

City of Flint, Michigan

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

5:00 PM

Committee Room

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

*Jacqueline Poplar, Chairperson, Ward 2
Sandra Hill, Vice Chairperson, Ward 4*

*Delrico J. Loyd, Ward 1 Kerry Nelson , Ward 3
Carolyn A. Sims, Ward 5 Sheldon Neeley, Ward 6
Jim Ananich, Ward 7 Ehren Gonzales, Ward 8
Scott Kincaid, Ward 9*

Inez M. Brown, City Clerk

ROLL CALL

LICENSES

071313 License/Kellie Brindley/National Discount & Loan/Ward 2

RENEWAL

Pawn Broker

Kellie Brindley
National Discount & Loan
2002 W. Pierson Rd.
Flint, MI 48505
Ward 2

080065 Licenses

NEW

Building Contractor

Bernie Merrow
B.V.M. Contract Services
2166 Fox Hill Dr., Unit 2
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Hisham Rishmawi
Rishmawi Construction Inc.
5425 Deland Rd.
Flushing, MI 48433

City Public Driver

James Sheets Jr.
638 Maxine St.
Flint, MI 48503
Ward 7

Taxi Cab Company

Anthony Sheets
Aztec Taxi
638 Maxine St.
Flint, MI 48503
Ward 7

RENEWAL

Bump Shop

George Grundy
Grundy's Auto Service, Inc.
4804 N. Saginaw St.
Flint, MI 48505
Ward 3

Nancy Hunter
Universal Collision
5602 N. Saginaw St.
Flint, MI 48505
Ward 3

Car Wash

Walter James
PDQ Quality Care
3207 N. Saginaw St.
Flint, MI 48505
Ward 3

Charles Halstead
Universal Car Wash
5721 N. Saginaw St.
Flint, MI 48505
Ward 1

Gasoline Station

Soliman Beshay
Sunoco
1002 W. Pasadena Ave.
Flint, MI 48505
Ward 2

Pawnbroker

Wade McDermaid
Gracelawn Pawn & Discount Sales
6123 N. Saginaw St.
Flint, MI 48505
Ward 1

RESOLUTIONS

080076 Resolution of Support/"Just Say No to the N-Word"

Resolution by the Flint City Council supporting the Southwestern High School students and the City of Baltimore (Council Bill No. 02-0793) resolutions concerning the usage of the "N-Word".

080077 "Right-to-Work" Legislation

Resolution strongly urging opposition to House Bill 4454-4455 and Senate Bill 607-608 "Right-to-Work" legislation and any legislation in the U.S. Congress or the State of Michigan legislature that would make Michigan a "Right-To-Work" state by curtailing labor union membership.

APPOINTMENTS

070994.1 Amendment/Removal and Appointment/Hurley Board of Managers/Frances Gilcreast

An amended resolution removing Frances Gilcreast, who is currently serving a three-year term on the Hurley Board of Managers expiring April 30, 2008, and appointing [resolution states 're-appointing'] Frances Gilcreast to a five-year term on the Hurley Board of Managers, replacing Charlotte P. Edwards [Citizens Bank Assistant Vice President of Community Banking], whose term expired in May 31, 2007, for a five-year term expiring May 31, 2012.

To date, no amended resolution has been received from the administration.

070993.1 Amendment/Appointment/Hurley Board of Managers/Catherine Catchings [Ward 1]

Amended Resolution approving the appointment of Catherine Catchings [137 E. Bishop Avenue, Flint, MI, 48505 - Ward 1], to the Hurley Board of Managers, due to the removal of Frances Gilcreast, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring on April 30, 2008.

To date, no amended resolution has been received from the administration.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

051416 Barricade Removal/Cloverlawn and West Home Streets

Referral by Councilwoman Poplar to TRAFFIC ENGINEERING/MAYOR/ADM. She asked Pat Rahn in the Traffic Engineering Division if it is possible for the barricades located at Cloverlawn and West Home Streets be removed.

051417 Barricades/Cecil Drive

Referral by Councilman Nelson to TRAFFIC ENGINEERING/MAYOR/ADM. He made a request to Pat Rahn in the Traffic Engineering Division to replace

the barricades on Cecil Drive and what would be the cost to do this work. A barricade would help in controlling the drug traffic in that area.

051717 Appointments/Smith Village CDC

Councilwoman Sims voiced her frustration regarding the requested appointments to the Smith Village CDC that had been on the agenda previously (since March of 2005, Discussion Item 050782), but since the mayor never responded to Ms. Cooper's requests, that item was dropped from the agenda and nothing has been done about those appointments. Mr. Joe Conroy stated that issue would be addressed and he would talk with Councilwoman Sims regarding this issue.

