Special Order as requested by 1st Ward Councilperson Eric Mays in order to discuss concerns between 4th Ward Councilperson Fields and the City's auditors, Yeo and Yeo, as raised by City Attorney Wheeler during the April 8, 2019 SA/FCC meetings. [Referral Action Date: 4/11/2019 @ Special City Council Meeting]

RESOLUTIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS

None

OLD, OUTSTANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 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.
- 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.]
- 170123** Referral/Personnel Policy on Nepotism and Cronyism
- Referral by Councilperson Fields to LEGAL/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.]
- 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, a list of projects already submitted to the State and a list of all road construction plans. [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.]

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.]

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.]

170599 Council Review/Rules Governing Meetings of the Council

Per the "Rules Governing Meetings of the Council", the Flint City Council shall review the "Rules Governing Meetings of the Council." [NOTE: The "Rules Governing Meetings of the Council" were originally adopted by the City Council on May 10, 1976, with a 1st Amendment adopted May 24, 2010, a 2nd Amendment adopted on April 27, 2015, and a 3rd Amendment adopted on June 12, 2017.]

180005 Referral/Police Investigation/Clubs With Recent Violations

A referral by Councilperson Galloway for LAW/POLICE: She would like to know the status of the investigations into clubs with recent violations, including one on Saginaw Street and Piece of the Rock on Dort Highway. [Referral Action Date: 1/3/2018 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]

180056 Referral/Legal Opinion/Harassment and Discrimination in the Workplace

Referral by Councilperson Fields to CITY ATTORNEY, re: She asks for a legal opinion as to whether or not Councilperson Mays' conduct during some council/committee meetings rises to the level of harassment, threats and/or intimidation, particularly in light of the City's Harassment and Discrimination Policy as adopted by EM Ambrose in April of 2015. [Referral Action Date: 2/12/2018 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]

180059 Discussion Item/"Pilot Program"/Tax Reverted Property

Discussion Item as requested by Councilperson Mays, re: He would like to

discuss the necessary rules, policies, procedures, etc. for establishing a "pilot program" for the disposal of seven (7) homes recently reverted to the City's ownership by way tax reverted property. [Referral Action Date: 2/13/2018 @ Special City Council Meeting.]

180073 Discussion Item/Road Restoration/Previous/Ongoing

Discussion item proposed by Councilperson Fields, re: She would like a discussion item about road restoration, previous and ongoing, for Governmental Operations. [Referral Action Date: 2/21/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180087 Discussion Item/Ethics Board/Ombudsperson

A discussion item from Councilperson Fields to ADMIN/LAW, re: She would like to discuss setting up basic criteria for the Ethics Board and job qualifications for the Ombudsperson. [Referral Action Date: 2/21/2018 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]

180183 Referral/Certification/Files Shredded in Human Resources/Labor Relations

A referral as requested by Councilperson Fields to Human Resources Director: She would like a copy of the certification for the files recently shredded in Human Resources/Labor Relations (as discussed at the April 4, 2018 Governmental Operations Meeting). [Referral Action Date: 4/4/2018 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]

180236 Revenue/Downtown Parking Meters

Referral from Councilperson Guerra to LEGAL: re, he would like to know if the city can take back the revenue from parking meters from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). [Referral Action Date: 5/9/2018 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]

180293 Discussion Item/Chief Public Health Advisor

Discussion Item as requested by Councilperson Worthing, re: What is the exact role of the City's Chief Public Health Advisor?

