

THE DETROIT CITY COUNCIL
2026-2027 FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY PRIORITIES,
PUBLIC POLICY, PLANNING AND ACTION RESOLUTION

BY ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

WHEREAS, The Honorable Mayor Mary Sheffield presented her proposed Executive Budget for FY 2026-27 and a Four-year Financial Plan for the City of Detroit to the Honorable Detroit City Council on March 9, 2026, 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 2026-2027 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, The City has achieved thirteen consecutive years of balanced budgets by adhering to sound financial practices and financial resiliency which paved the way for continued economic and tax base growth which was acknowledged by the City's recent double credit rating increase from Moody's Investors Service that restores investment grade status not seen since 2009; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Public Act 181 of 2014 (Act 181) provided for State oversight of the City's finances for at least fourteen years. This budget process is proceeding under a waiver of active oversight, granted by the Financial Review Commission (FRC) in April 2018. 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 maintain this status; 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 \$1.553 billion; and

WHEREAS, The FY 2027-2030 four-year financial plan, as presented to City Council, shows salaries and employee benefits citywide increasing from \$1.304 billion in FY 2026 to \$1.354 billion in FY 2027, an increase of \$50 Million, 3.8%. Beginning with fiscal year 2024, the City no longer makes discretionary pension contributions to the Retiree Protection Fund Trust Fund (RPTF) and has begun planned withdrawals from the fund to pay its annual legacy pension cost. The FY 2027, \$161.0 Million legacy pension payment is based on a 30-year amortization period for both the General Retirement System and the Police & Fire Retirement System. For FY 2027,

the City is utilizing a 30-year level principal amortization method, but the required pension is reduced by \$12 million in FY 2027 primarily due to strong stock market and pension asset investment performance. As a result, the contribution from the RPTF will reduce by \$12 million to pay towards the annual legacy pension cost in FY 2027. This amortization method accelerates payments in the short run but is expected to improve the overall plan funded ratio and is projected to reduce annual costs over the long term; and

WHEREAS, In FY 2027, the pension payment could approach 11.2% of the general fund recurring budget under a 30-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 7, 2026, 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, To ensure that our city’s finances stay on the road to prosperity and we never return to the days of financial insolvency, the Detroit City Council will propose an ordinance mandating self-monitoring of the city’s finance under the same conditions and scrutiny utilized by the State Financial Review Commission, and

WHEREAS, City Council urges the Administration to establish a better monitoring system concerning monetary changes to the approved budget and assign project numbers to allow for better tracking of projects and changes; and

WHEREAS, The City has been working tirelessly to create a strong financial foundation; a healthy well-funded rainy-day fund allows the city to manage unexpected revenue shortfalls and economic downturns. City Council encourages the continued growth of the City’s Rainy-Day Fund, with a target of a minimum one percent (1%) annual growth relative to the General Fund budget, to maintain fiscal stability and protect essential City services; and

WHEREAS, As part of the City’s bankruptcy proceedings, oversight and governance of the two pension systems were altered resulting in limitations on the autonomy of pension boards and investment committees including constraints on decision making authority, asset allocation strategies and fiduciary independence. The City, however, has since demonstrated sustained fiscal responsibility and management with balanced budgets and improved credit ratings which makes the City’s continued restriction of pension governance unnecessary and undermines local control. City Council urges the Administration to work collectively to formally request the State of Michigan Legislature and the Governor to enact necessary statutory amendments,

administrative actions or agreements to restore full governance authority and decision making powers over the City's pension boards back to the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, Code compliance and enforcement is essential to maintain public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring residential and commercial properties adhere to municipal ordinances. Code compliance and enforcement protect property values by combating blight and enforcing building codes. City Council urges the Administration, through BSEED, to implement code enforcement and compliance throughout City of Detroit neighborhoods to promote a higher quality of life for all residents, and to report on progress and outcomes to the City Council on a regular basis. Additionally, investing in public education and outreach will help ensure that residents and property owners are informed of code requirements, fostering greater voluntary compliance and strengthening community understanding of safety standards; and

WHEREAS, Despite the general zoning policy of the City of Detroit that calls for non-conforming uses to be eliminated over time, there have been recent instances in which long legally abandoned non-conforming uses have been allowed to reopen due to inaction on the part of city agencies to extinguish the abandoned use in support of the City's policies and the residents' desires. City Council strongly urges BSEED, CPC, and the Law Department to work together to identify a process identifying abandoned non-conforming land uses throughout the city and eliminating these land uses as expeditiously as possible when they are detrimental to the community, and

WHEREAS, Pre-sale home inspections assist buyers by providing transparency, fostering buyer trust, and helping to identify structural and mechanical issues before a purchase is made. And without pre-sale inspections, home buyers are sometimes required to spend thousands of dollars on immediate, unexpected repairs shortly after purchasing a home and many home buyers lack resources necessary to meet these sudden expenses. Detroit City Council supports the reinstatement of pre-sale home inspections to ensure home buyers are fully aware of the property's conditions and are purchasing safe and sound housing; and

WHEREAS, The City of Detroit Demolition Program was greatly intensified in 2014 setting a lofty goal of demolishing an estimated 40,000 structures. Over the years, the city has been able to demolish thousands of blight structures, making communities stronger and safer setting the stage for neighborhood stabilization and development. Although funding and the number of homes requiring demolition has greatly reduced; there is still a smaller number of properties still require demolition services; City Council continues support of some demolition activity in Detroit neighborhoods for public health and safety protection, and urges the Administration to maintain adequate resources to sustain effective demolition operations citywide; and

WHEREAS, Detroit City Council recognizes the importance of strengthening the capacity of the city's workforce by expanding equitable workforce development opportunities; and acknowledges that certain services currently performed by outside contractors may be effectively transitioned in-house to better support long-term operational efficiency and workforce stability; and further recognizes the critical role that apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs play in creating accessible career pathways for Detroit residents, therefore City Council hereby urges the

Construction and Demolition Department (CDD) to evaluate opportunities to transition appropriate contracted services in-house while simultaneously expanding and strengthening apprenticeship and training pipelines, in coordination with workforce partners, unions, and training providers, to ensure that the economic benefits of this work are realized within the communities most impacted; and

WHEREAS, The cost of fixing and maintaining properties is statistically lower than the cost of demolition for the City and for residents. Therefore, City Council also hereby urges BSEED and CDD create a fund to assist residents in addressing low-cost fixes and alterations requested by BSEED in order to keep properties off the dangerous buildings list and keep residents in their homes; and

