

City of Flint, Michigan

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Meeting Minutes 2

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

5:07 PM

Committee Room

FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Scott, Kincaid, Chairperson, Ward 9
Jim Ananich, Vice Chairperson, Ward 7*

*Delrico J. Loyd, Ward 1, Jacqueline Poplar, Ward 2
Kerry Nelson, Ward 3 Sandra Hill, Ward 4
Carolyn A. Sims, Ward 5 Sheldon Neeley, Ward 6
Ehren Gonzales, Ward 8*

Inez M. Brown, City Clerk

ROLL CALL**ALSO PRESENT****SPECIAL ORDER**

080113 City Council Support/"Divided We Fail" Platform/AARP

Resolution offering Flint City Council support of AARP's "Divided We Fail" platform for access to health care and long-term financial security and urging our state and federal elected officials and candidates to do the same.

Presented

RESOLUTIONS

080116 Support/"Divided We Fail" Platform/Access to Health Care and Long-Term Financial Security

Resolution by the Flint City Council supporting AARP, the Business Roundtable, the Service Employees International Union and the National Federation of Independent Business platform "Divided We Fail", an effort that engages millions of Americans to call their elected leaders to work together across party lines to provide answers, action and accountability on the issues of access to health care and long-term financial security.

Discussed

SENT TO COUNCIL to the CITY COUNCIL

080002 Professional Services Agreement/William Ayre/Transportation & Demolition Related Activities

Resolution authorizing the proper City Officials, upon City Council approval, to enter into a Professional Service Agreement with William Ayre, 1163 LaDells Lane, Ewart, Michigan, 49631, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 per year for transportation and demolition related activities, with funds from the Major Street Fund, Local Street Fund with authorization to encumber funds for the 2008-2009 and subsequent fiscal years from the same accounts.

SENT TO COUNCIL to the CITY COUNCIL

080110 Sale of City-Owned Property/Genesee County Land Bank

Resolution authorizing the appropriate City Officials to do all things necessary to enter into and complete the sale of the property commonly known as Assessors Plant No. 3, Sly 5 ft. of Nly 15 ft of Wly 1/2 of Lot 22, parcel no. 40-12-459-024, which is owned by the City of Flint, for the purchase price of One Dollar (\$1.00) in an AS IS condition by means of conveyance of a Quit

Claim Deed with revenue realized from the sale of this property to be placed in the General Fund Revenue Real Estate Division Account #101-371.210-673.100. The Genesee County Land Bank shall pay the recording fee to register the documents at the Genesee County Register of Deeds.

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080111 Settlement/Litigation/Trip & Fall/Frederick Criss vs. City of Flint

Resolution authorizing the appropriate City Officials to make payment in the amount of \$15,000.00 to Frederick Criss and his attorney, Allen S. Miller, in satisfaction of any and all claims arising out of said accident (Trip & Fall (March 28, 2005; Moore Street; Genesee County Circuit Court Case No. 07-85529) with funding made available from the 677-266.200-956.300 Suits and Settlement Fund.

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080112 Annual Fees/State of Michigan/LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network)

Resolution authorizing the Department of Purchases & Supplies, upon City Council approval, to issue a purchase order to the State of Michigan/Michigan State Police - BFS for annual fees for LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) in the amount of \$20,994.00 (General Fund - 101-305.200-730.000).

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

061920 Monies Generated/City Impound Lot

Referral by Councilman Neeley/Councilman Kincaid to BUDGET/MAYOR/ADM/FINANCE DEPT. He would wanted to know about the monies generated by the City Impound Lot. Where will they be allocated? Councilman Kincaid also wanted to know if an Enterprise Fund has been set up in the budget for the City impound lot (revenue and expenses). What type of fund has been established to handle the revenues, expenses, employees wages and benefits associated with this impound lot?

DROPPED

062144 Request/Weedcutting Contracts

Referral by Councilman Neeley to MAYOR/ADM. He asks the administration to provide all members of the City Council with a copy of the weedcutting contracts that are in place to address the issue of tall grass and weeds throughout the City. If there are no contracts in place, resolutions should be provided to the City Council for approval. Provide written response.

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062303 Williams School/Pool/City/School Collaboration

Referral by Mr. Dave Carswell regarding Williams School and the City of Flint/Flint Schools collaboration in regarding to gang graffitti, opening of the pool and other issues related to Flint parks. Mr. Carswell addressed the City Council during the Community Budget Hearing (5/9/06).

DROPPED

062426 Upgrade/City of Flint Water Supply/Project Cost

Referral from Councilperson Sims to FINANCE/UTILITIES/MAYOR/ADM. She asks how much money has been spent, since November 2005, on upgrading the City's water system. Please provide written response to all Councilpersons.

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062429 Upgrades and Improvements/City Parks

Referral from Councilperson Poplar to PARKS and RECREATION/BUDGET/MAYOR/ADM. She asks Parks & Rec Director Bob Cook about the status of the promised funds for upgrading the parks in each ward. Councilpersons were asked to submit a list of improvements/upgrades that they believed were most needed within each park. Councilperson Poplar would like to know when Council can expect the funds and/or the work to begin. Please provide a written response to all Councilpersons.

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062650 Ai-Flint, L.L.C./4444 Maple Avenue/Parcel Sale

Referral by Councilperson Sims to CITY ATTY/FINANCE/BUDGET/MAYOR/ ADM. She asks the Finance and Budget Departments to provide information regarding the sale of approx. 50 acres where AI-Flint has constructed a new facility (4444 Maple Avenue). AI-Flint and General Motors paid approx. \$1,000,000.00 for the 50 acres and Councilperson Sims asks which accounts were these funds put into.

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062769 DME (Disadvantaged Minority Enterprise)/City of Flint Policy

Referral by Councilwoman Sims and Councilwoman Poplar to PURCHASING/MAYOR/ADM. They ask the Purchasing Department to provide the City Council with information regarding the DME (Disadvantaged Minority Enterprise) and the City's policy regarding vendor minority representation. This information is to be distributed to all members of Council.

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063133 Attorney Douglas M. Philpott/Sugar Maple Farms Subdivision

Referral by Councilperson Kincaid to CITY ATTORNEY. He asks that Atty. Douglas M. Philpott address the City Council in an Executive Session at the Finance Committee meeting Tuesday, November 21, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. (due to the Thanksgiving Holiday) or at the Special Affairs meeting Monday, November 27, 2006, at 4:30 p.m., in order to update the Council on the status of the Sugar Maple Farms Subdivision case, Rilo Real Estate Holdings, LLC v. City of Flint.

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063176 Flint Water Treatment Facility/Upgrade/Concerns

Correspondence received October, 2006, regarding concerns about the proposal by the City Administration to upgrade the Flint Water Treatment Facility - spending millions of dollars on an upgrade that might never be used and which could have a significant negative impact on the environmental and on the cost of water for Flint residents.

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063236 Appearance of Conflict of Interest/Nancy Jurkiewicz-Rich

Referral by Councilperson Sims to FINANCE/BUDGET/DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/MAYOR/ADM. She asks that the Finance and/or Budget Department(s) provide the following information: What is the total amount that has been paid to date to Nancy Jurkiewicz-Rich since she has served as the Executive Director of the Flint Area Enterprise Community, Incorporated (FAEC)? What is the total amount that has been paid to date to Ms. Jurkiewicz-Rich since she has served as the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)? How much is Ms. Jurkiewicz-Rich being compensated currently for her services by FAEC and DCED separately? How much of this compensation is from Community Development Block Grant funds? How much of this compensation is provided through City General Fund sources? What was the total amount of Block Grant funding allocated to FAEC in the three (3) years prior to Ms. Jurkiewicz-Rich's service as Director of DCED? What is the total amount of Block Grant funding that has been allocated to FAEC since Ms. Jurkiewicz-Rich has served as the Director of DCED? Please provide a detailed written response.

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070115 Responses to City Council Referrals/Administration

Members of the City Council, City Clerk and staff discussed the issue of administration's response to referrals made by members of the Flint City Council.

