

**THE DETROIT CITY COUNCIL
2023-2024 FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY PRIORITIES,
PUBLIC POLICY, PLANNING AND ACTION RESOLUTION**

BY ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

WHEREAS, The Honorable Mayor Mike Duggan presented his proposed Executive Budget for FY 2023-24 and a Four-year Financial Plan for the City of Detroit to the Honorable Detroit City Council on March 3, 2023, and in fulfillment of its Charter-mandated role and in keeping with past practice, City Council held hearings and deliberations on the proposed Executive Budget for FY 2023-2024 as submitted by the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, The City of Detroit (City) continues on its positive trajectory since emerging from bankruptcy at the end of 2014. Reinvestment in the City's infrastructure has been ongoing, with fiscal restraint remaining paramount; and, the alignment of expenditures and revenues continues to be balanced with improvements in service delivery to residents; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Public Act 181 of 2014 (Act 181) provided for State oversight of the City's finances for at least thirteen years. This budget process is proceeding under a waiver of active oversight, granted by the Financial Review Commission (FRC) in April 2018, following three consecutive years of successful adherence to deficit-free budgets. The annually renewable waiver requires the City to submit its adopted budget and four-year financial plan to the FRC by April 30 of each year in order to obtain; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Sec. 8-213 of the 2012 City Charter and Public Act 182 of 2014, the City's Chief Financial Officer, Budget Director, Auditor General, and the City Council's Legislative Policy Division, along with other top officials held a revenue estimating conference which determined reasonable, agreed upon revenue projections of General Fund revenues for the upcoming fiscal year, totaling \$1.254 billion; and

WHEREAS, The FY 2024-2027 four-year financial plan, as presented to City Council, shows employee benefits increasing from \$249.1 Million in FY 2023 to \$377 Million in FY 2024, an increase of \$127.9 Million. The City will no longer make discretionary pension contributions to the Retiree Protection Fund Trust Fund (RPTF) in 2024, but instead begin to withdraw funds to pay its legacy pension cost. The FY 2024 \$148.9 Million legacy pension payment is based on a 30-year amortization period for the General Retirement System and a 20-year amortization for the Police & Fire Retirement System. The Retiree Protection Trust Fund (RPTF) was projected to grow to \$473.4 Million to soften the pension blow in FY 2024; and

WHEREAS, In FY 2024, the pension payment could approach 11% of the general fund recurring budget under a 30-year amortization period. The pension payment could approach 13% of the general fund recurring budget under a 20-year amortization period. The amount of the City's annual pension payment fluctuates depending on how the stock market and the pension investments perform, the pension payback period (payment amortization period) and how much the City owes in pensions (unfunded actuarial liability). Conservative budgeting needs to be

continued to reflect fiscal realities and avoid a reversion into bankruptcy and to diminish the City's ability to provide critical services. Pension costs will need extremely close monitoring; and

WHEREAS, On this day, April 10, 2023, the Detroit City Council adopts a program budget that is based on sound conservative budgetary principles for municipalities, well-reasoned financial assumptions and past performance, as well as stated goals and projections for City departments, divisions and agencies, as well as in consideration of the dictates of the "Plan for the Adjustment of Debts of the City of Detroit" (POA); and

WHEREAS, The Administration has astutely recognized that the City's Plan of Adjustment contained several questionable key assumptions that need to be addressed to manage the projected shortfall in the City's pension obligations. Prudent financial planning has allowed the City to establish a Retiree Protection Trust Fund to ensure that pensioners who have already suffered a significant loss due to the City's bankruptcy will not be harmed further by a collapse of the pension system. The City has built up approximately \$473 Million in trust assets to offset the City's annual required contributions that resume in FY 2024. The City will make its first distribution, \$57.2 Million, from the trust fund; and

WHEREAS, In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress adopted the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which allocated \$826.7 Million to the City of Detroit to remedy fiscal shortfalls caused by mandatory shut-downs; and

On June 29, 2021, City Council allocated the fund, through 15 appropriations. The Administration has requested to reappropriate \$59 million to purposes that have seen greater demand and to also address the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Due to the abundance of vacant homes and buildings there has been an increase in rodents and other vermin across the city. Therefore, City Council urges the Administration, through the Environmental Services Department, to increase the amount of rodent bait distributed and funding needed to proactively address this issue; and

WHEREAS, Residents continue to suffer from the effects of poor air quality due to emissions from corporate facilities that are embedded within many of our residential communities. City Council encourages the Administration to seek reimbursement from private corporations for the city's purchase of air purifiers to assist Detroit residents that have been affected by hazardous fumes; and

WHEREAS, Sections 2227 and 2845 of the Michigan Insurance Code, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.2227 and 500.2845 allows City of Detroit to participate in the fire insurance withholding program to escrow 25% of fire insurance settlements for losses to real property within the City limits. Under the program, the City receives a portion of the insured's insurance payment to be held in an escrow account until the relevant structure is repaired, replaced or demolished. The Fire Escrow Account is currently inadequate and does not meet actual costs of demolition. The City Council urges the State to increase the maximum escrow withholding percentage; and; and