WHEREAS, The Construction and Demolition Department has stabilized thousands of residential properties with Proposal N funds by securing and boarding up these homes. However, debris remains in many dwellings, limiting their marketability. City Council strongly encourages the department to provide trash-out services as a mandatory part of the stabilization process for all residential properties, which will improve their likelihood of these structures being renovated and returned to neighborhoods and the tax rolls, and

WHEREAS, The Coleman A. Young Municipal Airport is a gem and a treasure to be honored and restored, and to that end, the Detroit City Council urges the Administration to procure permanent, more ornate monument signage for the Airport, that denotes its significance and resurgence; and

WHEREAS, Electric Vertical Take-Off and Landing (eVTOL) aircraft represent the first new category of civil aircraft recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) since helicopters in the 1940's and have the potential to be a promising solution to address the challenges of traffic congestion and improve urban mobility with the capability of vertical takeoff and landing using battery-electric or hybrid-electric propulsion systems; The Detroit City Council hereby declares its support for the responsible, equitable, and strategic adoption of eVTOL aircraft and Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) infrastructure within the City of Detroit, recognizing urban air mobility as a critical component of the city's future transportation, economic development, and equity agenda; and

WHEREAS, Semi-truck traffic impacts infrastructure and quality of life across the city. Residential communities adjacent to industrial facilities and trucking distribution sites should be prioritized so that routes can be created in order to shield the community from negative environmental impacts. Detroit City Council urges DPW to conduct truck traffic studies swiftly around both FCA/Stellantis facilities, Amazon, and the AMC Complex, creating dedicated truck routes to these facilities complete with signage with additional studies in other areas of the city identified by residents as problematic, and

WHEREAS, Littering continues to be a problem across our neighborhoods, impacting the quality of life for Detroiters. Trash pollution hinders neighborhood beautification efforts, damages infrastructure and property, and contributes to polluting our drinking water. Additionally, the Detroit Climate Strategy identified reducing and diverting waste as one of its top priorities. City Council requests that DPW partner with the Office of Sustainability and Media Services to launch full-scale education and marketing campaign which includes information on recycling, waste diversion and composting to discourage littering and raise awareness about the importance of handling trash responsibly. City Council also requests the installation of signs prohibiting littering or dumping along with the penalties violators will be subject to, and

WHEREAS, Non-motorized pathways provide safe and accessible routes independent of motor vehicle traffic; regular upkeep of these pathways will enhance safety, promote active transportation, and help create vibrant, connected public spaces across the city which also demonstrates the City's commitment to the principles of the Complete Streets program. The Council requests that a maintenance schedule for non-motorized pathways be adopted and made available to the public through the Complete Streets Program; and

WHEREAS, Expanding the number of bike racks throughout the city will support Detroit's growing cycling community and promote safe, reliable options for bicycle parking. By investing in this infrastructure, the administration can encourage active transportation, reduce congestion, and help create a more accessible, sustainable urban environment. Council fully supports programs focused on creating a fully-integrated transportation system that invests in underserved areas and that adapts to current and future needs; and

WHEREAS, Flooding continues to be a common issue throughout the city, especially due to excessive leaves and debris in catch basins and drains. Improving the reliability of leaf and debris removal and creating a comprehensive leaf reuse plan will benefit neighborhoods across the city by removing a major contributor to flooding and allow departments to focus on prevention. City Council requests that DPW implement a street vacuuming program with a primary focus on leaf clean-up, which should include a comprehensive plan for leaf reuse in resident composting, tech to maintain street cleanliness, and options for consistent maintenance of our roadways and water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Sustainability plays a critical role in guiding Detroit toward a healthier, more resilient future, and we encourage the Administration to maintain and deepen its support for this work. Continued commitment will ensure the city can meet its sustainability goals, protect natural resources, and build a more equitable and environmentally responsible Detroit; therefore, City Council urges the creation a Sustainability Fund to ensure adequate funding is maintained to support ongoing and future environmental initiatives for the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Road infrastructure refers to the design, construction, and maintenance of roads using methods and materials that minimize environmental harm and support long-term urban functionality. The use of recycled asphalt, plastic waste, or rubber tires in construction

reduces greenhouse gas emissions, lowers resource consumption, and improves city resilience. City Council urges the Administration to incorporate eco-friendly construction practices into all transportation system projects by using recycled materials, energy-efficient techniques, and renewable resources, to help develop sustainable infrastructure that supports economic growth while protecting the environment, and

WHEREAS, The reuse of recycled tires offers a sustainable solution to manage rubber waste and enhance the performance of infrastructure, the realm of possibilities have advanced to the extent that the use of recycled tire rubber in concrete for city sidewalks and streets may be practicable, City Council urges the Administration to study the use of recycled tire rubber into sidewalk construction as a sustainable and practical solution to reduce landfill waste and create better and safer infrastructure in our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Increased commercial and residential development in the East Village neighborhood has brought more traffic to the area, causing pedestrian safety and parking concerns. As an emergency route, McClellan does not have speed humps and residents sometimes struggle to cross the road safely due to speeding cars. Detroit City Council requests that the Department of Public Works (DPW) conduct a traffic study for McClellan (between Jefferson and Kercheval) and the intersection of Cadillac and Kercheval, working with the community to identify traffic calming solutions, including non-passable lanes, clearly marked crosswalks, designated no parking areas, electronic speed signs and traffic signals; and

WHEREAS, Access to public refuse, recycling, and composting containers is essential to maintaining clean, safe, and beautiful neighborhoods and reducing illegal dumping across the City of Detroit; therefore, City Council urges the Administration, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), to expand the placement of refuse, recycling, and composting containers along bus routes and in neighborhood areas currently underserved by existing infrastructure, promoting cleanliness, environmental sustainability, and neighborhood pride; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the importance of aligning public infrastructure investments with workforce development opportunities that create pathways to stable, well-paying employment; and acknowledging that the Department of Public Works (DPW) oversees critical services funded in part through the Street Fund, including road maintenance and related infrastructure work that present significant opportunities for job creation; and recognizing that many Detroit residents continue to face barriers to employment, particularly in the skilled trades; City Council urges the Department of Public Works to take an earnest and comprehensive evaluation of opportunities to bring additional services in-house, particularly those supported by the Street Fund, with the explicit goal of employing more Detroiters; and further, that any expansion of in-house services be intentionally paired with the development and scaling of pre-apprenticeship, registered apprenticeship, and skilled trades training pipelines, in coordination with workforce partners, unions, and training providers, and