051846 Dumping/Howard Estates

Referral by Councilman Ananich to SANITATION/BSI/TRANSPORTATION/MAYOR/ADM. He asks the Sanitation Department to remove the trash located on 12th Street, next to Howard Estates. The correspondence should be addressed to Helen Woods.

062125 Debris/Sidewalk/Corner of Roosevelt and Walnut

Referral by Councilman Ananich to TRANSPORTATION/MAYOR/ADM. He asks that Mr. Bill Ayers, Director of Transportation, address citizens' concerns regarding a large pile of cement debris at the corner of Roosevelt and Walnut Streets. The cement is from a sidewalk removal project.

062218 Open Meetings Act - Public Speakers

Referral by Councilperson Buchanan to CITY ATTORNEY/MAYOR/ADM. He asks that the City Attorney address the aspect of public speakers at a City Council Meeting being allowed to address the Council, regardless of whether or not they have submitted a Speaker Slip, up until the time on the Agenda when Public Speakers have the floor.

062314 1359 Cleveland/Illegal Activities

Referral by Councilperson Ananich to POLICE DEPT/MAYOR/ADM. He asks that Lt. McLeod/CATT Squad patrol the area around 1359 Cleveland regularly and investigate possible drug activity. Tenants at 1359 were removed and the house was boarded up. They proceeded to move furniture to the yard of a house next door. No water, no power - possibly squatting. Public intoxication; children are dirty, neglected. Suspected drug sales. Please provide written response to requests.

062315 Sugar Maple Farms Subdivision/Progress of Development Site

Referral by Councilperson Hill to MAYOR/ADM. She asks Mayor Williamson/Administration about the progress of the Sugar Maple Farms subdivision development site. At what stage is the development process and

what needs to be done to bring this subdivision to fruition? Please provide written response.

062316 Drug Activity/Webster Road Area

Referral by Councilperson Nelson to POLICE DEPT./MAYOR/ADM. He asks that Lt. McLeod/CATT Squad perform regular surveillance in the area of Webster Rd. near Jewell Dr./Joseph St. as drug activity is suspected. Please provide written response to request.

062317 Dumping/Trees/Wellington Avenue

Referral from Councilperson Ananich to PARKS and REC/MAYOR/ADM. He asks that Bob Cook, Director of Parks and Recreation, look into the large tree pile in the area of Wellington Ave., Brookside Dr., and Kennelworth Avenue. It appears as though this area is being used as a dumping area for trees. Please provide written response.

062318 Contracts/City of Flint/Vendors

Referral by Councilperson Kincaid to MAYOR/ADM. He asks Mayor Williamson/Administration to consider re-establishing the position of Contract Compliance Officer for the City of Flint. The situation was discussed during a Council Meeting when a particular vendor was called into question for having no minorities of any kind on staff. If the City had a Contract Compliance Officer, that person could ensure that vendors the City does business with were reflective of the Flint community as a whole, thereby alleviating Council concerns. Please provide written response to all Council members.

062401 Minority Representation/Contract Compliance/City of Flint

Referral by Councilman Neeley to HUMAN RESOURCES/MAYOR/ADM. He asks the Director of Human Resources to provide all members of Council with the breakdown of minority representation at City Hall, including individuals with disabilities.

Referral by Councilwoman Poplar to HUMAN RESOURCES/MAYOR/ADM. She would also like to know, specifically, the breakdown of minority representation in the Fire Department and the Police Department, also including the representation of individuals with disabilities.

Referral by Councilman Kincaid to HUMAN RESOURCES/MAYOR/ADM. Included in the information to be provided to all members of City Council regarding minority representation by the City of Flint, he asks the Director of Human Resources to provide a breakdown for everyone hired in the last year (July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006). This information is to be provided to all members of Council and for the record.

062520 Service Request/Police Department/Initiatives

Referral by Councilperson Ananich to POLICE DEPARTMENT/MAYOR/ADM. He asks Chief Gary Hagler if it is possible to have multiple policing departments conduct an initiative in his ward (particularly on the south side) similar to the one held in the City, on Friday, June 23rd and Sunday, June 25th of this year, for warrants, illegal narcotics, and weapons. Flint Police Officers from the CATT, COPS, and Special Ops squads worked in conjunction with FANG and the MI State Police and Councilperson Ananich would like to see something similar happening in the 7th Ward. Please provide a written response to this request prior to the next Governmental Operations Committee Meeting (Wednesday, August 9, 2006).