WHEREAS, The City of Detroit has a commitment to removing barriers and increasing the participation of minority, women, and veteran owned businesses in the demolition process is stymied by the insurance requirements. City council urges the Administration, Law Department, Demolition Department, and business owners to explore solutions to reduce the burdensome insurance requirements, including, but not limited to, by ordinance amendment, outreach initiatives, and city-led programming; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor’s proposed 2023-24 Budget presents consolidated and transferred departmental functions for construction and facilities management from the General Services Department to the newly named Construction and Demolition Department and a consolidation of the legacy and pension activities to Debt service Agency. Before these transfers may become effective, these amendments to the Executive Organization Plan must be submitted to City Council for its review and approval; and

WHEREAS, Although, the city’s blight elimination program has succeeded in demolishing many vacant and blighted structures throughout the city, demolition activities both commercial and residential, take considerable time. Unfortunately, there are many missing and deceased persons reported in the city of Detroit and some of these vacant structures have been scenes of tragic events. The City Council urges the DPD to make available the use of cadaver dogs when necessary to search for missing individuals in vacant structures in the demolition process; and

WHEREAS, There are over 4,200 miles of sidewalk in the city of Detroit. The City Council recognizes the importance of maintaining safe and accessible sidewalks for all residents and seeks to address the need for an efficient and cost-effective Residential Sidewalk Repair Program. City Council urges the Department of Public Works to develop and implement a Residential Sidewalk Repair Program that fosters collaboration between citizens and sidewalk repair vendors, leveraging economies of scale to reduce the cost of private sidewalk repairs, and report the progress and results to the City Council on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, City Council acknowledges the significance of traffic calming measures and the benefit of putting in place measures to reduce vehicle speeds and improve safety. City Council supports the pursuit of Vision Zero goals and objectives to eliminate traffic-related fatalities and severe injuries and urges the Department of Public Works to prioritize and increase the implementation of traffic calming solutions, such as traffic circles and other effective measures; and

WHEREAS, Recycling and composting our food waste are a couple of ways to comply with the City’s Climate Action Ordinance which requires the City to lower our greenhouse emissions by 35% of 2012 levels by 2024. The City Council encourages the DPW to institute a pilot program for food waste recycling with the goal of lowering the City’s carbon footprint; and

WHEREAS, Keeping in line with the commitment made by the Administration, City Council urges the Administration add \$170,000 from the street fund for one (1) fulltime FTE in city engineering to provide city wide oversight; and

WHEREAS, Traffic calming devices in the form of temporary bollards have been placed at two locations in the Sherwood Forest Neighborhood. The replacement of these bollards with something more esthetically pleasing devices will assist in calming traffic and the beautification of the area. City Council agrees with the Administration's commitment to fund these improvements from this year's street fund allocation in the amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars.

WHEREAS, DDOT's bus service is a lifeline for tens of thousands of Detroit residents. The current shortage of bus drivers, amongst other things, has limited bus schedules which has disrupted the lives of those Detroiters that rely on bus service. We cannot approve of this budget without advocating for the crucial transit needs of our residents. We believe that the effort to pay bus operators more can be supported through Workforce Investment funds. Thus, Council urges the administration to increase the Department of Transportation's operating budget to \$80 million; and

WHEREAS, City Council recognizes bus shelters with benches and safe sidewalk connections can improve the rider experience and ridership of citizens utilizing public transportation; however, only approximately 4% of the bus stops have bus shelters, trailing behind many other large cities creating an uncomfortable and unfriendly rider experience. City Council requests the Administration allocate seven million dollars in funding to increase the number of bus shelters city-wide; and

WHEREAS, DDOT's monthly ridership that varies between 600,000 and 800,000 passengers, down from between 1.5 million and two million riders before the pandemic, demonstrating that DDOT's monthly ridership has not recovered since the start of the covid-19 pandemic. As cities across the country have implemented free public transportation pilots to counteract the national decline in bus ridership, City Council urges the Detroit Department of Transportation to establish a pilot program for 1-month of free DDOT ridership to be evaluated according to metrics related to ridership, environmental impact, quality of life, and equity; and

WHEREAS, The bus operator shortage is a major cause of buses arriving late to their designated stops. The bus operator shortage in Detroit is primarily due to the low wages that are being offered by DDOT. To ensure that DDOT is offering competitive wages and that the buses arrive on time, City Council urges the Administration to allocate funds to the Detroit Department of Transportation to cover the cost for a starting wage of \$29 per hour for bus operators and to cover the cost for existing bus drivers to receive a raise commensurate with their length of service to the Department; and

WHEREAS, The success of transit systems in rural, urban, and suburban neighborhoods is critical to the economic health and sustainable growth of America's communities. Transit-oriented development (TOD) is an urban planning concept that encourages cities to develop housing adjacent to reliable and accessible transportation, promoting the creation of dense, walkable, mixed-use development near transit, which attracts people and adds to vibrant, connected communities, City Council urges the Administration, DDOT and all necessary parties to work to develop, implement and execute a transit-oriented development framework for the city of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, The DDOT drivers earn far less than the national average and continue to persevere through trying conditions. Employees have endured the pandemic and shown a great commitment to the department and the citizens, City Council urges the Administration to increase the DDOT budget to the amount of \$400K from ARPA funds to allow for a \$1000 bonus to all active employees; and

WHEREAS, Despite Section 8-2-20 of the Detroit City Code requiring wrecking operations be performed by the employees of the licensed wrecking contractor and expressly prohibiting the use of independent contractors or subcontractors, Proposal N Demolition contractors were allowed to use 1099 employees for the purposes of pre-qualifying for bids as well as performing work. Therefore, the City Council strongly urges the Office of Contracts and Procurement to follow the law and moving forward provide an annual report outlining the pre-qualifications and employees used for demolition contracts; and

WHEREAS, Over 20 years ago, residency requirements for city of Detroit employees were abolished. It is reported that 60 – 80 percent of public safety workers now live outside of the city. Perhaps it is time to reevaluate this policy. City Council request that the Administration, through the office of the OCFO, conduct a study of the pros and cons of residency and how it has affected our city and the role it might play in the future; and

WHEREAS, Despite the success of the approximately five thousand speed humps installed in neighborhoods around the City of Detroit, there have been reports regarding how the speed humps interfere with the response time for the Detroit Police Department, Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services; City Council urges the administration to prepare an analysis on the negative impact of speed humps on city emergency vehicle response; and

WHEREAS, For decades air pollution and other harmful effects from an over proliferation of truck traffic has plagued the neighborhoods surrounding the Ambassador Bridge, the Detroit City Council requests that the Detroit Health Department provide an annual study reflecting the impact of factories and truck traffic on air quality in neighborhoods surrounding the bridge to include solutions on ways to mitigate the issues that form the findings of the report; and

WHEREAS, Nationwide settlements have been reached to resolve opioid litigation brought by states and local governments. The City of Detroit will receive millions of dollars in compensation for damage suffered during the opioid crisis through multi-party litigation. City Council urges the Detroit Health Department to review the Opioid Remediation Funding Priorities report written by the Office of Council Member Gabriela Santiago-Romero containing recommendations for potential uses of the settlement funds, and to work with community organizations and City Council to implement the proposed solutions; and

WHEREAS, Food safety is of paramount importance to the residents of Detroit and educating the public on safe food handling practices is crucial in maintaining a healthy community; the City Council hereby urges the Health Department to earmark \$50,000 from its current budget to provide more information to the public on food safety practices by utilizing funds to expand existing food safety programs and develop new educational materials and outreach initiatives that will increase awareness and understanding of food safety practices; and

WHEREAS, The Health Department works in partnership with Detroiters to protect and promote their health, well-being, safety, and resilience, and to respond to every public health need with exceptional leadership, policies, programs, and services. Due to the ongoing issues with air quality in the Stellantis-Mack impact area, the City Council encourages the Health Department to collaborate with local health care systems to provide physical exams that will monitor the impact of air pollution on residents' health by tracking their throat, lung, and heart health, particularly in areas with significant industrial operations nearby; and

WHEREAS, Air pollution due to an over proliferation of truck traffic has been a significant public health issue in areas throughout the city for years, as many impoverished and minority communities have been forced to disproportionately bear the burden of industry and its deleterious effects, City Council urges the Administration to conduct and publish an annual environmental health study regarding the impact of truck traffic on air quality in neighborhoods adjacent to the new Amazon Center; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit Health Department annually licenses and inspects over 1,900 food establishments. City Council recognizes the critical role that Food Safety Inspectors play in protecting the health and well-being of the residents of Detroit, and the importance of providing competitive compensation to attract and retain skilled professionals in this field; City Council urges the Detroit Health Department, in coordination with the Human Resources Department, to review and modify the Official Compensation Schedule (white-book) for Food Safety Inspector pay, ensuring that the compensation is commensurate with their responsibilities and competitive with similar positions in comparable jurisdictions, and report the proposed adjustments to the City Council for consideration and approval; and

WHEREAS, The City has a high percentage of residents with untreated mental illness with a large segment unable to receive the necessary care because they cannot afford it. Those suffering from mental issues require access to treatment and improved quality of treatment to reduce homelessness, incarceration, and fatal interactions with police. City Council urges the Administration to allocate one million dollars to combat mental health issues and fund initiatives targeted toward helping those who suffer mental illness; and

WHEREAS, The health and wellbeing of Detroit's residents, including persons with disabilities, are essential to the City's overall prosperity, vitality, and quality of life; the Detroit City Council encourages an increase in funding through one-time General Fund costs to the Detroit Health Department of \$200,000 for outreach to the disabled community, advocating healthy outcomes, and cultural competency training for health care providers as it relates to the disabled population; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the pandemic many persons now suffer from the condition referred to as Long-Covid. Long Covid is defined as prolonged or persistent symptoms lasting at least 90 days following the onset of Covid. Symptoms include fatigue, shortness of breath and impaired cognitive and physical function. City Council urges the health department to conduct a study relative to long covid and its effects on the citizens of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, Nonmedical factors can greatly influence health outcomes. Conditions in the environments where people are born, live, and work, play a big role in the wellness of our communities. City Council requests the Health Department conduct a study to identify and address the social determinants of health in the City of Detroit.

