



## TEAM JONES

# LEGISLATIVE MONDAY RUNDOWN

## Did You Miss The Public Health and Safety Standing Committee Meeting?

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Council President is still awaiting responses to the memorandum regarding the Community Health Corps. (Click on the link below for additional information)

<https://detroitmi.gov/sites/detroitmi.localhost/files/2021-01/Community%20Health%20Corp%20Update.pdf>

## Here's the Rundown from January 11, 2021!

During the Public Health and Safety Committee meeting, Council President Brenda Jones continues to advocate that City of Detroit contract dollars are invested in Detroiters by being spent with Detroit businesses and businesses that actively employ at least **50%** of Detroit residents.

### Contracts Being Considered for Federal Funds:

**Salenbien Trucking and Excavating, Inc.** located in **Dundee, Michigan** is set to provide commercial demolition to various properties. The company is a known Detroit demolition contractor to the City that continues to receive both federal and city dollars for their services. This week, they are being considered to receive approximately **\$100,000** in federal funds to carry out demolition services. At the time of **Salenbien Trucking and Excavating, Inc.** completion of their employment survey, they have reported to have a **0%** Detroit Resident workforce.

Another contract for consideration is **SC Environmental Services, LLC** and are providing commercial demolition for various properties. While SC Environmental indicates that there will be at least a **60%** Detroit Resident workforce on these contracts, their overall Detroit Resident workforce is just below **20%**. They will be receiving City and federal dollars to carry out these services for a total of **\$141,644**.

**These contracts will be voted on by Detroit City Council on January 12, 2021**

## See contract items below that will be brought back before the committee on Monday, January 25, 2021

**J & B Medical Supply Company, Inc.** located in **Wixom, Wisconsin** provides EMS Medical Supplies and the contract is for approximately \$1.1 million dollars. J & B medical supplies wasn't the only company to bid for the contract. Detroit based business **Lorraine Distribution Company** did, too. Council President Jones raised the following concerns about a multi-contracting method:

### Bid Tabulation Grand Totals:

**J & B Medical Supply Company - \$854,878.20**

**Lorrain Distribution Company LLC dba Med Supply - \$35,000**

**Zoll Medical - \$288,167.80**

(It's important to note that this vendor was the only one to quote prices on the entire list of items for a 2 year period)



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### Multi-Contracting Leads to the Following Questions from Council President:

1. Does Lorraine Distribution Company LLC dba Med Supply Plus have the capacity to provide all of the entire list of items?
2. Please provide the feasibility of utilizing **multi-contracting** in circumstances where there are multiple small or micro businesses that can provide a fraction of the requested services and/or products to ensure that **small** and **micro** businesses are able to access **opportunities** on City of Detroit contracts.
3. Please provide the feasibility of encouraging **joint-mentor ventures** in circumstance where there is a small or micro business that can only provide a fraction of the requested services and/or products to ensure that small and micro businesses are able to access opportunities on City of Detroit contracts.
4. What processes are in place to follow up with Detroit companies that unsuccessfully bid on contracts to provide feedback to Detroit businesses on improvements?

**NTH Consultants** located in the **City of Detroit** provides an Emergency Air Quality Survey for the future Amazon site. **Here are some of the concerns Council President raised to evaluate the effectiveness of the company's Detroit certification:**

1. She requested that the title and descriptions of roles and responsibilities of all employees providing services on the contract.
2. How many employees are employed in the City of Detroit?
3. How much equipment is housed in other locations in other cities?
4. How much equipment is housed in the City of Detroit?
5. Are there Detroit companies with a Detroit workforce proven to provide this service that could have been contracted for emergency procurement?

*Through weekly research, it has been found that some companies are Detroit certified to get equalization credits, but they have little to no equipment in the city and very few employees located in the City of Detroit. So, there is no community investment or equity into our city. I am working to draft legislation for more stringent equalization credit definitions to ensure that businesses that receive preferences that helps to win bids are actually investing into Detroit.*



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**Century Cement** located in **Riverview, Michigan** is to provide construction services for the **Rosa Parks Streetscape**. The contract is for approximately **\$6.4 million dollars** and **Major Cement Co** located in Detroit is to provide an increase of funds only to complete construction services for the **Riopelle Streetscape Project**. The goals of the project are to improve mobility, strengthen foot traffic for both existing and new businesses and create a shared street space for all modes of transportation. The total contract is approximately **\$2 million dollars**. **Council President has requested a report on the status of compliance with the Community Outreach Ordinance prior to approval of the contract.**

### Full contract descriptions are linked below:

<https://detroitmi.gov/sites/detroitmi.localhost/files/2021-01/PHS%20Contracts%20for%20week%20of%202021-11-2021.pdf>

In the ordinances discussed, the office of Council President Brenda Jones has been working with the **Law Department** in consultation with the **City of Detroit Health Department** to draft an ordinance that not only addresses COVID-19 but any infectious disease that occurs in the future.

[https://detroitmi.gov/sites/detroitmi.localhost/files/2021-01/Ordinance%20Developing%20COVID-19%20Prevention%20Policies%20%281%29\\_0.pdf](https://detroitmi.gov/sites/detroitmi.localhost/files/2021-01/Ordinance%20Developing%20COVID-19%20Prevention%20Policies%20%281%29_0.pdf)

Council President Jones is also working with the **Law Department** in conjunction with the **Department of Public Works** and the **Municipal Parking Department** to draft an ordinance creating a permit process for curbside pickup for retail establishment in the City of Detroit. Expect to see both of these items back before the committee in **September**.

<https://detroitmi.gov/sites/detroitmi.localhost/files/2021-01/Curbside%20Pickup%20Ordinance.pdf>

**In Honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, The Public Health and Safety Standing Committee will not be meeting on Monday, January 18, 2021.**