062522 Service Request/Police Department/Stings

Referral by Councilperson Poplar to POLICE DEPARTMENT/MAYOR/ADM. She asks Chief Gary Hagler if the Police Department, in conjunction with other policing agencies, can conduct more "stings" along the highways leading into Flint (I-75 in particular) in order to intercept vehicles bringing drugs into the City. Also, Councilperson Poplar asks if seatbelt "stings" could be conducted on Clio Road. Please provide a written response to Council prior to the next Governmental Operations Committee Meeting (Wednesday, August 9, 2006).

062523 Sidewalk Repair/Randy Court

Referral by Councilperson Poplar to TRANSPORTATION/RISK MANAGEMENT/MAYOR/ADM. She asks these departments to find out what can be done as far as repairing the sidewalks on Randy Court, a cul-de-sac. Although there is not a great deal of sidewalk in this area, what is there is in very poor condition and she believes that the City is at risk. Please provide a written response prior to the next Governmental Operations Committee Meeting Wednesday, August 9, 2006).

062647 Code Enforcement/Appearance Tickets/1314 Leland

Referral by Councilperson Gonzales to BSI/CITY ATTY/MAYOR/ADM. He asks that Code Enforcement address concerns of high grass and tree branches at this residence (1314 Leland). Yard was mowed recently, however, areas where tree branches and debris were in the yard were left untouched and grass around these areas is overgrown. Please mow lawn, remove branches/debris, and assess property owner. This referral is being sent at the behest of Mr. Bill Ayre, Transportation Director, in response to the City's recent efforts to enforce the Civil Infraction Ordinance. Please provide written response of actions taken. (This referral was changed 8/23/06 to reflect Councilman Gonzales instead of Councilman Ananich and "Leland" instead of "Cleveland".)

062649 Code Enforcement/Appearance Tickets/1364 Cleveland

Referral by Councilperson Ananich to BSI/CITY ATTY/MAYOR/ADM. He asks that Code Enforcement address concerns of roofing materials on the ground at 1364 Cleveland. Roof was replaced and debris was not removed. House has

been posted twice. Please remove debris and assess property owners. This referral is being sent at the behest of Mr. Bill Ayre, Transportation Director, in response to the City's recent efforts to enforce the Civil Infraction Ordinance. Please provide written response of actions taken.

062651 Outstanding Complaints/Flint Police Department

Referral by Councilperson Gonzales to POLICE DEPARTMENT/MAYOR/ADM. He asks Chief Hagler to provide a proposal for a plan to address the numerous outstanding complaints within the Police Department, possibly in conjunction with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department. These complaints supposedly number somewhere in the area of 3,000 and Councilperson Gonzales would like to know the Police Department's (Chief Hagler) plan to account for these outstanding complaints. Please provide a written response to all members of Council.

062652 Trees/Hazards/Brookside, Kennelworth, Belmont Streets

Referral by Councilperson Ananich to PARKS and REC//MAYOR/ADM. He asks that Parks and Recreation/Forestry cut the low-hanging branches of trees in the area of Brookside/Kennelworth and Brookside/Belmont. Branches hang so low that street lights and signs are not visible. Also, branches interfere with telephone lines, cables, etc. Please cut, remove and provide written response of actions taken and when.

062653 CBC Recycling, Inc./Clean-up/Hazards

Referral by Councilperson Ananich to BSI/CODE ENFORCEMENT/PARKS and RECREATION/TRANSPORTATION/SANITATION/MAYOR/ADM. He asks that these departments address specific areas of concern in the area of CBC Recycling, Inc., 115 E. 14th Street. There is an exorbitant amount of debris/trash in the area. Tree branches block the entrance and numerous branches are around the property. There is a hole in the road that is impossible to drive past. Please clean, remove, repair and assess property owners, if possible. Please provide written response of actions taken and when.

062758 Fire Station #1/Condition of Structure & Entryway

Referral by Councilman Ananich to FIRE DEPARTMENT/MAYOR/ADM. He is concerned about the horrible condition of Fire Station #1, referring to the marble. The marble on the building at City Hall had been removed because it could present a safety hazard, yet, the marble was never removed from Fire Station #1. He asks for this marble to be removed and replaced with some other material. In addition, the entryway at this Fire Station is in need of repaving. Please address these issues and provide written response or resolution, to all members of Council and Council Office, to take care of these issues.

062759 Showmobile/Southside Reunion

Referral by Councilman Ananich to PARKS & RECREATION/MAYOR/ADM. He requests City of Flint Showmobile be reserved now for the Southside Reunion next year, the 3rd week in August. It has come to his attention the Showmobile is now in Fenton and he would like to make sure residents of the City of Flint (first come, first serve) have first priority when using this property of the City of Flint. He also asks Mr. Bob Cook to provide all members of the City Council and the City Council Office with a copy of the laws/rules/policy regarding the Showmobile.

062763 General Equivalency Diplomas (GED)/Possible Funding

Referral by Councilperson Hill to DCED/MAYOR/ADM. She asks if it is possible for the City set aside funds to establish a GED assistance program to help those individuals in the community who wish to continue their education but are in need of financial support.

062766 Violent Crime Reduction/Comparison Study

Referral by Councilperson Gonzales to POLICE DEPARTMENT/MAYOR/ADM. He asks that Chief Gary Hagler look into the practices of other communities, similar in size and demographics to Flint, where there has been a reduction in violent crime rates and inquire as to what these communities did to address these issues (e.g. Baltimore, Maryland).

062767 Garage Break-ins/Randy Court

Referral by Councilperson Poplar to POLICE DEPARTMENT/MAYOR/ADM. She asks about the number of reported break-ins of garages in the area of Randy Court/Fleming Road during the month of August, 2006. Please provide written response.

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.

062828 Hazard/Trees/Ballenger and Begole

Referral by Councilperson Neeley to PARKS & REC/MAYOR/ADM. He asks that the Forestry Division check the trees in the area of Ballenger Highway and Begole Street. The tree limbs are blocking stop signs in this area. Please provide a written response of actions taken and when.

062833 Flint Park Lake/Boat Launch

Referral by Councilperson Poplar to PARKS and REC/MAYOR/ADM. She

asks Parks and Recreation Director Bob Cook about the boat launch project at Flint Park Lake. The boat ramp/launch needs finishing, as does the floating dock. Mulch is needed in the area. Also, there are a number of trees that need trimming. Please provide a written response of actions taken and when.

062834 Traffic Light/Third Avenue and Mason Street

Referral by Councilperson Neeley to TRAFFIC ENGINEERING/TRANS/MAYOR/ADM. He asks that Traffic Engineering look into the possibility of removing the traffic light at Third Avenue and Mason Street, and replace it with a stop sign on Mason. Mason is a one-way street with minimal traffic and the traffic light creates congestion on Third Avenue. Please provide a written response.

062835 Street Repair/Third Avenue and Mason Street

Referral by Councilperson Neeley to STREET MAINTENANCE/TRANS/MAYOR/ADM. He asks that Street Maintenance repair a pothole (possible sink hole) near the intersection of Third Avenue and Mason Street. Please provide written response of actions taken and when.

062912 Taping of Flint City Council Meetings/Camera

Referral by Councilperson Neeley to MAYOR/ADM. He asks about the ownership of the camera used by Sally Haywood to tape Flint City Council Meetings. Was the camera purchased by the City utilizing residents' tax dollars? Please provide a written response to all Councilpersons.

062916 City Parks/Equipment

Referral by Councilperson Neeley to PARKS & REC/MAYOR/ADM. He asks Parks & Recreation Director Bob Cook to provide the following equipment for the named City parks: Mott Park (10 picnic tables, 10 garbage cans) and Eldorado Vista Park (1 picnic table, 10 garbage cans). Please provide a written response to this inquiry.

062917 Citizens District Council/Appointments

Referral by Councilpersons Poplar and Sims to MAYOR/ADM. They ask that Mayor Williamson appoint members to the Flint Park Lake and Smith Village Districts respectively, as soon as possible. An October deadline is looming and there are citizens' concerns with regard to both District Councils. Please provide written response to requests.

063042 Appointments/Telecommunications Advisory Commission

Referral by Flint City Council to MAYOR/ADMIN. Please be advised that the eight (8) appointments to the Telecommunications Advisory Commission (R. Clark; E. Gonzales; S. Hill; M. Jennings, Jr.; G. Killeen; M. Kinnee; B. McChester; and C. Young) that were forwarded to the City Council for inclusion

on the Special Affairs Committee Agenda for Monday, October 24, 2006, were postponed until the Governmental Operations Committee Meeting to be held Wednesday, November 8, 2006. The motion to postpone was made in order to give Administration the opportunity to re-submit the appointment resolutions so that they include the following necessary information: (1) Home address of the appointee; (2) Ward of the appointee; (3) Name of the person that the appointee is replacing; (4) Term of the appointment, including starting and expiration dates; and (5) an attached resume' for the appointee. Please re-submit these resolutions by 12 Noon, Thursday, November 2, 2006, for inclusion on the Governmental Operations Committee Agenda (11/8/2006).