WHEREAS, Continuing education and professional development are vital components that increase City employee's productivity and the delivery of services to residents. Numerous studies have shown that there is a significant return on the City's investment when provisions are provided to increase educational opportunities of its employees. Therefore, City Council requests that the Administration reinstate the employee tuition reimbursement program to support our employees wishing to further their education; and

WHEREAS, City Council acknowledges the importance of providing equitable compensation to Detroit's elected officials, reflecting the responsibilities and efforts involved in their roles, and the recent study prepared by the Human Resources Department indicating that Detroit Elected Officials are currently undercompensated in relation to comparable sized cities with similar governmental structures; City Council encourages the Elected Officials' Compensation Committee to carefully review the findings of the study prepared by the Human Resources Department, and to take appropriate action in compliance with these findings to adjust the compensation of Detroit Elected Officials accordingly, ensuring that their remuneration is competitive and commensurate with their responsibilities, and report the proposed adjustments to the City Council for consideration and approval; and

WHEREAS, The Inclusionary Housing Ordinance that Detroit City Council passed in 2017 requires annual income verification of those residents residing in the units set aside as affordable. Recently representatives from CRIO stated that there has been little to no actual income verification. City Council strongly urges the Administration to move the responsibility of Income Verification from CRIO to HRD, and to issue a compliance report within 6 months following the passage of the FY23-24 Budget; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to ensure equitable access to city government and the democratic process, City Council urges the Administration to allocate funding to the Civil Rights, Inclusion and Opportunity Department to allow for interpretation services in American Sign Language (ASL) and any requested language during formal session, standing committees and charter mandated meetings to be the standard, and work to eliminate resident requirement of requesting the services which will allow for greater access and involvement from residents; and

WHEREAS, According to a report from Wayne State University Medical School and the Detroit Area Agency on Aging, older adults in parts of Wayne County, including Detroit, are dying at twice the rate of those who live elsewhere in Michigan. Chronic illnesses, living conditions, lack of resources, accessibility to health care and lack of health insurance, are all contributing factors. City Council urges the administration to establish the Department on Aging to provide senior residents services, including but not limited to case management and access to home care agencies, home delivered meal programs, mental health, and other vital programs; and

WHEREAS, Persons with disabilities face unique challenges and barriers in accessing and participating in various aspects of community life, including media, housing, law enforcement, employment, and health programs. The Detroit City Council requests the Civil Rights, Inclusion and Opportunity Department to prepare an annual report on expenditures by program and outcomes related to disabled residents, including media, housing, law enforcement, employment, and health programs; and

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Census Bureau, currently the poverty level in the city of Detroit is 33.2 percent, making it the poorest large city in the country with 219,317 of its residents, or just over one third of the population, living below the poverty level. The vast size of the population living below the federal poverty levels requires extraordinary measures to address the situations faced by our residents. The City Council request the Administration work to establish an Office of Poverty to serve as a community resource to offer services, information, and serve as an advocate for those effected by poverty; and

WHEREAS, Historically, small businesses have been essential to the economic growth in Detroit. Supporting small businesses leads to increased opportunity and decreased unemployment. The Office of Small Business Affairs will provide resources to local small businesses to encourage their growth and success. Council urges the administration to add the cost of the Office of Small Business Affairs to the Mayor's Office; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the ongoing threat and future effects of climate change, which have the potential to destabilize our communities and infrastructure, City Council request the Homeland Security Department develop a comprehensive Disaster Mitigation Plan to address the issue of basement backups and flooding, which focuses on implementing measures to reduce the risk of flooding/backups and minimizing the impact on communities and infrastructure.

WHEREAS, In recognition of the ongoing threat and future effects of climate change, which have the potential to destabilize our communities and infrastructure, City Council requests the Administration establish Resilience Hubs to provide essential services and resources to residents during emergencies and disasters, such as shelter, food, water, medical care, and information throughout the city to help mitigate potential damage and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, Youth employment programs help youth development skills, create career goals, and become productive citizens. City Council request the allocation of \$250,000 from ARPA/Cares funds for the Youth Employment Support program to provide resume and soft-skill training as well as financial literacy education to Detroit youth between the ages of 16 and 25; and

WHEREAS, The unique six thousand seat Aretha Franklin Amphitheater continues to offer an enjoyable experience as a destination of choice for artists and concert goers. This valued city of Detroit asset is most inviting when amenities, such as parking, are widely available, City Council urges the Administration to collaborate with all necessary departments to improve and create a parking plan that promotes long-term accessibility to the Aretha Franklin Amphitheater; and

WHEREAS, As one of the largest employers in the city, we must commit to paying our employees a livable, competitive wage with a strong fringe benefit package that will support families and encourage a stable workforce; thus, Council supports a \$7 million allocation to Workforce investment to increase wages city-wide particularly the bus drivers in DDOT and the mechanics and GSD; DDOT and DPD; and

WHEREAS, In 2021, Detroiters broadly supported a ballot initiative to create a Reparations Taskforce that will research and find mechanisms aimed at addressing economic mobility and opportunities that have been historically denied Black Detroiters as a result of aftermath of slavery and ever present systematic racism; City Council urges the Administration to continue to adequately fund the Reparations Taskforce with at least \$350,000 and adopt any policy recommendations that the body puts forth because Detroit can only truly move forward when all are uplifted; and

WHEREAS, Despite dedicating some of the best years of their lives to serving Detroit residents, the City's 6,178 retirees have not been able to reap the full benefits promised to them because of the pension cuts sustained during the City's bankruptcy. To soften that blow, City Council will continue to explore a way to provide \$2,000 dollars in direct compensation to City of Detroit retirees who still live within the borders of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, City Council urges the creation of Community Land Bank /Community Land Trust Program in conjunction with DLBA so large sections of vacant DLBA owned land can be devoted in perpetuity to community based non-profit trust who will develop the properties for the benefit of the community; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit Land Bank Authority has been tasked with returning properties to productive use, and as they come to the conclusion of this mission, the City Council would like to explore solutions to transitioning the Occupied Properties programming and its associated funding, to the Housing and Revitalization Department. The department is intimately familiar with some of the challenges regarding the population that currently occupies, city/publicly owned property, and currently assists the Detroit Land Bank Authority in case management services for other programmatic objectives; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Ethics has identified the need for a customized Learning Management System (LMS) to meet the specific needs and requirements of the Board of Ethics, including training on ethics laws and regulations, best practices for conducting investigations and hearings, and other topics relevant to the Board's mission. City Council encourages the allocation of \$150,000 ARPA dollars for the development, implementation and maintenance of the LMS; and

WHEREAS, The Charles H. Wright Museum's long-term financial sustainability depends on the generous support of the community through expanded membership and the state and local government to direct support for capital as well as operational needs. City Council supports additional funding from the state for the museum's capital improvements in FY 2024 that include replacing the freight and passenger elevators, supporting the museum's longevity as they seek to create a modern institution that is appealing to both employees and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Increasing the visibility and accessibility of the Detroit Historical Museum would enable more people to learn and appreciate the City’s rich history, generating positive impacts on education, tourism and economic development. City Council encourages the museum to allocate \$50,000 of their existing budget for marketing services, and to collaborate with local tourism and cultural organizations, media outlets and other relevant stakeholders in the development and implementation an effective strategy to advertise the highly marketable services and offerings the museum has to provide; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit Zoo is a beloved institution that serves as an educational, recreational, and conservation resource for the citizens of Detroit and for the thousands of visitors it receives from around the world; in order to preserve this gem, the City and the Zoological Society must work cooperatively to find efficiencies that will help address infrastructure needs, including serious water and sewerage issues ensuring that the Zoo continues to operate effectively while minimizing waste and promoting responsible use of resources; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit City Council in its communications with the public sees the value in presenting a unified City brand for many of its public offerings; however, there are occasions where the unique expressions of the City Council member must be showcased; to accomplish this City Council urges the Administration to extend Media Services resources to create a parallel City Council brand as a body and for individual Council Members; and

WHEREAS, We are blessed as a community to have people here that emigrate from countries across the globe. It is important to ensure all residents have the opportunity to participate in our programs and not be limited by language barriers; City Council urges Media Services and CRIO to work together to develop programming and social media content in various languages; and

WHEREAS, Detroit is home to a diverse group cultures; City Council urges the Administration conduct feasibility studies relative to create African Town and Chaldean Town business districts; and

WHEREAS, The Wayne County Port Authority plays a crucial role in the economic and environmental well-being of Detroit and the surrounding region; to that end City Council urges the Office of Sustainability to collaborate with the Wayne County Port Authority in identifying and pursuing grant opportunities related to sustainability, working together to develop and implement innovative solutions that will enhance the environmental stewardship and long-term viability of the Port Authority, benefiting the city, its residents, and the broader region; and

WHEREAS, As a way to combat growing wage and income disparity within our population, City Council strongly advocates for a universal income and are committed to working with local, state and federal partners on executing a Universal Basic Income Supplement program for Detroiters; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit Affordable Housing & Development Fund is a vital tool to help combat the skyrocketing rental increases that pose a serious danger to Detroiters struggling to find affordable housing especially those with incomes 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI) and lower. City Council urges the Administration to seek out additional sources such as philanthropic

donations and grants, and allocate additional funding beyond the proceeds of City owned commercial land sales to fully fund the affordable housing needs; and

WHEREAS, City Council urges the Detroit Housing and Revitalization Department (HRD) to identify and secure appropriate funding sources to provide comprehensive customer service training for the CDBG staff, thereby enhancing their ability to serve the public efficiently and professionally, ultimately contributing to the improvement of the overall experience for Detroit residents interacting with the department; and

WHEREAS, An adaptive reuse plan to address both the sizable number of vacant office buildings in the downtown area and need for more affordable housing units would be beneficial development of downtown; therefore, City Council urges HRD and Detroit Economic Growth Corporation (DEGC) to work with potential public and private partners to develop a plan and funding resources to survey, identify, and adapt vacant office spaces into affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS, City Council urges the innovative use of 3-D printing to reduce costs in the development of affordable housing and would encourage DEGC and HRD to actively explore developers interested in promoting this type of development to lower both the purchase price of the new homes and the cost of rental options; and

WHEREAS, To address the unique challenges and barriers disabled and senior residents face in maintaining and accessing in-home services, City Council urges the reprogramming \$2 million of ARPA funds to create a Home Accessibility Program for senior and disabled residents to upgrade their homes and make them both ADA compliant and physically accessible; and

WHEREAS, The Right-to-Counsel Ordinance was passed in 2022 to assist Detroit tenants with legal representation in landlord-tenant actions in 36th District Court that are at risk of losing housing, especially now that all COVID-related eviction moratoriums have long since expired and rental evictions, many of which are avoidable, having resumed; to fully address evictions in Detroit, City Council strongly urges the administration to fully fund the Right-to-Counsel Ordinance and appropriate \$12 million dollars in ARPA funding for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, Many of the economic development projects that are approved by the City have varying commitments connected to the approval of the project; City Council requests DEGC, PDD and CRIO provide an annual report that evaluates the compliance of the developers' commitments on job creation and property taxes; and

WHEREAS, The impact of taxes levied by the City on both commercial and residential property owners on economic development, particularly commercial development, needs some emphasis and critical analysis; therefore, the City Council urges the HRD, DEGC, and Office of the Assessor to analyze and report on the effect of high property taxes on the City's economic position to determine the appropriate tax policies that will promote equitable economic growth; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for greater transparency, accountability, and public awareness of the results, value and process for approval of tax incentives and abatements accordingly, City Council requests HRD and DEGC earmark \$50,000 of their budget to develop an information campaign to inform and educate the public on tax abatements as it relates to development projects; and

WHEREAS, The City of Detroit recognizes the importance of economic growth and development and the benefit of tax abatements as a tool to encourage investment and create new jobs. City Council urges the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, Civil Rights, Inclusion, and Opportunity Department, and Planning and Development Department provide an annual collaborative report on the jobs promised and the actual jobs created by these projects and developers receiving tax incentives in Detroit; and

WHEREAS, City Council urges the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to utilize its funding to implement an Adaptive Reuse Program that focuses on the priorities developed by the organization for the transformation of our city center, including incentivizing real estate development, supporting vibrant initiatives, developing downtown diversity, and improving downtown safety, security, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, City Council encourages HRD to spend \$100,000 appropriated in the FY2023 Budget for an Accessible Housing Audit which would provide a comprehensive review and assessment of the accessibility of housing units in the City of Detroit, identifying any deficiencies or barriers that prevent individuals with disabilities, mobility limitations and other accessibility needs; and

WHEREAS, City Council urges the reappropriation of \$100,000 in ARPA funding for CRIO, Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation and DEGC to collaboratively develop specific job training and placement programs for disable persons would provide the necessary support, resources and accommodations for them to achieve their full potential and contribute to the City's workforce and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, The last few decades have been replete with new innovation reducing the number of persons necessary to carry on business of all kinds, particularly businesses that use low skill repetitive work and work that is now performed by AI technology. City Council is requesting a study on the impact of automation on jobs; and

WHEREAS, Many do not know that the Detroit Police Department Victims Assistance Program exists to help survivors address the physical, emotional, and even financial toll that violent crime can have on victims, survivors, and family members months and even years after the fact. Therefore, the Detroit City Council urges the Administration better advertise this important program and to support increased funding for the Detroit Police Victim's Assistance Program by using existing DPD funds from unfilled social workers positions; and

WHEREAS, City Council encourages the Detroit Police Department to allocate an additional \$150,000 from FY 2024 budget for Invisible Disabilities Training Program aimed at enhancing the ability of officers to interact with individuals with invisible disabilities such as mental health

conditions, developmental disorders and sensory impairments in a safe, respectful and effective manner; and

WHEREAS, Council offices regularly receive feedback from residents that they don't feel safe in their neighborhoods due to lack of sufficient public lighting necessary to preserve the health and safety of the People of Detroit; therefore, City Council requests the creation of an amended public lighting plan and increased funding to support the amended plan with whatever lighting measures are necessary to adequately light our neighborhood blocks and alleys; and

WHEREAS, Despite the investment the City has made, there continues to be a need to address unsafe conditions caused by the lack of viaduct lighting; to address these unsafe conditions, City Council urges the Administration to allocate funds to cover the cost of viaduct lighting in District 6; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit Public Lighting Department (PLD) plays a critical role in providing essential lighting services which contributes to the public safety, economic vitality, and overall quality of life in the city; City Council urges the PLD to proactively incorporate resiliency measures into the PLD system, taking into consideration potential threats such as natural disasters, aging infrastructure, and changing technologies, with the goal of strengthening the system's ability to withstand and recover from adverse events, ultimately contributing to the long-term sustainability and reliability of public lighting services for the citizens of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, PLD has an opportunity to leverage the city's underground conduit infrastructure to attract fiber optics providers, stimulating economic growth and enhancing connectivity for residents and businesses throughout Detroit; we urge PLD to actively pursue revenue growth opportunities by promoting and facilitating the use of the city's underground conduit infrastructure for fiber optics providers, thereby fostering a more connected and technologically advanced city, and generating additional revenue streams to support the ongoing maintenance and improvement of Detroit's public lighting system; and