180348 Referral/Question/Use of Electronic Cigarettes in Restaurants

Referral by Councilperson Guerra to CITY ATTORNEY, re: He would like to know if the use of electronic cigarettes (vaping) is a health concern inside restaurants. [Referral Action Date: 6/20/2018 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

180368 Update/Schedule for Mowing Right-of-Ways

Referral by Councilperson Winfrey-Carter to TRANSPORTATION: She would like to know when the right-of-ways will be cut, particularly in the area of Dayton and Mason. [Referral Action Date: 7/18/2018 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]

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180411 Referral/Legal Opinion/Executive Staff and Departments/Directors and Appointees

Referral by Councilpersons Fields and Galloway to LEGAL, re: They ask for a legal opinion on, as well as general information, regarding executive staff and departments, etc., as follows: (1) What are Mayor Weaver's current five (5) Executive Staff positions, per City Charter Section 4-202, and who currently holds these positions?; (2) What are the City's current Executive Departments, per Charter Sec. 4-203?; (3) Who currently holds a position as (or is acting as) "Department Director", per Charter Sec. 4-203(F) (position title and individual)?; (4) To which positions has Mayor Weaver "appointed" someone and who has been named or appointed to those positions?; (5) What is the breakdown for all mayoral appointments, i.e., who/which positions are appointments, hirees, professional service agreement placements, etc. All information to include executive and departmental (City) staff, not board members. [Referral Action Date: 8/13/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]

180439 Discussion Item/Absentee Ballot Voting/City of Flint

Referral by Councilperson Mays to CLERK, re: He would like a discussion item about absentee ballot voting in the City of Flint on the Governmental Operations Agenda. [Referral Action Date: 8/22/2018 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]

180444 Referral/Street Sweepers

Referral by Councilperson Winfrey-Carter to ADMIN/STREET MAINTENANCE, re: She asks if street sweepers can again be utilized to address debris along the city's streets, as well as to help keep the areas around sewer drains clean. [Referral Action Date: 8/27/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]

180447 Discussion Item/City Council Referral Process

Discussion Item as requested by Councilperson Galloway, re: She would like to begin discussions regarding amendments to the City Council Rules, specifically concerning the Council's referral process and the need to have it outlined and incorporated into said rules. [Referral Action Date: 8/27/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]

180449 Referral/Issuance of Medical Marihuana Cards

Referral by Councilperson Galloway to LEGAL/CLERK, re: She asks whether or not businesses who deal with medical marihuana products can also issue medical marihuana cards (@ 2020 S. Center Road). Under current laws, exactly who is allowed to issue these cards? [Referral Action Date: 8/27/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]

180475 Referral/Use of Random Predictive Software/Location of Lead Pipes

A referral as requested by Councilperson Guerra to FIN/DPW: He would like to know if the city used Random Predictive Software to predict the location of lead pipes. If so, why did the city stop using it and what was the success rate. If not, why not. [Referral Action Date: 9/5/2018 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]

180487 Discussion Item/Genesee County Warning Sirens

A discussion item as requested by Councilperson Guerra, re: He would like to discuss the county's warning (tornado) sirens that are tested on the first Saturday of each month (from March through November) because he has been getting complaints from residents who can't hear the warning. [Referral Action Date: 9/10/2018 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]

180488 Discussion Item/Landlord Task Force

A discussion item as requested by Councilperson Guerra, re: He would like to discuss the possibility of having a task force whose responsibility would be checking on landlords and their properties with regard to code enforcement and other rules/laws. [Referral Action Date: 9/10/2018 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]

180491 Referral/City Council Parliamentarian Session

Referral by Councilperson Worthing to CLERK, re: She would like to know if it is possible to schedule another parliamentarian session for City Council members, specifically with regard to Points of Order and Points of Information. [Referral Action Date: 9/10/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]

180493 Referral/Legal Opinion/City Charter Appointment Sections

Referral by Councilperson Fields to LEGAL, re: She would like to know if there are any legal ramifications or concerns for "violating" the City Charter with regard to mayoral appointments, requirements and timelines, etc. [Referral Action Date: 9/10/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]

180494 Referral/License to Operate

Referral by Councilperson Worthing to CLERK/LICENSING/BSI, re: She would like to know if 2020 S. Center Road and 1938 S. Dort Highway (Piece of the Rock) are open operating under business licenses formally approved by the City of Flint and, if so, under what status are they operating. [Referral Action Date: 9/24/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]