WHEREAS, Reducing the city's reliance on outside contractors strengthens institutional capacity, lowers long-term cost, and creates stable employment opportunities for Detroiters;

recognizing that certain contracted services may be performed in-house with existing or expanded city staffing; City council urges the Administration through the Human Resources Department (HR) and Office of contracting and Procurement (OCP) to conduct a comprehensive review across all departments and agencies of contracted services to identify opportunities to transition appropriate functions in house and develop skilled trades training and apprenticeship programs in partnership with labor organizations, the Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation (DESC), and local educational institutions, ensuring that public dollars directly support employment opportunities within the communities they serve, and within Detroit's communities; and

WHEREAS, The city of Detroit maintains one of the largest municipal road networks in the Midwest, and persistent deterioration, potholes, and freeze thaw cycles, impose significant fiscal, safety, and economic burdens on residents, businesses, and public services. Traditional asphalt infrastructure requires repeated maintenance and resurfacing, resulting in escalating long-term costs, traffic disruption, and reduced roadway lifespan. Emerging road technologies including microcapsule asphalt bio-based rejuvenators, induction heated materials and AI assisted pavement systems offer the ability to detect cracks, stress and strain in real time, reduce maintenance frequency, and improve roadway safety for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. Therefore, Detroit City Council expresses strong support for the evaluation, pilot deployment and scaling of self-healing road technology in the City of Detroit, and

WHEREAS, Hemp-based construction material, including hempcrete and hemp fiber reinforced asphalt have emerged as innovative, sustainable alternatives capable of reducing carbon emissions while improving material performance; additionally, research indicates that hemp fibers can enhance asphalt mixtures, potentially improving flexibility, crack resistance, and durability in roadway applications, particularly under freeze thaw and heavy load conditions. The city of Detroit continues to face significant infrastructure challenges including deteriorating roadways, high maintenance costs, and climate related stressors such as freeze thaw cycles and flooding and heat related pavement degradations. The Detroit City Council supports the continued study of the use of hempcrete and hemp-based material for road maintenance and green infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The term smart cities refer to urban areas where technology and data collection help improve the quality of life, as well as the sustainability and efficiency of city operations; it is estimated that by 2050, 68% of the world's population will live in urban areas, making these technological advances necessary for the future growth and sustainability of our cities and the city of Detroit is committed to make the strides necessary to integrate smart technologies into the city's daily operations; City Council supports the establishment of a citywide Smart City Program to explore how these emerging technologies can modernize infrastructure, improve service delivery, and increase fiscal efficiency, and

WHEREAS, Detroit has experienced decades of energy inequity, with residential electricity rates among the highest in the Midwest; widespread energy insecurity affecting an estimated 30-40% of households; and persistent disparities in access to distributed energy resources, energy efficiency improvements, and clean energy employment opportunities. A municipal Virtual Power Plant

Program (VPP) designed to serve data center energy loads presents a transformative opportunity for the city to be on the leading edge of this emerging technological infrastructure, City Council supports the exploration of the establishment of the Detroit Virtual Power Plant Program (DVPPP), and

WHEREAS, Piezoelectric technology converts mechanical stress, such as pressure from vehicles, pedestrians, and vibrations, into usable electrical energy, enabling infrastructure such as roads sidewalks, bridges, and transit corridors to generate power. As the City seeks to advance sustainable, resilient, and innovative energy systems that reduce cost, improve infrastructure efficiency, and generate new revenue streams, the possible benefits of capturing sustainable energy from daily urban activities should not be overlooked; City Council supports the study and establishment of a Piezoelectric Infrastructure Pilot Program to be administered by the Department of Public Works (DPW) in coordination with the Department of Innovation and Technology (DOIT), the Office of Sustainability, and other relevant agencies, and

WHEREAS, The ability of City of Detroit employees to safely and efficiently fuel city-owned and approved vehicles is essential to the faithful execution of their duties, particularly for departments providing critical services such as public safety and public works. Deteriorated or poorly maintained conditions surrounding fueling stations create avoidable risks including employee injury, increased worker's compensation costs, potential OSHA liability, damage to City fleet assets, and delays that impact response times and service delivery; City Council calls upon the Administration to repair affected fueling stations where needed and continuously maintain safe and stable conditions at all locations to ensure operational continuity, protect City resources and employees; and

WHEREAS, The Sheffield Administration has announced its mission to focus on the improvement of neighborhoods citywide because each neighborhood deserves investment, opportunity, and future planning, so we urge the Administration to direct its efforts at revitalization, street improvements, and other quality of life improvements in the Fenkell Corridor, as our citizens have requested over the years; and

WHEREAS, The long-term strength and revitalization of Detroit's commercial corridors require a clear, data-driven understanding of property location, ownership, occupancy, and operational status, including the identification and preservation of legacy businesses that have served their communities for more than 30 years; and also recognizing that persistent barriers such as capital gaps, regulatory challenges, maintenance burdens, and absentee ownership continue to limit the productive use of commercial properties; therefore, City Council calls upon the Sheffield Administration to create and continuously maintain a comprehensive, actionable database analysis of structures along commercial corridors across all City Council Districts, beginning with District 1, to better inform decision-making, target resources, support local entrepreneurship, and reduce vacancy and blight while strengthening neighborhood safety and long-term economic stability; and

WHEREAS, Small businesses are vital to Detroit's neighborhood economies yet are often disproportionately impacted by City infrastructure projects and utility work within the public

right-of-way that disrupt business operations and limit customer access to business entrances, resulting in revenue loss and long-term instability; and while the City continues to prioritize infrastructure investment and neighborhood revitalization, there is currently no dedicated mechanism to support businesses facing these direct impacts; therefore, City Council urges the Administration to establish and prioritize a Construction Mitigation Fund within the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget to provide timely financial relief to businesses experiencing operational disruptions, helping maintain economic resilience across Detroit’s commercial corridors; and

WHEREAS, To encourage a healthy, thriving and sustainable small business ecosystem, the City Council urges the DEGC to increase the amount of small business support services offered, specifically technical assistance, leadership development and long-term support. Increasing the number of services offered prevents the short lifespan that plagues the health of small businesses and can help our Detroit entrepreneurs shine; and

WHEREAS, Small and minority businesses are the lifeblood of the Detroit, and over the years the investment into encouraging vendor registration has proven fruitful. We urge the Administration to complete a study to identify minority businesses that could become vendors with the City, who are already headquartered in the city, based on products and services that they offer. The more dollars that are circulated within the city, the more economic power our residents derive; and