063043 City of Flint/Vehicle Use Policy/Liability/Non-Employee Passengers

Referral by Councilperson Neeley to CITY ATTORNEY/MAYOR/ADM. He requests information regarding the City of Flint's liability for non-City employee passengers riding in City vehicles. This concerns stems from an allegation of a City of Flint vehicle seen with a baby car-seat in the back. Please provide a written response to all Councilpersons.

063044 City Policy/Use of City Vehicles

Referral by Councilperson Ananich to MAYOR/ADM. He requests information about a written policy regarding use of City of Flint vehicles for non-City related activities. Executive Order #04-0002, dated July 14, 2004, Establishment of a City Policy Regarding the Use of City Vehicles, Section 2, addresses such activities. Is this Executive Order the only written policy enforced by the City with regard to vehicle usage? Please provide written response to all Councilpersons.

063045 Legal Representation/Smith Village Citizens District Council (SVCCDC)

Referral by Councilperson Sims to CITY ATTORNEY/MAYOR/ADM. She asks that the City Attorney do all that is necessary to represent the SVCCDC with its' on-going efforts to have the Mayor's Office appoint members to the board of SVCCDC. Please provide written response to Councilperson Sims with regard to feasibility and actions taken.

070001 Update on Boards, Authorities, Committees, Commissions/CityCouncil Representation

An update by members of the Flint City Council who sit on various boards, authorities, committees, commissions: Flint Economic Development Corporation Board, Flint/Genesee Economic Growth Alliance Board of Directors, GCCARD, Human Relations Commission, Land Bank Authority, MTA, Retirement Board, Sesquicentennial Commission, VAA, Downtown Development Authority, Uptown Reinvestment Committee, etc.

070002 Appointment/Recommendation/Planning Commission/Ward 9

Referral by Councilman Kincaid to MAYOR/ADM. He asks the administration

to provide a resolution to City Council for approval for the 9th Ward appointment to the Planning Commission, as he has recommended.

063166 Brennan Center/Exterior Lighting

Referral by Councilman Ananich to PARKS & REC/MAYOR/ADM. He asks the MAYOR/ADM to respond to the Complaint Referral he made on October 25, 2006 (See Attached) regarding the exterior lights at the Brennan Center that need to be replaced because it is very dangerous after dark and you cannot see (pitch black). He asked that the necessary actions be taken and a written response to his referral be provided, including the actions taken and the date those actions were taken.

063174 Board of Appeals/Extensions of Permits

Referral by Councilman Nelson to TRANSPORTATION/DEVELOPMENT DIV/BSI/MAYOR/ADM. He asks for a Discussion Item be added to the Legislative Committee Agenda and referral to be sent to the Transportation Department/BSI to provide all members of the City Council, in writing, with the process in place regarding building permits and the extension of those permits. He would like to discuss this at the next Legislative Committee Meeting (Wednesday, December 6, 2006).

063188 Street Lights/Home Avenue and Verdun Street

Referral by Councilperson Buchanan to STREET MAINTENANCE/ MAYOR/ADM. He asks that Street Maintenance check the street lights in the area of Home Avenue and Verdun Street, as the majority of the lights have been shot out.

063232 Primary Water Source/Flint River

Referral by Councilperson Sims to UTILITIES/MAYOR/ADM. Considering the possibility that the Flint River may become the City's primary source for residential water, she asks the following: What is the current back-up water system? If the Flint River becomes the primary water source, what will then be the back-up system? Is it possible, during a drought season, that the Flint River may not flow as well or provide enough water for the community? Has the City done a "draw down" of the Flint River to determine if the Water Plant would be able to supply adequate water? Would it be more feasible for the City to work with the County to draw water from Lake Huron? Please provide a written response to all Councilpersons.

063240 Investigation/Civil Service Commission/Employment Practices

Referral by Councilperson Kincaid to CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. He asks that Tracy Collier-Nix, Director, Civil Service Commission attend the City Council Governmental Operations Committee Meeting on Wednesday, December 20, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. to address Council on the following: What is the Council's appropriate action in order to have Civil Service investigate (1)

employee merit raises that have been given out by Departments within the City and (2) whether or not the Human Resources Department is following its' established personnel policies and practices in the hiring of individuals for classified and unclassified positions.

070043 Investigation/Ombudsman/Eviction/Oak Business Center

Referral by City Council to OMBUDSMAN. The City Council asks about the status of a complaint filed with the Ombudsman's Office by Mr. Quincy Murphy, who alleges that he was unlawfully evicted from the Oak Business Center, 2712 N. Saginaw Street, Flint, by Mayor Donald J. Williamson. Please update the Council on the status of this complaint, in writing, before the next City Council Governmental Operations Committee meeting, Wednesday, January 17, 2007.