180536 Referral/GLWA Board Appointment

Referral by Councilperson Fields to ADMIN, re: She would like to know the current status of the City's expected appointment to the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) Board. [Referral Action Date: 10/8/2018 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]

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180537 Referral/Possible Business Violations

Referral by Councilperson Galloway to POLICE/PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT, re: She asks that the business at 1709 S. Saginaw Street (Platinum Hookah) be checked with regard to underage drinking, and drinking and marijuana usage taking place outside of the building. Complainant (owner of business at 1714 S. Saginaw) states that he has trouble keeping Platinum's customers from using his parking lot, that he has been threatened numerous times, and that the majority of the issues he is experiencing stem from the underage drinking. [Referral Action Date: 10/8/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]

180602 Referral/City Charter Amendments

Referral as requested by Councilperson Fields to LEGAL, re: She asks whether or not the Attorney's Office is working on Charter amendments and, if so, at whose direction? Why wasn't City Council made aware that Charter amendments were being made? What exactly are the amendments and what is their purpose? [Referral Action Date: 11/19/2018 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]

180603 Referral/Optimized Corrosion Control

Referral as requested by Councilperson Griggs to ADMIN/DPW, re: He would like a copy of the EPA Administrative Consent Order that requires the City to have optimized corrosion control (see Reso No. 180582 - Arcadis of Michigan LLC). [Referral Action Date: 11/19/2018 @ City Council Meeting.]

180608 Attendance Request/Land Bank Officials

A referral as requested by Councilperson Mays: re, he would like for Deb Cherry and relevant Land Bank officials to attend the next Governmental Operations Committee to discuss Resolution 180589 (An Objection to the Transfer of Tax-Reverted Property). [Referral Action Date: 11/20/18 @ Governmental Operations Committee Meeting.]

190047 Referral/City Engineer's Involvement in Projects

A discussion item as requested by Councilperson Griggs to discuss whether the city engineer is involved in projects that other firms are contracted to do to insure that federal and state guidelines are followed. [Referral Action Date: 2/6/2019 @ Finance Committee Meeting.]

190056 Discussion Item/Blight and Equipment

Discussion Item as requested by Councilperson Mays, re: He would like to discuss blight concerns throughout the city and the making sure that workers have the necessary equipment to get the job done efficiently and effectively (e.g. backhoe

(tractors, etc.). [Referral Action Date: 2/11/2019 @ City Council Meeting.]

- 190078** Referral/Charter Amendment (Ballot Proposal)
- Referral by Councilperson Guerra to LEGAL, re: He requests that the Legal Department draft a Charter amendment in order to make the Flint City Council's election cycle 2020 instead of 2021. [Referral Action Date: 2/25/2019 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]
- 190080** Referral/Meeting Minutes/Local Officers Compensation Commission [LOCC]
- Referral by Councilperson Fields to CITY CLERK, re: She would like a copy of the minutes for the February 2019 LOCC meeting. [Referral Action Date: 2/25/2019 @ City Council Meeting.]
- 190152** Referral/Closed [Executive] Sessions/Ethics and Accountability Board (EAB)
- Referral by Councilperson Fields to LEGAL, re: She asks that training be provided to the Ethics and Accountability Board (EAB) regarding closed/executive sessions. [Referral Action Date: 4/08/2019 @ Special Affairs Committee Meeting.]
- 190155** Discussion Item/Dump Permits
- A discussion item as requested by Councilperson Davis, re: Dump permits. [Referral Action Date: 4/11/2019 @ Special City Council Meeting.]
- 190156** Discussion Item/Blight and Clean-Ups
- A discussion item as requested by Councilperson Davis, re: Blight and City of Flint and Land Bank clean-ups. [Referral Action Date: 4/11/2019 @ Special City Council Meeting.]

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT