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Black History
Month!**

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Watch City Council & leave a public comment:

How to view City Council Sessions:

1. Watch live on **Channel 10** for local broadcasting.
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3. To attend by **phone only**, call one of these numbers: +1 929 436 2866, +1 312 626 6799, +1 669 900 6833, +1 253 215 8782, +1 301 715 8592, +1 346 248 7799, then enter the Meeting ID: 85846903626##
4. Use the following Meeting ID on the Zoom application: **858 4690 3626**
5. Attend online: **detroitmi.gov/Online-CC-Meeting**

How to leave a public comment:

To participate at the time of public comment, please raise your hand through the Zoom application.

1. Telephone participants: Raise your hand by pressing *9
2. Web participants: Raise your hand by clicking "raise hand" in the application or pressing the following:
 - a. Windows computer = [ALT] + [Y]
 - b. Apple computers = [OPTION] + [Y]
3. Submit comments via email to CCPublicComment@detroitmi.gov

Coffee & Conversation Has Returned!

Join Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway at the Johnson Recreation Center for this month's Coffee & Conversation on **Monday, February 10, 2025**, at 8 AM. You'll have the opportunity to meet representatives from the Detroit Land Bank Authority, the Detroit Reparations Task Force, the District 2 Detroit Police Commissioner, the Detroit Department of Transportation, and more.



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**Coffee
&
Conversation**

WHEN



**FEBRUARY 10, 2025
8:00-9:00 AM**



**MARCH 10, 2025
8:00-9:00 AM**

WHERE



**JOHNSON REC CENTER
8550 CHIPPEWA AVE**



**AMERICA'S
COMMUNITY COUNCIL
62 W SEVEN MILE RD**

Join Council Member Angela Calloway for *Coffee & Conversation* where you'll get the latest updates from your councilperson and connect with fellow stakeholders. Don't miss this opportunity to share your thoughts, ask questions, and be part of the conversation!



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Honoring the Detroit Human Trafficking Task Force's Dedication

During the final Formal Session of Human Trafficking Awareness Month, Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway and her colleagues honored members of the Detroit Human Trafficking Task Force with an Award of Recognition for their dedicated advocacy and outreach efforts. Their work has been instrumental in raising awareness about human trafficking not only in Detroit but across the entire state of Michigan. The Detroit Human Trafficking Task Force has been a trailblazer in policy reform, successfully advocating for an ordinance requiring lodging establishments citywide to display informational signage with the national human trafficking hotline. This initiative ensures that individuals who may be at risk—or those who suspect trafficking activity—have access to critical resources. A key focus of the task force is developing legislative proposals to address human trafficking more effectively. On Tuesday, January 28th, Bishop James A. Williams II, co-chair of the task force, addressed the Detroit City Council to highlight key accomplishments from the past year and formally submit the task force's end-of-year report. Looking ahead, the task force is planning an advocacy day at the Michigan State Capitol in March, where they will meet with the Michigan Human Trafficking Commission to further discuss legislative strategies and collaborative efforts.



Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway greets Human Trafficking Task Force during Formal Session.

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City of Detroit
Detroit City Council
Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway
District 2

PRESS RELEASE

FOR RELEASE: January 28, 2025
Office of Councilmember Calloway
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Detroit's Humane Pet Shop Ordinance Unanimously Passed

I am proud to share that today, during Formal Session, the Detroit City Council unanimously passed the *Humane Pet Shop Ordinance*—a significant step forward in promoting animal welfare, safeguarding public health, and protecting Detroit consumers.

This ordinance addresses critical concerns by eliminating unethical pet sales, reducing the risk of zoonotic diseases, and protecting residents from exploitative lending practices often tied to pet purchases.

During our council discussions, we heard compelling stories about the challenges faced by overcrowded shelters and rescues, where many animals are tragically euthanized due to the growing number of stray and abandoned pets. By prohibiting the retail sale of cats and dogs—many of which are often transported from large-scale breeding operations under inhumane conditions—this ordinance encourages adoption from local shelters and rescues, alleviating pressure on our animal welfare system.

Michigan's public records reveal that retail pet stores have imported hundreds of animals from out-of-state puppy mills, unregulated brokers, and unlicensed breeders. These entities often prioritize profit over animal care, subjecting animals to deplorable living conditions with little oversight. By addressing this issue locally, Detroit is taking decisive action to disrupt this cruel supply chain and uphold the values of compassion and responsibility within our community.

By aligning with neighboring cities such as Eastpointe, Royal Oak, Ann Arbor, and others that have enacted similar measures, Detroit is furthering its commitment to animal welfare, consumer protection, and community wellbeing.

I am deeply grateful to my council colleagues, community advocates, and the many organizations whose dedication and collaboration made this ordinance possible.

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COUNCIL MEMBER'S CORNER

WALK 56 MILES

This February, participate in the *Walk 56 Miles* challenge with Councilmember Calloway. At the month's conclusion, gather your family and friends to join her and her team for a Community Walk at the UDM Fitness Center.

FEBRUARY 2025

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WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 26, 2025
5:15-6:15PM

**UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY
FITNESS CENTER
4001 W MCNICHOLS ROAD
DETROIT, MI 48221**

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proposed Development on the Avenue of Fashion

At present, there is a proposed Commercial Rehabilitation District (Public Act 210 of 2005) project planned for 20201 Livernois Avenue, where a single-story warehouse building stands. This structure, built in 1961, has previously functioned as a wholesale furniture store and later as a church.

The proposal involves demolishing the existing building to construct a brand-new, three-story mixed-use facility with a total floor area of approximately 46,741 sq. ft., which includes 7,120 sq. ft. of commercial space on the first floor and 36,237 sq. ft. dedicated to residential units. The ground level will accommodate up to two commercial tenants and provide 4,000 sq. ft. for restaurant purposes. The upper levels will contain 50 residential apartments, featuring 14 studio units, 32 one-bedroom units, and 4 two-bedroom units, each with various sizes and layouts.

Additionally, the project will offer 12,563 sq. ft. of partially covered, secured parking, designed for 45 vehicles. During the construction phase, it is expected that 46 temporary jobs will be generated for site preparation and building activities. Once completed, the project is projected to create 26 full-time positions, along with further job opportunities from commercial and retail tenants within the building.

The developer, 20201 Development LLC – a collaboration between Brown Schroeder & Company and BmK Design+Planning – is seeking a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (Public Act 147) designation and approval for a Brownfield Plan.

Current Conditions



Project Rendering



Total Residential Units		50
Studios	12 units; 6 affordable	425 avg. SF \$1,100-\$1,655 rent
1-Bed	34 units; 3 affordable	625 SF \$846-2,050 rent
2-Bed	4 units; 2 affordable	1018 SF \$2,281 avg rent

The project includes provisions for affordable housing, with six studio units designated for 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI), three one-bedroom units for 60% AMI, and two two-bedroom units for 70% AMI. Construction is anticipated to start in Winter of 2024, with an expected completion date in Autumn of 2025.

The City Council Planning and Economic Development Committee hosted a public hearing regarding the requested Neighborhood Enterprise Zone and Commercial Rehabilitation District for 20201 Development, LLC, on January 9, 2025.

For more information, visit detroitmi.gov/government/city-council/city-council-standing-committees-information

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CITY OF DETROIT
BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF DETROIT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Detroit Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (DBRA) is considering a proposed **Brownfield Plan for the 20201 Livernois Project**. A DBRA Public Hearing to receive comments on the proposed Brownfield Plan will be held on:

Monday, February 10, 2025 at 5:00pm

**New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church
19750 Livernois
Detroit, MI 48221**



The eligible property (the "Property") consists of one (1) parcel, located at 20201 Livernois Avenue, bounded by the property line to the north and south, Livernois Avenue to the east, and an alleyway to the west in the Green Acres neighborhood.

All interested persons desiring to make public comments will be afforded an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing and are also invited to provide written testimony or materials concerning the Brownfield Plan via email to ccapler@degc.org.

Further information and a copy of the proposed Brownfield Plan may be obtained from the DEGC website at <http://www.degc.org/public-authorities/dbra/>. The public hearing and this notice have been authorized by the City of Detroit Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

With advance notice of seven calendar days, the City of Detroit will provide interpreter services at public meetings, including American Sign Language, language translation and reasonable ADA accommodations. Please contact the Civil Rights, Inclusion and Opportunity Department at (313) 224-4950, through the TTY number 711, or email crio@detroitmi.gov to schedule these services.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Become a Summer Intern with #TeamCalloway!

Councilmember Whitfield Calloway and #TeamCalloway are seeking summer interns aged 14-24 through the Grow Detroit's Young Talent (GDYT) program. This citywide summer jobs initiative trains and employs young adults for up to 120 hours. To qualify, participants must be permanent residents of Detroit and eligible to work in the United States. A variety of job opportunities are available, including community cleanups, event planning, accounting, retail, Junior Police, Fire Cadets, and even roles as a Community Organizer in Councilmember Whitfield Calloway's office. Last year, the program provided 8,000 local youth with employment, and this year, you could join #TeamCalloway! We'll need your assistance with event planning, neighborhood canvassing, setting up informational/resource tables at various events, community cleanups, and much more! This is a fantastic chance to gain insights into municipal government and the legislative branch. You'll have the opportunity to attend City Council sessions, learn about the city contract process and ordinances (city laws), and build networks and strategic relationships. We are looking for enthusiastic youth who want to make a positive impact in Detroit. If this sounds like you, we invite you to reach out to our office for more information on how to join our team this summer! The application portal on gdyt.org opens on February 6, at 9AM.



