



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



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CONTRACTOR CONTRACTS APPROVED WITH NO DETROIT RESIDENTS EMPLOYED

Novi Contractor DeAngelis Diamond Construction was approved to receive a \$672,000 contract. The contractor reported that out of the three positions to be filled on the contract: Team Lead – V.P. Division/Manager, Project Manager, and Superintendent, zero of those employees would be Detroiters. **Council President Brenda Jones voted “No” on the contract because the contractor did not provide steps that had been taken or commitments that steps would be taken to partner with the Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation, or City of Detroit unions, to ensure that Detroiters were prioritized for hiring.** These steps would help to ensure the contractor reaches a 51% Detroit resident workforce.

XTREAM TOTAL CARE HIRES 90% DETROIT RESIDENTS!

Detroit Janitorial Contractor, XTream Total Care, was approved to receive contracts totaling \$260,000. XTream Total Care is a Certified Green Business that hires 90% Detroit residents in their Janitorial Returning Citizens Program. **This program is designed for returning citizens looking to work in janitorial, construction, custodial and lawn maintenance.** It consists of a four-week program for training in Health & Safety, financial management, custodial & janitorial maintenance, and blood-borne pathogen CPR chemical mixing. Upon completion, a graduation certificate is handed out as well as job opportunities. This program has existed since 2008 and will continue to exist for the life of XTream Total Care. Kudos to XTream Total Care for their commitment to hiring and training Detroit's returning citizens. That is true community investment!

GREAT NEWS FOR THE ALLEY CLEAN-UP PROGRAM!

Livonia Contractor MSC was awarded a \$270,000 contract to install alley gates as a part of the alley clean-up program. Although this contractor is located in Livonia, the contractor has a 100% Detroit resident workforce with 32 employees that are all Detroiters.



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Wixom Contractor J & B Medical Supply Company, Inc., was awarded a \$1.1M contract to provide medical supplies for City of Detroit EMS vehicles. Although this is a non-Detroit vendor with no Detroiters employed with outstanding questions related to the use of multi-contracting to allow smaller/micro companies to have opportunities, **Council President Brenda Jones did not continue to hold this contract and voted yes in good faith that that contractor and the department will work to increase their Detroit resident workforce within a year of the contract renewal to ensure that our City of Detroit EMS vehicles have medical supplies.**

There were small Detroit companies that bid on a portion of the supplies. *Council President Jones continually advocates for the use of multi-contracting to allow small/micro companies to access opportunities on City of Detroit contracts in order to support those businesses in building capacity and economic growth.* If the City of Detroit continues to provide large contracts to larger companies, then our small/micro businesses will not be able to expand. The contractor also reported that there will be five employees on this contract and zero of them are Detroiters. This equates to a 0% Detroit workforce. The job titles are as follows: EMS Sales Manager, Purchasing Agent, Account/AR, warehouse agent and delivery associate.

CITY OF DETROIT GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOCUSES ON DETROIT COMPANIES AND CONTRACTORS HIRING DETROIT RESIDENTS!

Council President Brenda Jones would like to commend the General Services Department for their consistent focus towards hiring Detroit companies and ensuring contractors are employing Detroiters in positions that are easily performed by Detroit residents, such as the Janitorial contracts from today. Outstanding issues such as priority hiring commitments and multi-contracting opportunities continually support the drafting and passage of the **Responsible Contracting and Detroit Contract Equity Procurement Amendments** developed by Council President Brenda Jones.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT JONES HELD A \$134,000 CONTRACT – WHY?

A Livonia contractor is being awarded with **ZERO Detroit employees** pending receipt of a tangible plan for hiring Detroiters.



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When asked what steps were being taken to hire Detroiters, instead of providing a tangible hiring plan, the Office of Contracting and Procurement responded, "The supplier has indicated they are a company of 3 and has been since it formed. The current staffing level meets his business/company needs." While their current staffing levels meet the owner's needs, they DO NOT meet the needs of Detroiters. *****Key Information for our Detroit Residents***** When a **Non-Detroit Business that has ZERO Detroit employees receives a City-funded contract, these are YOUR Detroit tax dollars being invested into another City's school system, libraries, public safety and neighborhoods.**

It is imperative that contractors, departments and all City employees responsible for spending and protecting your tax dollars are held accountable and change their mindset related to prioritizing Detroit businesses and residents on City of Detroit contracts. We cannot continue on with the status quo because, "this is how it's always been or how it's always done."
It's time for a change.

REZONING APPROVED FOR 1920 ATKINSON AVE RESTAURANT

The Detroit City Council approved the **rezoning of 1920 Atkinson Avenue to allow for the establishment of a "Restaurant, carry-out, without drive-up or drive-through facilities" and "multiple family dwelling."** The existing building will be converted into a mixed-use development with a small neighborhood restaurant on the ground floor and multi-family residential on the upper levels. The proposed concept will complement the adjacent Congregation Detroit development which was rezoned in 2017 and converted into a mixed-use development. The proposed development will share the side lot with The Congregation as a green outdoor community space. **The building at 1920 Atkinson has been abandoned for over 30 years and is rapidly deteriorating, creating an unwanted blighting influence in the area. The overall goal is to increase population density and encourage more walkable areas for residents of the Boston Edison, Atkinson, and Clairmont neighborhoods.**



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MULTIPLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS COMING TO ISLANDVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD!

The Detroit City Council approved the **rezoning of 7631 E. Lafayette Street, and 1000 and 1008 Townsend Street** in order to develop multiple-family dwellings on the subject parcels. The site is located in the Islandview neighborhood on E. Lafayette Avenue between Townsend and Baldwin Streets.