WHEREAS, Safe, accessible, and comfortable transit infrastructure is essential to ensure reliable and dignified transportation for all Detroit residents who depend on public transit; and recognizing that many bus stops across the city lack adequate shelters and seating, leaving riders, particularly seniors, individuals with disabilities, and families, exposed to extreme weather conditions and further recognizing that District 3 and District 7 continue to experience gaps in transit infrastructure and have a disproportionate number of bus stops without shelters and seating compared to other areas of the city; Council urges the Administration, through the Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT), to prioritize the installation of benches and shelters at all bus stops along active routes, with focused investment in District 3 and District 7, ensuring that every rider is afforded protection from the elements and has equitable access to a modern, best-in-class transit system; and

WHEREAS, Launching a free-fare pilot program would give all residents the opportunity to experience transit without financial barriers, helping increase ridership and strengthen community mobility. By testing this model citywide, the administration can gather valuable data on equity, accessibility, and operational impact while supporting a more inclusive transportation system. City Council supports the introduction of free-fare pilot program to increase equity and ridership by eliminating barriers to low-income riders and seniors; and

WHEREAS, Block clubs, neighborhood associations, and nonprofit organizations possess an intimate understanding of the unique needs and priorities of their communities, and empowering residents to directly participate in budgetary decisions fosters trust in government, promotes equitable investment, and leads to more responsive allocation of public resources; therefore, City

Council urges the Administration, through the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), to develop and implement a participatory budgeting program no later than Fiscal Year 2029, allocating the necessary funding for administrative oversight and \$250,000 per City Council district to allow community members to identify, prioritize, and direct funding toward projects that address the greatest needs of their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Our neighborhoods, block clubs and associations deserve the support of the City of Detroit to thrive, and we urge the Administration to identify General Fund Dollars that can be distributed to those organizations to assist with health fairs, outreach, kids activities and more. Our block clubs are the veins that supply the city with life; they hold families together, create lasting memories, and make our neighborhoods places to thrive and not just survive, and deserve the utmost support; and

WHEREAS, Our neighborhoods, block clubs and associations deserve the support of the City to thrive, and we urge the Administration to identify \$6 million to create local Capital Improvement Funds for organizations and public-private partnerships to serve the residents and provide home improvement grants for roofing repairs, historic façade improvements. We urge the HRD to consider the use of Neighborhood Beautification Grant funds to provide funding to ease the burden of land use fees on our community groups for; and

WHEREAS, The administration is encouraged to continue to lead conversations and engage City Council, state partners, and other stakeholders regarding the potential implementation of a Local Option Sales Tax as a tool to drive revenue growth and support long-term financial stability of the City of Detroit. This should include the exploration of various policy frameworks regarding the feasibility and impact of targeting specific industries such as restaurants or hospitality-related businesses; and

WHEREAS, Municipal governments face increasing pressure to address shortfalls in revenues from various tax sources. Recent studies have been conducted to explore revenue options from the world-class sports and entertainment which people from all over the region and country travel to Detroit to experience. Local option sales tax, state abatements, guaranteed income and other revenue sources are waiting to be utilized in order to assist in the revitalization of the city. City Council hereby urges the Mayor's office and administration to create a plan to address how the city can grow its revenues, keeping into consideration the sources listed here, and

WHEREAS, Lawsuit settlements are a burden on the city finances. The city must further its efforts to identify potential risk, assess potential impact, and develop and monitor risk management strategies. City Council urges the Administration to have all city departments examine safety procedures and risk management procedures to reduce the civil liability risks to the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, Public banks are government owned financial institutions designed to hold public deposits and finance public priorities, including infrastructure, housing and developments. Public banks help underserved communities, and are more efficient, more equitable, and more responsive to local needs. Paired with AI, Credit worthiness can be assessed beyond traditional metrics and

neighborhoods or areas where people lack access to credit can be quickly identified. This can be quite useful to small businesses and low-income communities. The Detroit City Council formally declares its intent to explore, design, and evaluate policy framework for the exploration and development of an Artificial Intelligence Municipal Public Bank to advance equitable economic development, infrastructure financing and financial inclusion and urges the Administration to produce comprehensive feasibility report exploring the City's capacity to begin undertaking this effort and how it will benefit the residents of our city; and

WHEREAS, That the Detroit City Council hereby supports increased funding for the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget to transform the **Plan Ahead** program into a more robust, formalized escrow account system for residential property tax payments. This expansion shall prioritize enhanced outreach and technical infrastructure to help residents make incremental payments, effectively removing the burden of lump-sum tax bills and stabilizing household finances. By strengthening this preventative tool, the City reinforces its commitment to keeping Detroiters in their homes and significantly reducing the number of properties entering the tax foreclosure pipeline; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit Fire Department is vital to the safety and security of our residents. However, to effectively carry out their duties, they must have the necessary resources and infrastructure in place so it is crucial that the City complete assessments to determine the capital infrastructure needs, funding and implementation strategies for the fire engine houses and related facilities. City Council urges the Administration to complete a comprehensive Capital Plan for the Detroit Fire Department for upgrading, replacing, renovating, and modernizing the current portfolio of fire houses and fire locations throughout the City of Detroit, and to present said plan to the City Council for review; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit Fire Department is responsible for providing critical emergency response and public safety services to residents across the City of Detroit, and its ability to effectively carry out these duties is directly tied to the condition and reliability of its facilities, equipment, and fleet, and while many assets remain functional, certain facilities, equipment, and fleet components require targeted maintenance, upgrades, and capital investment to ensure consistent service delivery and to meet evolving operational demands as the needs of the City continue to grow; therefore, the Detroit City Council calls upon the Administration to provide adequate funding and support for the maintenance and improvement of all Detroit Fire Department facilities, equipment, and fleet to ensure continued operational effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, Mental health concerns and emergencies should be met with a public health response rather than with law enforcement, and should prioritize the expertise of trained medical and crisis intervention personnel who are best equipped to de-escalate tense situations and provide compassionate care. The Detroit Police Department has limited capacity to respond to these issues and has expressed a desire to focus its resources on major crimes and public safety concerns. The Detroit City Council requests that the Mayor's administration coordinate the routing of such responses through the Detroit Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, First Responders are vital to the safety of our communities; however, their jobs can put their own safety and health at risk. Beyond injuries and death occurring while on duty,

Fire Fighters are at risk of cancer and other illnesses due to fire related exposures. Detroit First Responders deserve every available intervention to ensure that they are healthy, safe and well. These are the men and women that see us on our worst day, and continue to show up, day after day, and we urge the Administration and the Detroit Fire Department to complete a full analysis of the Fire Fighters health and wellness, with the intent to use the data to improve the mental and physical health of our cities hardest workers; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit City Code allows for the establishment of a Detroit Fire Department Advisory Commission comprised of seven (7) members, with four (4) appointed by the Mayor and three (3) selected by the Mayor from four (4) nominees recommended by City Council. The work of the commission comprised of knowledgeable individuals representing fire prevention, homeland security, and emergency crisis management will help to strengthen community engagement, public safety outcomes, and transparency. City Council hereby requests that the Administration and Legislative Policy Division facilitate a discussion on the reinstatement of the Detroit Fire Department Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, In many instances, the Detroit Fire Department invests heavily in recruiting and developing personnel only to lose them to other communities shortly after they become fully qualified. In order to attempt to address this problem, City Council requests that the Administration and Legislative Policy Division develop policy options to establish a mandatory employment safeguard within the Detroit Fire Department to ensure the City's investment in training directly benefits Detroit residents, which could possibly include exploring the implementation of a minimum three (3) year service requirement for newly trained firefighters; and

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WHEREAS, Expanding access to mental and behavioral health services remains a critical need in the City of Detroit, particularly for youth and seniors who face disproportionately high rates of depression, anxiety, and barriers to care; and recognizing that recreation centers serve as trusted community hubs that improve accessibility, reduce stigma, and support overall wellness; therefore, City Council calls upon the Administration to establish and sustain mental and behavioral health services within recreation centers to provide early intervention, remove barriers related to cost and transportation, strengthen community-based support systems, and expand access to care for residents in neighborhoods across the city, and

WHEREAS, The first round of the Senior Accessibility Program enabled improvements to homes that reduced fall risk, improved accessibility, and allowed our seniors the dignity to enjoy the fruits of their labor by aging in place. We urge the Department of Human, Homeless and Family Services to identify dollars to continue to fund this program, because not only does it benefit our seniors, but it improves the conditions of Detroit's housing stock overall; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic exposed significant public health disparities within the City of Detroit, including disproportionately high rates of infection and mortality compared to neighboring communities, raising critical questions regarding underlying causes such as preexisting health conditions, access to care, and social determinants of health; and recognizing

the importance of; full understanding of these outcomes, including findings from state and regional racial disparity studies, as well as the identification of actions that have been taken to strengthen public health resilience; City Council calls upon the Administration to conduct or commission a comprehensive research study to evaluate the impacts of COVID-19 on Detroit residents, assess contributing factors to observed disparities, and identify strategies to improve overall community health, preparedness, and resilience in advance of future public health emergencies; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit Health Department recently underwent a comprehensive health assessment. While Health Impact Assessments are long, formal processes that might not be needed to implement public health solutions, City Council is concerned about the specific health-related impacts and mitigation opportunities for residents who live adjacent to industry across the city. City Council requests the Detroit Health Department, in partnership with other city agencies, to work to identify the gaps in this data and begin to address them. By utilizing existing and new partners, the Detroit Health Department can better understand, address, and mitigate the cumulative impacts of pollution in specific Detroit neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, The City of Detroit's Dining with Confidence program and offers free food-safety training to anyone who works at a Detroit restaurant, with the aim of increasing transparency, improving food safety standards, and educating the public on health inspections results; City Council urges the Administration to coordinate between the Detroit Health Department, DEGC and Detroit at Work to provide training information on the Dining with Confidence Training Program to all City food service organizations, including the approximately 3,400 establishments beyond the 1,900 currently receiving annual inspections; and

WHEREAS, Raising the dedicated share of state marijuana excise tax revenue for substance-misuse services from 2% to 10% would provide Detroit with stronger, more sustainable resources to address the growing needs of our communities. By advocating for this change at the state level, the administration can help ensure more effective prevention, treatment, and recovery programs for residents. City Council requests that the Administration use its resources to seek this meaningful change at the state level; and

WHEREAS, Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD) expressed alarm concerning the use of cannabis by students, calling for immediate policy intervention due to the meteoric rise in the number of drug-related incidents in schools involving marijuana products; City Council urges the Administration to transfer funds obtained from the marijuana tax revenue fund to the Health Department in the amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the annual revenue to be used for an appropriate educational program to help reduce the use of cannabis by school children; additionally, ; and

WHEREAS, Data centers are proposed for Detroit neighborhoods, and while they might be essential for modern digital infrastructure, and may offer jobs and possible increased tax revenue, the health and environmental impacts of data centers are not fully known; City Council supports a moratorium on data centers until regulations are in place and requests the Detroit Health

Department actively participates in the City's Regulation Development process alongside key stakeholders such as community stakeholders, businesses, labor, utilities, CPC, and PDD.

WHEREAS, Front line employees and the communities they serve significantly benefit from the emergency responders, behavioral health providers, and service workers living in the city where they work. Council hereby urges the Administration to develop a coordinated effort between the Detroit Health Department and Workforce Development to build towards a more sustainable behavioral health workforce in Detroit by instituting incentives or programs to encourage front line employees to both live and continue providing affordable and accessible care in Detroit; and

WHEREAS, Detroit's behavioral health workforce faces challenges in recruitment, retention, and accessibility, and building a sustainable pipeline of qualified frontline professionals is essential to ensuring that all Detroiters have access to affordable, culturally competent behavioral health care; therefore, City Council urges the Administration, through the Detroit Health Department in coordination with the Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation (DESC) and local educational institutions, to develop and implement a comprehensive behavioral health workforce development strategy that includes incentive programs, tuition assistance, and apprenticeship pathways designed to recruit, train, and retain frontline behavioral health workers who both live and provide care in the City of Detroit, ensuring that public investment in behavioral health strengthens the City's institutional capacity, reduces reliance on outside providers, and keeps critical care accessible and affordable for Detroit's communities; and

WHEREAS, The City of Detroit has made measurable progress in reducing gun violence through its Community Violence Intervention (CVI) strategy, with success often defined by reductions in shootings and homicides within designated CVI zones and increased community engagement through outreach and conflict mediation; however, declines in violent crime are also occurring nationally and are influenced by multiple factors, including Detroit Police Department strategies and regional law enforcement partnerships; therefore, City Council urges the Administration to establish more rigorous, transparent, and localized performance metrics to better evaluate the effectiveness, return on investment, and long-term impact of CVI groups as the initiative continues to evolve, and

WHEREAS, Violence is a leading cause of injury and death in the City of Detroit, disproportionately impacting young adults, particularly Black men, and contributing to long term physical psychological and economic harm. Individuals who suffer injuries due to violence are at significantly elevated risk of reinjury and retaliation. Hospital-based intervention programs have been proven to reduce violent reinjury and retaliation by treating violence as a public health issue and breaking the cycle of violence by intervening at the critical time immediately following injury. The Detroit City Council fully supports the establishment of Hospital Violence Intervention Program (HVIP) to be implemented in partnership with major trauma centers and hospitals, community-based organizations, law enforcement and city departments hospitals within the City of Detroit, and

WHEREAS, Implementing the MI Tri-Share Program in partnership with Human Resources would meaningfully expand childcare affordability for our workforce, making the City a more competitive and family-friendly employer. This commitment not only enhances employee well-being but also contributes to stronger recruitment, retention, and overall productivity. City Council urges the Administration to continue the study of the program and determine whether the program can be funded in the 2027-28 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, The use of motor vehicles is crucial to the operation of many public agencies. Policies and programs governing the use of city vehicles must have clear and consistent rules in order to avoid misuse and abuse. Improved management and oversight of our city vehicle fleet will save resources and reduce risks, City Council urges the Administration, through the Human Resources Department and GSD, to (1) provide a list of all city employees with access to City vehicles and the overnight locations of the vehicles, the amount of mileage used in 2025 and 2026 YTD, and (2) provide a list of all city employees with access to City fuel cards; and

WHEREAS, City Council allocated funds for a disparity study and CRIO failed to use the funds in previous years, City Council again urges the Administration, through CRIO, to explore the need for a disparity study to assess how City contracting and procurement affects minority, woman, small, and veteran-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, There are many veterans of the Armed Forces living within the city of Detroit, and as a demonstration of our continued commitment to those who took real risk on behalf of our country, we owe it to our nation's heroes to continue to fund the Office of Veterans Affairs through the Civil Rights, Inclusion and Opportunity Department. We ask the Administration to identify funding sources to provide the Office of Veterans Affairs with a recurring \$500,000 allocation; and

WHEREAS, BSEED has installed seven air quality monitors across the city and has recently launched an electronic dashboard where the public can access real time Air Quality Index readings at the various sites. Wayne County has also installed over 100 air quality monitors and EGLE has 7 regulatory monitors in the city, with 2 additional installations planned. To enhance awareness within the community HHFS, BSEED, DHD, and DOIT are encouraged to work together to integrate data from these other air monitors as well as EGLE permitted facilities into the dashboard, institute a public awareness campaign informing residents on the use of the dashboard and the implementation for a 365-air quality alert system; and

WHEREAS, City Council hereby urges the Administration to mandate that all residents receiving City-funded repair services for privately owned homes participate in the Life and Legacy Planning program to secure their property titles. This requirement ensures that public investment in housing stabilization is protected by addressing "tangled titles" and preventing future property loss through comprehensive estate planning. By mandating this participation, the City safeguards its financial investment and strengthens neighborhood stability, ensuring homes remain in the hands of Detroit families; and

WHEREAS, The Administration's newly formed Department of Human, Homeless, and Family Services (HHFS) represents a critical step toward consolidating human services and homelessness response functions under a singular continuum of care; and recognizing that addressing homelessness effectively requires prioritizing not only the physical health of residents but also their mental and behavioral health needs, which profoundly affect every aspect of a person's life, livelihood, and long-term stability; and noting that the Administration has committed to incorporating behavioral and mental health assessments for residents seeking homelessness and shelter services; therefore, City Council urges the Administration, through HHFS, to develop and implement a comprehensive, long-term behavioral and mental health strategy that ensures accessible care is available at all physical touchpoints within the City's homelessness system of care, including shelters, recreation centers, and other service locations, and to establish partnerships that support wraparound services meeting residents where they are. City Council further urges HHFS to provide quarterly reports and updates to City Council detailing behavioral and mental health care capacity, service utilization, and measurable outcomes within the homelessness system of care to ensure transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement; and

WHEREAS, Literacy is a foundational determinant of lifelong educational attainment, workforce readiness, public health outcomes and economic mobility placing many Detroit residents at a disadvantage due to literacy rates that are below optimal thresholds; therefore, City Council strongly urges the Office of Early Learning to design and implement a comprehensive 5-year impact study aimed at increasing the citywide literacy rate to 75%; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit City Council urges the Administration to continue its steadfast support and funding for the 0% Interest Home Repair Loan Program to ensure middle-class families have access to the affordable capital necessary for critical home improvements. This vital program serves as a cornerstone for neighborhood stability by providing an alternative for households that do not qualify for traditional financing, thereby preserving property values across all seven council districts. Furthermore, by maintaining a robust loan fund, the City strategically relieves the extreme demand on limited home repair grants, allowing those emergency resources to be prioritized for Detroit's most vulnerable seniors and low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, Providing legal aid to the immigrant community will support families and individuals by helping them navigate the system ensuring due process and fair hearings. Establishing a formal legal fund would provide stability, reduce barriers to essential services, and reinforce the city's role in promoting fair and accessible pathways to legal assistance. To better support Detroit's immigrant communities, we urge the administration to explore the creation of a sustainable, multi-source funding account for immigration legal services; and

WHEREAS, Detroit's housing stock is comprised of many older homes and lead-based paint is most prevalent. This exposure can be dangerous to both children and adults, but children are at much higher risk. The lead-based paint encapsulation program directed at mom-and-pop landlords has been a very successful in creating safe and healthy homes for children; therefore, City Council

urges the Administration to use \$600,000 any of surplus in the FY2026 to allow the new HHFS Department to continue the program, and

WHEREAS, Approximately 750,000 to 2 million young adults aged 18-24 experience homelessness each year in the U.S, facing challenges in health, education, and social support. This same demographic is also experiencing problems finding employment and affordable housing, City Council urges the Administration through its departments and partnerships with social service agencies to focus homeless services and job opportunities to this population group; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit City Charter mandates that "the City shall provide for the ... safety of persons ... within its jurisdictional limit," and as residents increasingly rely on digital platforms for communication, commerce, and civic engagement, the City's commitment to public safety must extend to the digital landscape; and recognizing that existing digital literacy programming through community partners, recreation centers, and faith-based organizations remains underutilized due to limited public awareness; City Council urges the Administration, through the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) and its newly appointed Director of Technology Adoption and Growth, to develop a coordinated cybersecurity and media literacy education strategy accessible to Detroit residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, The City of Detroit continues to pursue innovative, equitable, and efficient methods to improve municipal operations, public service delivery, and infrastructure management. Artificial intelligence technology can assist in analyzing large volumes of data, identifying operational inefficiencies, strengthening service coordination, and supporting more responsive governments. Detroit has the opportunity to become a national leader in practical, ethical, and resident-centered municipal innovation by exploring how artificial intelligence, augmented reality, extended reality, and wearable smart goggles may be used to strengthen city service while maintaining public trust and democratic accountability. Detroit City Council expresses its support for the careful lawful, ethical, and transparent exploration and implantation of artificial intelligence, augmented reality, extended reality and smart goggle technologies for municipal purpose in the city of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, City of Detroit residents deserve transparent, accessible, and concise communication and information when their properties enter the Dangerous Buildings process, which currently lacks in effectively communicating steps to interested parties to help them understand what is required of them and the conditions that need to be met by both residents and city departments. The City Council hereby urges BSEED and CDD to collaborate with DoIT to develop tools to create a fully transparent process addressing all aspects of the process including notices, hearing dates, appeals and the rights of property owners; and

WHEREAS, Artificial Intelligence (AI) is fast approaching as a reality in many city services, City Council urges the Administration, through the Law Department, to develop rules and regulations that (1) use standardized or uniform processes and procedures, (2) consult with the Law Department and DoIT concerning policy development, (3) insure that proper safeguards are

in place, (4) roll out the rules and regulations in a legal and cohesive manner, and (5) require training for all city employees; and

WHEREAS, Timely transparency and the ability to hold local leaders and public programs accountable are vital to good city governance, and Michigan state law requires local governments to respond to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests within five business days; and recognizing that access to public records is a fundamental right that must be equitable, accessible, and efficient for all Detroiters; City Council; urges the Administration, through the Law Department, to not only meet but exceed the five-day statutory deadline for FOIA responses through adequate staffing, comprehensive training, and robust tracking mechanisms. To ensure full accessibility of the FOIA, the City work proactively to provide free or reduced fees for low-income requesters and the press , language access for limited English-speaking residents, and materials in braille for residents who are visually impaired. City Council further urges the Law Department to adopt a practice of proactive disclosure by voluntarily publishing contracts, settlement agreements, legal opinions, and other documents of significant public interest without waiting for a formal request, thereby strengthening government transparency, public trust, and accountability across the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, The presence of numerous vacant and poorly maintained apartment complexes along the Greenfield corridor from Grand River to Puritan, many of which have been neglected by property owners and in some cases ordered vacated due to unsafe living conditions, represents both a failure in property stewardship and a missed opportunity amid Detroit’s ongoing housing crisis; and recognizing the urgent need to increase safe and affordable housing options for residents. City Council strongly urges the Law Department, in collaboration with the Building, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department and the Detroit Housing and Revitalization Department along with the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, to utilize all available legal tools and coordinated enforcement strategies to hold property owners accountable while advancing lawful pathways to return these units to safe, habitable, and affordable use, thereby stabilizing the corridor and expanding housing opportunities for Detroit families in need, and

WHEREAS, Housing, like water and energy, is a human right, and even a mere filing at the courts has the potential to lock deserving residents out of housing for years, leading to a decline in quality of life. We urge the Administration to continue to fund the Tenants’ Rights Commission, designed to be a place to resolve landlord and tenant disputes prior to them reaching the 36th District Court, and allowing the City to directly improve housing, health and human safety in the City of Detroit. The members of the Tenants’ Rights Commission, given the gravity of the work they undertake, deserve a stipend for their expenses directly related to the performance of their duties to the citizens, totaling \$16,200 annually. We also urge the Administration to continue to educate everyone in the city regarding the Rental Compliance Ordinance, the Office of Eviction Defense, and the Right to Counsel Ordinance, all designed to keep Detroiters in their housing; and

WHEREAS, The City of Detroit, through the Mayor's Office and the Department of Neighborhoods, has launched a Senior Food Program pilot that delivers fresh fruits and vegetables directly to senior buildings across all seven City Council districts over a 16-week period, ensuring

older Detroiters have access to nutritious food; Many seniors who reside outside of senior housing facilities face equal or greater barriers to accessing fresh, affordable, and healthy food due to limited mobility, transportation challenges, and fixed incomes; City Council urges the Administration, through the Department of Neighborhoods, to expand the Senior Food Program beyond senior buildings to include seniors living independently throughout Detroit's neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Seniors in our city have weathered challenge after challenge and can find themselves struggling to access fresh foods and nutritious meals. City Council urges the administration to create a program focused on access to fresh fruits, vegetables and smoothies at no cost to seniors, named the Nutritional Wellness Program for Seniors. Based out of the Recreation Centers across the city, the General Services Department, as well as the Department of Human, Homeless and Family services will work with Council to design the program to provide access to fresh fruits, vegetables and smoothies at no cost to seniors; and

WHEREAS, Retirees from the City of Detroit gave their best and their all and deserve to be made whole. Through the work of the office of the Chief Financial Officer, the Retiree Task Force, and all related entities, the Detroit City Council is committed to working with the Administration to identify funding sources to provide City of Detroit Retirees with a 13th check in recognition of their service to the city and weathering the storm of bankruptcy; and

WHEREAS, Detroit's youth are the future of this great city and deserve substantial, sustained investment in services, programming, and opportunities that support their growth, safety, and long-term success; and recognizing that the Administration has demonstrated its commitment to young Detroiters by proposing extended summer hours at recreation centers and expanding weekly Friday programming; City Council urges the Administration, through the Department of Neighborhoods and the newly established Youth and Education Department, to further expand youth and family programming beyond recreation centers and into the neighborhoods and blocks where children and families live, partnering with block clubs, schools, faith-based organizations, and other nonprofit organization to bring accessible, high-quality programming directly to residents; and

WHEREAS, The Brightmoor Framework Plan and recently approved Detroit Water and Sewerage Department infrastructure projects represent a significant public investment in neighborhood revitalization, infrastructure improvements, and housing development within a historically disinvested community; and recognizing the need for these long-term investments to be matched with intentional workforce strategies that train and up-skill current residents while also educating and connecting already skilled individuals to opportunities within their own neighborhood; City Council strongly urges the Administration to prioritize workforce development and career pathway alignment that ensures Brightmoor residents are prepared and positioned to participate in and benefit from ongoing redevelopment, promoting economic mobility, strengthening household stability, and advancing equitable, community-centered growth; and

