



CITY OF DETROIT

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

To: Jay Rising, Chief Financial Officer

Through: Council Member Fred Durhal, Chair, Budget, Finance & Audit Standing Committee

From: Council President Mary Sheffield submitting memorandum relative to

Date: 3/24/2023

RE: OCFO Budget Hearing Questions for FY23-24

SUMMARY:

- 1) Since 2015, the Michigan Department of Treasury has partnered with the City to collect Detroit Individual Income Tax returns.
 - o Are there any plans to move Detroit income tax collection from the State back to City control?
 - o What does it cost the City to have the state collect income taxes?
 - o Does the City have the capacity to take over tax collection?
- 2) Does the City track occupancy rates of commercial offices in the greater downtown area?
 - o Specifically, has downtown occupancy returned to pre-COVID rates?
 - o Have income tax revenue returned to pre-COVID levels?
- 3) The property tax reform ordinance has been submitted for a fiscal analysis, when can we expect the report?
 - o How much would it cost to support the technology the that property tax reform ordinance would require?
- 4) How many vacancies are with the OCFO?
- 5) To the Office of Contracting and Procurement: The CIOGS ordinance requires that a specification report is provided to City Council and publicly released before OCP may

engage in a surveillance contract procurement. Since the passage of this ordinance, Council has seen several contracts for surveillance technology such as ShotSpotter and License Plate Readers without receiving the specification report. What efforts will be made by OCP to ensure compliance with CIOGS prior to the surveillance technology contracts being voted on?

- 6) To the Office of Development and Grants: What metrics are used to evaluate the office's performance each year? How do you *ensure* the greatest use and accountability of grant dollars?
- 7) There is an increase in employees from FY23-24, Is the budgeted 416 FTE's enough to fulfill all of the services the OCFO provides?
 - o What is the reason for the increase?
- 8) One of the goals of the office is to continuously improve and build high-performing, inquisitive, and innovative teams. How does the office plan to achieve this goal? What trainings, team activities and/or programs will the office prioritize to accomplish this goal?
- 9) What are the reasons for the increase in revenue and expenditures between FY 23 to FY 24?
- 10) Salaries and wages increase by ~ \$3M from FY 23 to FY 24. How will this money be used? Will the office hire more FTE's?
- 11) Approximately, how much does the City procure in goods and services annually? Of that total how much is expended with Detroit Businesses?

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