WHEREAS, The Walter & Mae Reuther Park (also known as the King Homes Park) needs numerous repairs and a consistent maintenance schedule. Thus, City Council is requesting more funding for maintenance, improvement, and inspection of the Walter & Mae Reuther Park to allow residents to enjoy and recreate in this historic park located in their own community; and

WHEREAS, City Council requests the establishment and funding of a Citizen Blight Patrol (similar in design to the current Citizen Radio Patrol) to help combat illegal dumping and other blighting activities that are occurring citywide; and

WHEREAS, The Chandler Park Fieldhouse has the potential to become a community anchor in District 4 with the right investment; to ensure the improvements provide a reliable, permanent space; therefore, we recommend GSD reevaluate the Chandler Park Inflatable Dome project and assess the feasibility of constructing a brick-and-mortar improvement to provide this district that currently has no recreation center with one that is built to last ; and

WHEREAS, Phase I of the Brennan Recreation Facility is projected to be completed by the end of 2024 and GSD has identified the need to complete Phase II which includes an enclosure for an outdoor Olympic size pool. City Council recommends the prioritization of this completion of Phase II using ARPA funds so that the citizen can enjoy these needed facilities as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, The residents of River Rouge have expressed concern relative to the consistent noise of gun fire, safety concerns and negative impact on property values caused by DPD's open-air shooting range adjacent to River Rouge Park. City Council urges GSD and DPD to earmark \$100,000 and to work collaboratively to design an enclosure that meets the specific needs and requirements of DPD and the community; and

WHEREAS, On average, black and brown students are underrepresented in all traditional sports and have access to far fewer teams and sports, and the city spends much less per black and latino student than for students of other races. We are urging GSD to begin a sports equity campaign and to earmark \$100,000 for grants to non-profit organizations to ensure these children are afforded adequate recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, In order to promote the growth of cycling activities, bolster the city's reputation as a cycling-friendly destination, and contribute to the overall wellbeing and quality of life for Detroit residents, City Council urges GSD Parks & Recreation foster a formal relationship with USA Cycling, and the Velodrome Cycling; and

WHEREAS, To promote recreational activities and enhance the physical and mental health and safety of Detroit residents, it is recommended that the General Services Department (GSD) collaborates with the Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD) to provide access to pools across the community, to identify viable locations to expand access to existing pools, and to promote and sustain access to the pools, including offering swimming lessons and water safety programs to reduce the likelihood of drowning; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon our City leaders to support the GSD mechanics who throughout the COVID-19 pandemic continued to work tirelessly every day to support the work of all City departments without any hazard pay or wage increases; accordingly, City Council is urging the Administration use \$320,000 from the Workforce Development Fund to fund a one-time \$2,000 bonus for all GSD mechanics and urges the Administration to open negotiations with AFSCME Local 229 and work to increase the pay of mechanics and provide cost of living increases; and

WHEREAS, There are varying pay rates by department for the automobile mechanic position employed by the City; Human Resources is being urged to conduct a pay study with the goal to provide pay parity and a living wage for all mechanics throughout City government; and

WHEREAS, Residents benefit from both increased safety and beautification from necessary neighborhood tree trimmings, City Council urges the administration to develop eligibility criteria beyond the Homeowners Property Exemption Program's (HOPE) property tax exemption qualifications for the City's residential tree trimming program; and

WHEREAS, Residents have been assisting the City’s operations by maintaining DLBA properties and vacant lots in their community without any compensation; GSD is urged to create a side lot maintenance program utilizing \$250,000 from the Blight Fund or designated ARPA dollars to incentivize and reimburse residents who manage and maintain DLBA properties and vacant lots; and

WHEREAS, The safety and security of Detroit's recreational centers are paramount to ensuring that residents can enjoy these facilities without fear or concern. To fulfill the commitment the Administration has made to address this necessity, City Council urges GSD-Rec to allocate at a minimum \$200,000 per recreational center, specifically for the purpose of enhancing and maintaining the security measures necessary to protect the wellbeing of Detroit’s citizens while attending these facilities; and

WHEREAS, For years, the residents have been clamoring for lighting improvements, particularly at the tennis courts, at Palmer Park; accordingly, City Council supports the \$20,000 commitment the Administration has made to complete lighting improvements at Palmer Park during the FY 2024 fiscal year preferably before the end of the tennis season; and

WHEREAS, Climate change is real and as Detroit continues to receive record rainfall, we cannot afford to wait for years on end to complete Basement Backup Protection Plan services in the over 2000 homes are currently in the need; thus, Council urges the administration to allocate at least \$7 million in additional funding to support the basement backup protection program throughout the entire city; and

WHEREAS, City Council also urges DWSD to prepare a study to determine the cost of infrastructure improvements to withstand what was once 100 and 300 year floods; and

WHEREAS, residents have reported a number of calls going unanswered by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and how inaccessible the Department has become; City Council urges the Administration to commit to reopening the DSWD downtown branch for a minimum of three days per week to provide in-person customer service and that the department prioritize customer service to improve communication with the public; and

