



Detroit City Council President Brenda Jones Formal Session Hot Points & Updates



On Tuesday, June 23, 2020 the Detroit City Council was in session and discussed several hot topic items.

RESOLUTION

The Detroit City Council **approved** the **Criminal Justice Reform** resolution that was introduced by **Council President Brenda and Council Member Janeè Ayers**. It is focused on Criminal Justice Reform that aims to implement new operational practices to continue to reduce jail populations after coronavirus concerns have subsided. It also support developing strategies to prevent a return to pre-pandemic incarceration rates. Most importantly, it supports providing parolees with a state id and voter registration card.

CONTRACTS

Contract 6002867 was **approved** with a waiver to provide immigrant comprehensive support services, which are geared towards creating pathways to citizenship, homeownership, integration and self-sufficiency. **The International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, Inc.** will increase access to safe, affordable, and supportive housing for immigrants.

The services will include:

- Citizenship and naturalization assistance
- Workforce Development
- Job Placement
- Classes for English as a Second Language
- Homeownership and coaching in financial literacy and asset building

GRANT

The Detroit City Council **approved** the FY 2020 CARES Act Urbanized Area Formula Grant. The grant in total is for **\$64,268,439.00** with the objective to provide relief for the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the DDOT bus system in the City of Detroit.

Council President Jones, working with Council Member Benson and his staff, created a resolution requiring an appropriation to be set up in the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer will also be sending monthly financial reports that include the projected expenditures of the Coronavirus Federal Relief Fund. This report ensures legislative oversight and transparency.

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Contract 6002750 was **approved** with a waiver to provide Water System Improvements for various streets in the City of Detroit. This \$12,978,108.00 contract amount was awarded to Contractor-Major Cement Company, a Detroit Based Business and will be paid through the following Fiscal Years: FY2020-21, FY 2021-2022 and 2 months of FY2022-2023. They will doing ongoing replacement of Water Mains, of 6-inch through 16-inch diameter, that have a history of frequent breaks and high maintenance costs. It is anticipated that 41,190 linear feet of ductile iron water main will be replaced, including fittings, valves, and hydrants. Additionally, approximately 2.2% of the contract cost will be used for replacing 85 Lead services, from the water main to the customers' meter with copper, an estimated 2,326 linear feet in the public right of way, and 1,692 linear feet on private property. Water Main replacement work to be addressed through this contract includes: Greenfield from W. Chicago to Warren Ave.; North bound Southfield Freeway service drive from 7 Mile to Pembroke; West Parkway from Tireman to Plymouth; Greenview from Warren Ave. to Paul; Jefferson Ave. from Rivard to Orleans; Jefferson from Corey to Dickerson; Jefferson Ave. from Mt. Elliot to Beaufait; and Jefferson Ave. from Crane to Pennsylvania.

******Join in on July 8th at 2 p.m. for Live From the Table with Council President Jones******
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Contract 6002719 was **approved** to provide a **Right of Way Management Software System that will Map Permit and Plan the City of Detroit's Transportation and Utility Infrastructure System.** The Right of Way includes Streets, Shoulders, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, alleys and green ways; public and private utilities underground, or overhead. This new software will replace the old system; it will improve DPW and City Engineering's efficiency with the establishment and enforcement of policies and procedures to manage the Right of ways. This software system will cover: Permitting, replacing the outdated Tidemark System; Activity mapping and coordination; Special Events activities; Capital projects; Inspections, replaces a manual system; Plan Reviews. The software will also enable the Dept. to coordinate work being done in the Right of Way, by developers, utility companies, other agencies and the general public; help to preserve the City's authority over the Right of Way; reduce paper copies; improve reporting and communications. Permitting process will handle the following permits: Barricades, Dumpsters, Helicopter, Valet, Outdoor Cafés, Drive Approach, Encroachments, Heavy Hauler, Water/Sewer tap, Sidewalk repairs, Road Improvements, Snow Removal; and Moratorium Zone permits. All fees for permits can be paid through the proposed system. The System will allow public access to the public seeking permits for the Right of Way; and to view work planned or in progress in the Right of Ways.



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OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

C.A.R.E.S. DISCUSSION

During the Budget, Finance and Audit Standing Committee on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, **Council President Brenda Jones** joined the committee on the discussion on the COVID-19 Fiscal and Federal Reimbursement strategy. Efforts are underway to balance the budget in the Fiscal Year 2020 and Fiscal Year 2021 such as:

- Ensuring all new COVID-19 expenses are 100% reimbursed through federal stimulus dollars.
- Maximizing all available external funding.
- The City will be applying for assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
 - FEMA will cover COVID-19 related:
 - PPE and other supplies
 - Equipment
 - Overtime for already budgeted employees
 - Straight time and overtime for unbudgeted employees
 - Contract costs

ATTENTION!!! Detroit Residents Starting Monday, June 29th!!!

- Municipal Parking will resume enforcement. Remember to pay for your street parking at the closest kiosk or download the Park Detroit App - for more information click on <http://www.parkdetroit.us/>
- The Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department (BSEED) will resume enforcement on Construction, Property Maintenance, Environmental Compliance, and Zoning Codes.

DISCUSSION WITH CHIEF TRANSIT OFFICER, MIKEL OGLESBY

The Detroit City Council Public Health and Safety Standing Committee had a discussion with the newly appointed Chief Transit Officer, Director of the Department of Transportation, Mr. Mikel Oglesby.

These important items were discussed:

- How DDOT is preparing for the safety of its riders and drivers by installing barriers in between the drivers and passengers.
 - The barriers will be made individually for each bus and will be permanent fixtures on the buses.
- The DDOT fares are expected to be reinstated by the beginning of next year.
- The People Mover is expected to open back up in **July**.

Do you have Questions about Belle Isle and Milliken State Park??

Get an Update on Belle Isle and Milliken State Park – along with the state boat docks and harbors in Detroit. **Join in and Listen to the Virtual Detroit City Council At-Large Evening Community Meeting on Tuesday, June 30th at 7:00 p.m.**



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