GDYT
PROGRAM 2025

PORTAL AND APPLICATION OPEN:
Thursday, February 6, 2025
gdyt.org



Are you a Detroit resident between the ages of 14-24 interested in a paid, summer experience? Express your interest by completing the online application at gdyt.org.



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Updated 12/09/2024



Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway and GDYT interns during Summer of 2023.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Empowering the Future: YCE Task Force Hosts Financial Literacy Summit

The Youth and Civic Engagement (YCE) Task Force kicked off the new year with a major event focused on Pillar 2: Financial Literacy. Recognizing financial literacy as a crucial element of their programming and advocacy, the Task Force aims to address the lack of a dedicated curriculum on this topic in most Detroit schools. The summit served as an engaging and informative session designed to empower youth and young adults with essential skills for effective money management in their daily lives. Topics discussed included savings, budgeting, available banking tools, and credit management. Representatives from First Merchants Bank provided valuable insights on achieving financial stability, avoiding common financial pitfalls, and making informed decisions regarding personal finances. Participants also explored various career paths in the finance sector, considering opportunities in banking, financial planning, investment management, and beyond. The Financial Literacy Summit was a great success, equipping attendees with practical knowledge, career insights, and actionable steps to improve their financial futures. The YCE Task Force is dedicated to promoting civic and community engagement among Detroit's youth. Currently, the Youth Board is expanding, and young individuals aged 13-24 who are interested in legislative policy making, volunteering, and gaining access to educational resources are invited to join. For more information or to recommend a candidate, please call (313) 224-4535 or email us at CouncilmemberCalloway@detroitmi.gov.



The Youth & Civic Engagement Task Force hosts inaugural Financial Literacy Summit on January 22.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spirit of Detroit Award Given to Captain Rickett



On January 29, 2025, #TeamCalloway honored Captain Jamar Rickett with a Spirit of Detroit Award, representing Councilwoman Whitfield Calloway and her nine council colleagues. Captain Rickett has dedicated his career to public service within the Detroit Police Department, starting in the Communications Operations Section in May 1997. In 2006, he advanced to the rank of Sergeant, followed by a promotion to Lieutenant in 2016. His roles in the department have spanned Crime Intelligence and the Communications Operations Section, with a reassignment back to Crime Intelligence. In 2022, he became a Captain, overseeing the Communications Operations Section, the 12th Precinct in Detroit City Council District 2, and the Telephone Crime Reporting Unit until his retirement. Throughout his distinguished career, Captain Rickett has received numerous honors, including the Fireworks Award, Consent Judgment Awards, two Chief Merit Awards, the Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, and the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, alongside many letters of appreciation from local residents and superiors.

With 28 years of service dedicated to safeguarding Detroit and its citizens, Captain Rickett exemplifies the Spirit of Detroit. We celebrate his remarkable career and unwavering commitment as a guiding example for us all. Thank you, Captain Rickett, for your steadfast support of our city and its residents throughout the years.

A Crash Course on Navigating the City Budget & Prioritizing Your Needs

Councilmember Whitfield Calloway warmly invites you to join her on **Thursday, February 27, 2025, from 5 to 7 PM** at the Shri Thanedar Community Center located at 18405 Livernois Ave. This event will provide an opportunity to engage with the city's Legislative Policy Division and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's Budget Office as they explain the city's budget process and present the Mayor's recommended annual budget. The aim of this gathering is to foster transparency and accountability, ensuring that the community is informed about legislation, contracts, agreements, and resolutions. Additionally, this meeting will serve as a discussion forum, allowing constituents to express their priorities for the upcoming Fiscal Year budget. The District 2 meeting held last year included a list of priorities for the district including transportation, public safety, infrastructure, food security, land purchase opportunity, expansion of sidewalk repair program and more.



District 2 NEWSLETTER



NATIONAL GIRLS & WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY LEAD HER FORWARD

SATURDAY, FEB. 15 - CALIHAN HALL

Registration: 9 AM
Clinic Starts: 10 AM

Join us for a day of fun and sports as Titan Athletics celebrates National Girls and Women in Sports Day!

The **FREE** clinic includes skill instruction in various sports, a half-time performance and postgame autograph session, as well as a t-shirt and swag bag!

For more information or to register, visit:

DETROITTITANS.COM/NGWSD



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FEBRUARY
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DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

REPARATIONS TASK FORCE PUBLIC SESSION 2PM - 4PM

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To attend in person:
Northwest Activities Center

18100 Meyers Detroit, MI 48235

To attend online visit the link below:

<https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/87510091466>

To attend by phone:

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DRTF PRESENTATION & BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

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