WHEREAS, In the endeavor to provide better communication and quality for the residents of Detroit, City Council urges DWSD to work with the City's Alert systems in providing quick responses and feedback within the public in the case of water main breaks and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, City Council requests that DWSD or Great Lakes Water Authority provide copies of any existing studies, or commission a study if no such information is available analyzing the cost of separating the combined sewer overflow and the sewerage from the drinking water; and

WHEREAS, City Council supports the creation of a Tenant’s Rights Commission to hear complaints by both tenants facing eviction and landlords having complaints against their tenants in a mediator setting—alternative dispute resolution—to avoid disruption and costly court

actions in 36th District Court and the commission be allocated sufficient funding to cover the commission's expenses for parking, mileage food and other reasonable and related expenses; and

WHEREAS, The City has sent millions of dollars to the State of Michigan, or roughly \$40,000 per month due to 36th District Court not having an e-filing system to aid court operations. City Council urges the Administration to work with its state lobbyist to request the funding needed for 36th District Court to update its technology to process requests such as municipal civil infractions.

WHEREAS, The 36th District Court, as the busiest and largest district court in Michigan, with over 450,000 filings annually, is in need of additional investment to ensure the building is maintained in a safe and accessible manner; therefore, City Council strongly urges the administration to develop a capital improvement plan to access the ongoing capital needs of this structure that was originally adopted for court use; and

WHEREAS, The public library system is a phenomenal asset that exists truly to serve the community at large so when a library branch closes it creates a void in the community. For this reason, City Council requests an analysis be done by the Detroit Public Library to determine the cost of reopening the Monteith Branch be done and that sufficient capital be devoted to open this branch for the benefit of District 4 residents and others wishing to use this once beautiful facility; and

WHEREAS, City Council also urges the Administration to work with the Detroit Library Commission to determine the cost and funding plan for the creation of new library branches; and

WHEREAS, the Detroit Public Library needs assistance with fundraising, the Detroit City Council urges the Administration to work with the Detroit Public Library (DPL) and its partners to produce a report outlining a strategic fundraising plan for the DPL; and

WHEREAS, City Council in its duty to be responsible stewards of the City's budget has been conservative in allocating funding, as such the Body does not completely fund all its priorities, so in light of the historic surpluses the City has been experiencing City Council strongly urges the Administration to apply future increase in revenues and General Fund surpluses to City Council's unfunded priorities articulated in this Closing Resolution. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council its final deliberations have made a total of \$17,488,104 in amendments to the Mayor's Proposed Executive Budget. Of those allocations, \$13,780,404 have come from One-time General Funds sources and \$2,853,732 have come from Reoccurring General Fund sources as indicated in Schedule B; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, City Council is appropriating \$400,000 to the Public Works Department to implement a pilot program for the installation of curbs within the North Rosedale Park neighborhood on Huntington Street, between West McNichols Road and Verne Avenue to help with stormwater management and protect homes from flooding. City Council urges the Administration to invest in a complete curb installation program in North Rosedale Park after analyzing the results and receiving community reactions,; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, In recognition of the Historical Museum’s crucial role in preserving and showcasing Detroit’s unique history and heritage, City Council is allocating \$1 million to fund the necessary capital improvements at the museum to enhance the visitor experience and ensure the longevity of the museum; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, In order to expand the number of children been served in early childhood education, City Council has appropriated \$2.5 million to the Office of Early Learning; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, The Health Department is being allocated \$309,268 to has fund the Detroit ID Program which allows City residents an ability to obtain government identification for certain individuals who have had difficulty doing so; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, In order to provide fund outreach to the disabled community \$200,000 is be appropriated to the Health Department; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, To better staff the office, the Office of Disability is being allocated \$100,000 to hire one FTE; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, Civil Rights, Inclusion and Opportunity Department is being allocated \$350,000 to conduct a disparity study to examine city-funded contracts awarded

determine why the City of Detroit has a difficult time finding ways to do business with disadvantaged companies; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, City Council is appropriating \$350,000 to fund the Reparations Taskforce; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, The Charles H Wright Museum is being allocated 2.7 million to bolster operations and capital improvements; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, City Council has allocated \$1.5 million to the Historical Museum for capital improvements and operations; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, City Council is appropriating \$1 million for infrastructure improvements to the Zoo; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, In recognition of the importance of providing equal access to services and resources to all residents, including those with disabilities, City Council has appropriated \$50,000 to Media Services to supplement its budget to address the needs of the disabled community; if the cost for services excee this allocation we urge the department to use its existing budget for an additional one-time allocation of \$50,000; and

RESOLVED, The Coordinated Assessment Model Detroit (CAM), the primary entry system to permanent housing for those experiencing homelessness, has limited its hours and ceased in-person intake since the COVID-19 pandemic. City Council allocates \$900,000 from the Detroit

Affordable Housing Development & Preservation Fund to bridge the funding gap needed to support in-person CAM access for homeless individuals seeking housing; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk is directed to provide a copy of resolution to the Financial Review Commission, Mayor Michael Duggan, The Chief Financial Officer, the Finance Director, the Budget Director, Wayne County Executive Warren Evans and all agencies, departments and divisions of the City of Detroit.