070046 Investigation/Ombudsman/Campaign Violations/City Council Election

Referral by Councilperson Sims to OMBUDSMAN. She asks that the Ombudsman's Office inform her of the disposition of the complaint brought against her by Mr. Benny Spence, regarding alleged violations during Ms. Sims' most recent campaign for City Council in November 2005. Please provide a written response.

070052 Request/Human Resources Department/Personnel

Request made to Deirdre Pitts, Director, Human Resources on December 1, 2006, to provide the Flint City Council with information pursuant to the Flint City Charter, Section 3-205 and Section 3-206, regarding individuals hired by the Administration, etc.: Wendy Braun, Sally Haywood, Larry Ford, Dani Dye, Herbert Cleaves and the employment status of Robert Case, Delphine Rogers, Alma McGuire.

070054 Complaint Referrals/Request for Demolition/Corner of Fleming Road & Lake Forest Drive (2 houses)/Ward 2

Complaint referrals (3) have been forwarded to the administration for demolition of these two houses. To date, these problems have not been addressed by the administration.

070098 Brennan Community Center/1301 Pingree Avenue

Referral by Councilperson Ananich to PARKS & RECREATION/FINANCE/BUDGET/MAYOR/ADM. Please respond in writing to the following:

1. What are the hours of the Brennan Center?
2. Who is using the Center on weekends?
3. Are there any churches using the Brennan Center at this time or will there be at any time in the future?
4. Who has first priority for use of the Center?
5. What is the fund balance for the Brennan Center?
6. Why was the T.R. Harris Community Development Corp. evicted from the

Brennan Center?

7. Were there any violations of the contract with T.R. Harris? Please provide a copy of the contract with T.R. Harris.
8. Is the show-mobile still reserved for the Southside Action Committee?

070105 Complaint Referral/Junk/Trash/833 Lincoln Avenue (Ward 9)

Complaint Referral made by Councilman Kincaid (Ward 9) on January 16, 2007, regarding: 833 Lincoln Avenue - Complaint received from resident regarding the yard full of junk and trash at this location. Resident has reported this problem before and, to date, nothing has been done. Please remove the junk and trash and assess the property owner. Please provide written response of actions taken and when. (Copies to Mayor, Department of Transportation and Sanitation.)

070113 Complaint Referral/628 E. Third Street (Ward 7)/Demolition

Complaint Referral made by Councilman Ananich (Ward 7) dated January 22, 2007, regarding: 628 E. Third Street - Demolition. Please add 628 E. Third Street to the Emergency Demolition List. This structure is a health and safety hazard and needs to be demolished ASAP. Please provide written response stating when this structure will be demolished.

070167 Zoning/Manning Street Historic District/Possible Demolition

Referral by Councilperson Ananich to PLANNING & ZONING/MAYOR/ADM. He asks how the parcels on Manning Street, where demolition is expected for a parking lot for the Flint Institute of Music [FIM], and those parcels adjacent to it are zoned. Also, he asks whether the street must be vacated in order to complete the proposed FIM parking lot. Please provide a written response.

070281 Land Bank Advisory Board/City Council Appointments

Councilwoman Sims asked members of the City Council to provide her with the names of individuals they would like to appoint to this board. Current terms have expired.

070446 City of Flint Hiring Policies/Background Checks

Referral by Councilperson Poplar to CITY ATTORNEY/MAYOR/ADM. She asks about the City's policy for performing background checks on potential employees. Councilperson Poplar's concern stems from her understanding that there is a convicted felon (and keyholder) working at the Haskell Community Center. She wants to know whether or not this information is factual and, also, what is the City's protocol and legal perspective for determining whether background checks are needed - particularly when the employee will be working closely with children and the elderly. Please provide a written response.

070448 Standard Equipment/Flint Police Officers

Referral by Councilperson Sims to MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION. She asks whether or not the Glock sidearm is the standard issue weapon for City of Flint Police Officers and, if not, what is the sidearm that is issued to all police officers. Please provide a written response to this request.

070748 Update/Reinstatement Status/Robert Case

Referral by Councilperson Neeley to CITY ATTORNEY. He asks about the status of City of Flint employee Robert Case, Water Pollution Control Supervisor, who was fired by Mayor Williamson in 2006 and recently reinstated by Circuit Court Order on June 8, 2007. Mr. Case was scheduled to return to his previous position on Monday, June 11th. Councilperson Neeley would like to know if Mr. Case is indeed back to work and, if not, the reasons why he hasn't been allowed to resume his position. Please provide a written response to all Councilpersons.