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070449 Lease Agreement/Mercedes Kitchen

Referral by Councilperson Sims to TREASURY/FINANCE/MAYOR/ADM. She asks if payments are up-to-date on the lease agreement between the City and Mercedes Kitchen, located in the basement of City Hall. Please provide a written response to all Councilpersons.

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071186 Request for Executive Session/Lawsuit

Referral by Councilman Kincaid to CITY ATTORNEY. He asks the City Attorney's Office to update the Flint City Council, during an Executive Session, on whether or not the City has applied to the Supreme Court in regard to the lawsuit related to Mr. Patton and Complete Towing. He would also like to know: (1) The name of the attorney representing the City to go before the Supreme Court; (2) Hourly rate of pay for this attorney; (3) The amount of interest (weekly or monthly) that has accrued since the Appeals Court ruled against the City in that lawsuit. This information can be provided during an Executive Session or during an open meeting of the Flint City Council.

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071188 Acushnet Co./Purchase of Items for Resale

Referral by Councilman Kincaid to PURCHASING. He requests a copy of the letter from the Parks & Recreation Department requesting the purchase of these items under an emergency purchase. (See Also Resolution 070952 that was dropped by the City Council on 8/22/07.)

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071189 Callaway Golf/Purchase of Items for Resale

Referral by Councilman Kincaid to PURCHASING. He requests a copy of the letter from the Parks & Recreation Department requesting the purchase of these items under an emergency purchase. (See Also Resolution 070953 that was dropped by the City Council on 8/22/07.)

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071260 Tree Removal Services/Parks & Recreation

Referral by members of the Flint City Council to PARKS & REC/MAYOR/ADM. Members of the Flint City Council ask the Parks & Recreation Department/Mayor/Adm to provide a written response to the following questions/concerns:

- (1) Is the Parks & Recreation Department removing trees in each ward of the City?
- (2) How does the Parks & Recreation Department determine the priority of

trees that need to be cut/removed? (Referred to trees on Mackin Road between Duopont and Chevrolet.)

(3) As per the first paragraph of Resolution 071239: "\$225,895.00 was recommended and approved for the Parks & Forestry Professional Service Account for the 2007 through 2008 budget year. This entire amount has already been expensed or encumbered for FY08....." How did they spend this entire amount in a two (2) month period? Please provide itemized list to City Council of trees removed or services performed, by Ward, and the dollar amount for those services performed.

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071357 State of Michigan/Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate Taxes

Referral by Councilperson Kincaid to FINANCE/MAYOR/ADM. He requests that Finance Director Peter Dobrzeniecki attend the Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 3, 2007, in order to answer Council's questions regarding the possible \$9 million dollars that the City of Flint owes the State in Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate taxes.

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071358 Income Tax Revenue/General Motors Facilities

Referral by Councilperson Kincaid to FINANCE/MAYOR/ADM. He requests that Finance Director Peter Dobrzeniecki attend the Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 3, 2007, in order to provide the Council with information regarding the income tax revenue collected by the City of Flint from General Motors facilities on a monthly basis.

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071718 Park Millage/Expenditures FY07/Fee Schedule (Centers & Showmobile)

Referral by Councilman Neeley to PARKS & REC/MAYOR/ADM. He asks Parks and Recreation to provide the following information to members of the Flint City Council and City Council Office: (1) What has the Parks Millage money been utilized for within this fiscal year (itemized)? The Park Millage money was earmarked for certain things. (2) Provide copies of the fee schedule for the rentals of City of Flint recreational centers and the showmobile.

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080026 Update/Genesee Towers

Referral by Councilman Gonzales to MAYOR/ADM. He asks the MAYOR/ADM to provide all members of the Flint City Council and City Council Office, in writing, with an update on the status of Genesee Towers. (1) What is the City's position regarding Genesee Towers? (2) Can the City of Flint seek appraisals on this building? (3) If the current owner maintains possession of

this building can the City force him to bring it up to code?

Referral by Councilman Kincaid to MAYOR/ADM. He stated according to the newspaper, the City was going to appeal the court decision. Does the City have the right to appeal the court decision? Is the City accumulating interest on the \$6 million? Is the interest being compounded daily, weekly or monthly? He asks the administration to provide a written response and address the City Council in two weeks and provide a written response to all members of Council and the City Council Office.