The development team has submitted a letter describing the anticipated unit mix and approximate rental rates as shown below:

- **12 Studio Apartments**
 - 1 unit – at or below 60% Area Median Income (AMI) (current AMI limit of \$825; estimated rent of \$675)
 - 2 units – at or below 80% AMI (current AMI limit of \$1100; estimated rent of \$875)
 - 9 units – market rate
- **12 1- Bed Apartments**
 - 3 units – at or below 80% AMI (current AMI limit of \$1178; estimated rent of \$925- \$1000)
 - 9 units – market rate.

PROPOSED DOWNZONING IN SOUTHWEST DETROIT

As a result of consistent public outcry to control the health impacts of heavy industry in Southwest Detroit, which continually has high asthma rates in youth, the Detroit City Council is considering the downzoning of several areas within **District 6-Southwest Detroit.**

The rezoning is located in Master Plan Neighborhood Cluster 5 within two areas: Vernor/Junction and Hubbard Richard. Most of the Master Plan calls for: Light Industrial along the rail corridor, Low/Medium Density Residential in the residential areas, Mixed Town Center along Livernois Avenue, Medium Density Residential along West Grand Boulevard, and Recreation for Clark Park.



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Proposed Rezoning District Changes the rezoning, would involve the following: (**Option A**)

1. **M4 to M1 - The M4 zoning classification** allows intensive industrial uses and is supposed to rarely, if ever, be located adjacent to residential districts. The M1 zoning classification is designed for a wide range of industrial and related uses which can function with a minimum of undesirable effects – industrial establishments of this type provide a buffer between residential districts and intensive industrial districts.

2. **M4 to R2 - Several blocks within the subject area**, although they have been developed with residential housing for decades, are zoned M4. Within M4, new residences are prohibited with the exception of loft conversions of existing buildings and of residential uses combined in structures with permitted commercial uses. The R2 district is designed to protect and enhance those areas developed or likely to develop with single- or two family dwellings.

3. **M4 to B4, SD2, SD1, R5 or R3 - Several of the blocks**, although zoned M4 and many of which are vacant, may be more conducive to commercial or mixed-use commercial. These are located primarily on north/south commercial corridors, such as Livernois Avenue, Junction Avenue, Hubbard Avenue, and West Grand Boulevard. The SD2 zoning classification is designed to encourage a complementary mixture of more intensive Detroit City Council Agenda Tuesday, January 19, 2021 (Continued) pedestrian and transit-oriented uses that may be compatible with a neighborhood center or with a location along major or secondary thoroughfares including some light industrial uses. The SD1 district is designed to encourage a complementary mixture of small-scale, pedestrian- and transit oriented uses that are compatible in a neighborhood setting. R5 is designed for a range of residential uses from single-family to medium-density multi-family dwellings. R3 is designed as a low-density multi-family district. The CPC recommends approval of the rezoning request with modifications.

An alternate proposal (**Option B**) has been submitted by Council Member Scott Benson to down zone to M2 instead of M1 in areas where there is an M4 classification with all other changes remaining the same.



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During the Formal Session, the Detroit City Council voted for the introduction and setting of a Public Hearing on both Option A and Option B. The public hearing will determine if Option A or Option B will be moved out of the Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee to the full body for a vote. City Council has received letters of support as well as numerous public comments in support of Option A.

DETROIT RESIDENT LEGISLATIVE ACCESS

Additional legislative actions taken by the Detroit City Council during the Formal Session of January 19, 2021:

Approved:

- Resolution authorizing the Office of the Chief Financial Officer to authorize emergency actions and appropriations to administer Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccines. This will allow the OCFO to spend approximately \$7M to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to City of Detroit residents.
- **\$602,500 in lawsuit settlements as a result of injuries sustained on City of Detroit Department of Transportation buses. Council President Jones has requested a report on the status of training and employee policies taken by the Department of Transportation to reduce funds spent on lawsuit settlements.**
- Appointment of **Gwen Lewis** to the City of Detroit Entertainment Commission representing **District 7**.
- Approval of two contracts totaling \$50,000 to support residents experiencing homelessness as a result of COVID-19.
- Approval of a Closed Session on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing with Corporation Counsel, privileged and confidential information regarding trial and/or settlement strategy in connection with the pending lawsuit Detroit Will Breathe v. City of Detroit, et al.; United States District Court Case No. 20-12363 as related to the City of Detroit – Amendment Agreement No. 1 to Contract 6002958.



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- Approval of a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 10, 2021 at 1:05 p.m. on the Proposed Capital Agenda FY 2021-22 through 2025-26.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY OUTREACH

As a result of the recently passed Community Outreach Ordinance,
the below meetings will occur

(City Wide)

The Department of Public Works will host two virtual meetings on **Monday, January 25 at 5pm** and **February 1 at 5pm** on **City Speed Hump Installation Contracts** totaling \$11M to install approximately 4,500 prefabricated and asphalt speed humps throughout the City of Detroit.

Zoom Meeting ID: **363 140 9738**

Dial In: (929) 436-2866 (312) 626-6799 (346) 248-7799

Questions: marconc@detroitmi.gov

MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT AND SALE OF BRODHEAD ARMORY LOCATED AT 7600 W. JEFFERSON AVENUE

The City of Detroit Jobs and Economy Team will host two virtual meetings on **Tuesday, January 26 at 5:30pm** and **February 16 at 5:30 pm** on the Master Plan Amendment and Sale of The Brodhead Armory to the Parade Company for a \$30M investment for a neighborhood non-profit center and storage for parade floats.

Zoom Meeting ID: **256 803 0763**

Dial In: (929) 436-2866 (312) 626-6799 (346) 248-7799

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For additional public documents relative to any of the referenced items,
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