070757 Follow-Up/Damage Claim/317 W. Genesee

Referral by Councilperson Neeley to RISK MANAGEMENT/MAYOR/ADM. He asks Robert Erlenbeck, Risk Management Director, about the status of a Damage Claim that was submitted approximately January 2003 by a Mr. Hightower, 317 W. Genesee Street. In a letter dated February 19, 2003, Mr. Erlenbeck requested more information from Mr. Hightower, who complied but never heard from Risk Management afterward. Please research and provide a written response regarding this claim.

070864 Tree Stump in Parkway/911 Eddy (Ward 7)

Referral made by Councilman Ananich (Ward 7) to PARKS & FORESTRY/MAYOR/ADM. He asks the Parks & Forestry Division to grind the tree stump located in front of the house at 911 Eddy Street where a tree had been hanging in the parkway. The tree has been cut down, but, the stump has not been ground. He asks the Parks & Forestry Division to grind the stump and provide written response of actions taken and when. (See original referral, Discussion Item 070110.)

070873 Code Enforcement/3512 Mildred Street (Ward 3)

Referral by Councilwoman Sims to DEVELOPMENT DIVISION/MAYOR/ADM. She asks Code Enforcement/Building & Safety Inspections to investigate the house at 3512 Mildred Street for possible building code violations. Please provide written response of findings and actions taken to encourage the property owner to those issues.

071202 Investigation/Ombudsman/5th Ward Councilperson

071203 Use of All City Equipment/Rules/Policies/Procedures

Referral by Councilman Ananich to TRANSPORTATION/MAYOR/ADM. He

asks the Transportation Department and the administration to provide all members of the City Council and the City Council Office with the rules, policies and procedures regarding the use of all City equipment (cars, trucks, equipment, etc.).

071266 Club Xclusive/4020 Clio Road

Referral by Councilwoman Poplar to MAYOR/ADM. She asks the MAYOR/ADM to have the appropriate City Department to go to 4020 Clio Road and remove the trash/debris from the back parking lot. Please provide written response of actions taken.

071292 Houses for Demolition/Fleming Road & Lake Forest

Councilwoman Poplar referred to the two houses on the corner of Fleming Road and Lake Forest. She asked the Mr. Ayre, Director of Transportation, about demolition of these structures. The house numbers had been removed, doors have been unsecured, etc.

071298 Appointments/Golf Advisory Board

Memorandum sent to Mayor Donald J. Williamson on May 30, 2007 from Councilman Ananich requesting the following information regarding the Golf Advisory Board: (1) Names and addresses of appointees; (2) Terms and addresses of appointees; (3) Meeting dates and location of meetings held by the Golf Advisory Board.

071356 Job Descriptions/City Employees

Referral by Councilperson Neeley to HUMAN RESOURCES/MAYOR/ADM. He asks Human Resources Director Deirdre Pitts to provide job description information for the following City of Flint employees: Sally Haywood and Christine Brown. In addition to detailing job responsibilities, the information should include work location, job title and level, and workgroup status. Please provide a written response to all Councilpersons.

071362 Parks Board/5-Year Parks Plan

Referral by Councilperson Ananich to PARKS AND RECREATION/MAYOR/ADM. He asks Kay Kelly about the status of the Parks Board that was to be established in conjunction with the adoption of the 5-Year Parks Plan. Each Councilperson was supposed to be able to choose a person from his/her ward to appoint to the Parks Board. Please provide a written response to all Councilpersons.

071363 Job Description/Inspector/Citizens Service Bureau

Referral by Councilperson Sims to POLICE DEPARTMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES/MAYOR/ADM. She asks Police Chief Gary Hagler, Human Resources Director Deirdre Pitts, and/or Administration to provide job

description information for Citizens Service Bureau Inspector David Dicks. In addition to detailing job responsibilities, the information should include designated work areas, work shift, and whether or not Inspector Dicks is considered a Neighborhood Police Officer. Please provide a written response to all Councilpersons.

071372 Forestry Division/Tree Trimming/1st Ward/Stewart Avenue Area

Referral by Councilperson Buchanan to PARKS AND RECREATION/MAYOR/ADM. He requests that the Forestry Division trim numerous trees in the area bounded by Carpenter Road on the north, Saginaw Street on the east, Stewart Avenue on the south, and M.L. King Avenue on the west. Please provide a written response of actions taken and when.

071381 Forestry Division/Tree Trimming/1st Ward/Fleming Road Area

Referral by Councilperson Buchanan to PARKS AND RECREATION/MAYOR/ADM. He requests that the Forestry Division trim numerous trees in the area bounded by Carpenter Road on the north, Fleming Road on the east, W. Home Avenue on the south, and Clio Road on the west. Please provide a written response of actions taken and when.