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080080 Allocation of Funds/Agencies/FY07/08

Referral by Councilwoman Hill to MAYOR/ADM. She asks the administration to provided all members of Council, in writing, with: (1) A list of those agencies who were allocated funds for the FY07/08 budget year and (2) Information showing which agencies have received funds (checks have been issued and mailed) for the FY07-08 budget year and the amount of the checks.

Referral by Councilman Ananich to MAYOR/ADM. He asks the administration to provide, in writing, to all members of the City Council a response to the following: (1) How much was allocated to the Flint Community Schools and GCCARD for FY06/07 and FY07/08? (2) Why were the checks not cut for these agencies? To date, they have not received funds from the City for these years. (3) When will these outside agencies receive funds as allocated in the budgets for FY06/07 and FY07/08?

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080081 Donation/Flint Rockfest 2008/August 9, 2008

Referral by Councilman Ananich and Councilwoman Hill to CITY CLERK. They asked the City Clerk to provide funds in the amount of \$500.00 from the Community Promotion line item (\$250 from Ward 4 and \$250 from Ward 7) for the 3rd Annual Flint Rockfest 2008 to be held on Saturday, August 9, 2008.

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080082 Donation/City Council/Youth Leadership Institute

Referral by City Council to CITY CLERK. They ask the City Clerk to allocate \$450.00 from the City Council Community Promotion line item for the Youth Leadership Institute to sponsor 15 children for eight (8) weeks to attend a program geared for children between the ages of 10 and 12 years of age. These funds will provide training and education of these students as it relates to bringing back leadership for the youth of our community.

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080117 Golden Age Publishing/Advertisements/Senior Citizens Centers

Referral by Councilwoman Sims to OMBUDSMAN/HUMAN RESOURCES/MAYOR/ADM. She requests the following information regarding Ms. Teena Conerly: (1) In which department does she work? (2) Has she been appointed as one of the mayor's special officers? (2) What is her salary? (3) Does her employment with the City present a conflict of interest if her husband owns a collision shop located on Leith Street that does business with the City of Flint? (4) How much work has her husband's business done for the City of Flint?

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080118 Parks & Recreation/Senior Citizens' Center Fund

Referral by Councilwoman Poplar to PARKS & REC/MAYOR/ADM. She asks the administration to provide, in writing, to all members of the Flint City Council and the City Council Office with the amount of monies left in the Parks & Recreation Senior Citizens Center Fund. (See Also Resolution 080069.)

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080119 Landfill Services/Building Materials/Demolition

Referral by Councilwoman Sims to TRANSPORTATION/MAYOR/ADM. She asks the Transportation Division/Mayor/Adm. to provide all members of Council and the City Council Office, in writing, with a list of the number of structures that have been demolished and building materials to warrant a Change Order for Citizens Disposal during FY07 and FY08. This information should be provided prior to the next Special Affairs Committee Meeting (Monday, January 28, 2008). City Administrator, Darryl Buchanan promised the Flint City Council this information would be provided at the next City Council Committee Meeting. (See Also Resolution 080066 which failed in Council.)

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080120 Funding/Disbursement of Funds/FY2007-2008/Flint Community Schools

Referral by Councilwoman Sims to MAYOR/ADM. She asked the City Administrator (MAYOR/ADM) to provide members of the City Council, in writing, with information regarding the funding provided to Flint Community Schools for FY07/08: Dollar amount and date check was issued and mailed to Flint Community Schools. (See Also Resolution 080075 - Grant Agreement.)

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080121 Inventory/Missing Equipment/Senior Citizens' Centers

Referral by Councilwoman Sims to PARKS & REC/MAYOR/ADM. She asks the administration to provide, in writing, to all members of Council the following: (1) What happened to the big screen television, in addition to other equipment, that was bought for and installed in the Haskell Center? (2) Provide list of other items missing from Senior Centers. (3) What process is in place to

monitor and ensure additional equipment (items) placed in the centers will not be stolen?

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ADJOURNMENT