071382 Sewer Cleaning/1st Ward/Fleming Road Area

Referral by Councilperson Buchanan to WATER SERVICE CENTER/MAYOR/ADM. He requests that the Sewer Department use the Vactor truck in the sewers in the area bounded by Carpenter Road on the north, Fleming Road on the east, W. Home Avenue on the south, and Clio Road on the west. Please provide a written response of actions taken and when.

071386 Flint Park Lake Citizens District Council/Re-Certification/Sale of Properties

Referral by Councilperson Poplar to DCED/MAYOR/ADM. She asks DCED about the status of the Flint Park Lake CDC. The group has yet to be re-certified by the Mayor and Councilperson Poplar wants to know if, because the group still meets, they are able to sign off to support the selling of lots that constituents wish to purchase. Please provide a written response.

071388 Investigation/Ombudsman/Inspector David Dicks/Intimidation

Referral by Councilperson Sims to OMBUDSMAN. She asks that the Ombudsman's Office investigate an incident involving Citizens Service Bureau Inspector David Dicks. It has been reported that Inspector Dicks has been intimidating individuals with regard to volunteering in Mini Police Stations and Flint Housing Commission Tenant Council meetings, among other things [please see attached]. Upon completion of an investigation, please provide a written report for distribution to all Councilpersons.

071389 Sidewalk Repair/2nd Ward/Randy Court

Referral by Councilperson Poplar to TRANSPORTATION/MAYOR/ADM. She requests that Transportation inspect the sidewalks in the area of Randy Court. This is a short cul-de-sac with numerous sidewalks in need of repair, mostly due to overgrown trees. Please repair the sidewalks on this cul-de-sac and provide a written response of actions taken and when.

071390 Lead Testing/Third Avenue Corridor

Referral by Councilpersons Ananich and Neeley to TRANSPORTATION/MAYOR/ADM. They requests information with regard to lead testing by the Transportation Department in the area of the Third Avenue Corridor. Testing was to be performed as street repairs are being made and the Councilpersons want to know if this is indeed the case. Please provide a written response to all Councilpersons.

071732 Demolition/4300 Block/S. Saginaw Street

Referral by Councilman Kincaid to TRANSPORTATION/MAYOR/ADM. He asks the Transportation Department to add the burned structure that has the roof gone, one wall about to fall in, where a fire began in the basement, to be added to the Emergency Demolition List because there is no way this structure can be secured. Mr. Ayre (Director of Transportation) explained it would take 30 days to get on the list of Emergency Demolitions, but he would look into it.

071733 Emergency Demolitions/OK Plumbing/636 E. Ridgeway

Referral by Councilman Buchanan to CITY ATTORNEY/MAYOR/ADM. He asks the City Attorney's Office to add the old OK Plumbing building (636 E. Ridgeway; building attached to Fish King) to the list of Emergency Demolitions. There are a number of paint cans and other issues that need to be addressed at this location. Mr. Bill Ayre explained this issue had gone into litigation. He had not received a response from the City Attorney's Office as to the status of this issue.

071734 Appointments/Policies/Attorney/Downtown Development Authority

Referral by Councilwoman Sims to DDA/MAYOR/ADM/CITY CLERK. She would like to know (1) the status of DDA appointments: Larry Ford and James Rutherford. Are these appointments up-to-date? When will they expire? (2) What is the status of Mr. Petrie who is employed by the DDA? (3) She would also like to know who makes decisions regarding individuals employed by the DDA? (4) What is the telephone number for the attorney for the DDA (Frasier) so she can discuss this matter with him and the policies in place at the DDA regarding employees. (5) She asks the City Clerk to draft a letter to Atty. Damien Frasier, attorney for the DDA, asking if he would meet with her regarding this issue and to whom employees of the DDA report.

071776 The Flint Journal/FOIA/Personnel Records

Councilwoman Sims asked members of the Flint City Council to address the issue of a denial of a Freedom of Information Request by the City Attorney's Office regarding The Flint Journal's request for personnel records. After The Flint Journal was denied their request for information by the City Attorney's Office, it is now asking the Flint City Council to intervene.

071777 Re-Appointments/Flint Park Lake CDC

Referral by Councilwoman Poplar to MAYOR/ADM/MAJOR GRANTS. She asks the City Administrator/Mayor/Adm./Major Grants to provide resolutions for re-appointments to the Flint Park Lake CDC as soon as possible.

071778 Appointment/Citywide Advisory Council/(Ward 2)

Referral by Councilwoman Poplar to MAYOR/ADM. She asks the MAYOR/ADM to provide the City Council with a recommendation for an appointment to the Citywide Advisory Council for the 2nd Ward.