WHEREAS, The Be Next Brightmoor Workforce Development Initiative, previously supported with a \$1 million investment, has demonstrated a proven, neighborhood-based approach to

reconnecting residents in one of Detroit’s highest-need communities to employment, education, and long-term economic stability through community-based recruitment, cohort-based support, paid work experience, occupational skills training, GED pathways, and direct job placement; Continued funding of this initiative will assist in the redevelopment of Brightmoor’s housing stock and commercial corridors better positioning residents to deal with economic challenges; therefore, City Council strongly urges expansion and prioritization of this initiative to serve District 7 residents, leveraging existing operational infrastructure to extend impact without duplicating resources; and

WHEREAS, Real estate tokens are digital assets on a blockchain representing fractional ownership in physical property, allowing investors to buy, sell, or earn rental income. City Council finds that a local “kill switch” mechanism is necessary to ensure that, whenever tokenized real estate platform, issuer or sponsor violates the law or local conditions, the City can immediately suspend municipal actions associated with such activity pending investigation and remediation. City Council shall work with the Administration, Law Department and other relevant agencies to develop an ordinance and implement a tokenized real estate enforcement kill switch protocol for violations of law or material threats to public welfare when these tokens are improperly used; and

WHEREAS, City Departments and City Council share a mutual interest in transparent, ongoing communication regarding trends and emerging needs in the community. Regular engagement between departmental district liaisons and Council would facilitate timely updates, collaborative problem-solving, and more responsive governance. Therefore, City Council requests that the Sheffield Administration ensure that designated liaisons from public facing departments meet with Council offices on a recurring basis to provide updates on issues and trends affecting residents; and

WHEREAS, Our Detroit cultural institutions protect artifacts, documents and artwork that tell the story of our people and our city. In order to continue to provide cultural enrichment and educational opportunities for our residents, these facilities require ongoing infrastructure maintenance and capital improvements; City Council strongly advocates for the Administration’s support of a millage for the City’s Cultural Institutions, dedicated exclusively to the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History (CHWMAAH) and the Detroit Historical Society, to secure stable, long-term funding for their operations and capital needs. To support this campaign, the Office of the Chief Executive Office should determine and present the Return on Investment (ROI) for the millage so that transparent data is available for the public to inform decision-making; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit Land Bank Authority (DLBA) generates a large number of citizen complaints related to policies, procedures, and implementation. Often the Detroit City Council offices are called upon to answer those related calls and address resident concerns. To better improve communications, constituent services, and residents’ goodwill, we urge the Mayor’s Office to allocate funding to establish a liaison position in the Mayor’s Office to specifically handle concerns related to the DLBA; and

WHEREAS, The DLBA was launched in 2014 to combat blight and stabilize neighborhoods and given the authority to file lawsuits against vacant and blighted properties through its Nuisance Abatement Program; many residents feel they have been deprived of property rights through this process. While the program has its place in the City’s toolbox, we urge the Administration to move the duties of the Nuisance Abatement Program from the DLBA to the City to be administered an existing department; and

WHEREAS, The Administration will work to develop a comprehensive five-year strategic plan projecting anticipated property and land sales from the inventories held by the DLBA, HRD, and PDD; such plan shall include projected timelines for disposition, recommended disposition strategies, anticipated revenue, and alignment with the City’s broader housing, economic development, and neighborhood stabilization goals.

WHEREAS, The City of Detroit’s cultural institutions provide fulfilling experiences and educational opportunities for the general public. Expanding access to programming and workforce opportunities in our cultural institutions for Detroit Youth would create a more robust pipeline for careers in cultural institutions. Therefore, the City Council urges the Administration, through the Historical Society, to increase its available youth employment programs and services, and to establish a formal partnership with the DPSCD to better connect Detroit Youth residents with employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The preservation and documentation of Detroit’s City Council and municipal government history is essential to ensuring that the decisions, leadership, and evolution of City governance are accurately recorded and maintained for future generations; and recognizing both the importance of identifying and elevating historical records from years past and the critical need to capture present-day, history-making events in an era where digital content can be easily lost or deleted without consideration of its long-term value; City Council requests that the Administration to establish a formal partnership with the Detroit Historical Society to archive, curate, and preserve materials produced by the City’s Media Services Department, while also incorporating curated content into City-owned spaces such as recreation centers, ensuring that both past and present records are intentionally preserved, accessible, and sustained for future generations; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit Historical Society serves as a steward of the City's rich history and cultural legacy through the operation of the Detroit Historical Museum and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum; recognizing that this institution charged with preserving and representing the story of Detroit should reflect the people of Detroit in its workforce at every level; there should be great effort undertaken to increase the number of Detroit resident staff members beyond current 31%, a figure that falls short of the standard the City expects of institutions that benefit from public investment and bear the city's name. Therefore, City Council urges the Detroit Historical Society to develop and implement a comprehensive recruitment, training, and retention strategy to significantly increase the representation of Detroit residents at all levels of employment, spanning from internships to the board room, including partnerships with Detroit Public Schools Community District, the Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation (DESC), and local institutions of higher education to build a sustainable pipeline of Detroiters into careers in museum administration, curation, education, and the cultural arts; and

WHEREAS, The City Council also urges the Administration to increase the allocation to the Detroit Historical Society by \$3.2 million to support the museum’s critical role in preserving the city’s history, expanding cultural programming, and providing educational resources for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the importance of preserving Detroit’s cultural history and creating inclusive community space, City Council urges the Administration to increase the allocation of \$300,000 to support the development of the Black Bottom Archives within Eastern Market; and

WHEREAS, those of lower socioeconomic status and racial and ethnic minority groups experience higher rates of food insecurity; City Council requests an increase of \$100,000 to support the continuation of the Boxed Lunch Program, recognizing its importance in addressing food access and providing reliable meals to residents in need, and

WHEREAS, The City of Detroit owns a valuable bust of Christopher Columbus and the bust is currently out on loan to a private banquet hall, City Council urges the Administration to end the loan agreement and have the bust returned and displayed at the Historical Museum or somewhere more appropriate City owned facility; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit City Council encourages the DWCJBA, the Detroit Historical Society, and CHWMAAH to collaborate on a formal initiative to curate and display museum-quality art within the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center (CAYMC). This partnership shall prioritize the installation of significant works throughout public corridors and specifically within the 13th Floor City Council offices, transforming the seat of government into a gallery that celebrates Detroit’s rich cultural heritage. By integrating these collections into the daily environment of City leadership and visiting residents, the City fosters a deeper appreciation for the arts while creating a more inspiring and culturally vibrant civic space; and

WHEREAS, Photography is a powerful form of art that is often utilized as a tool for documenting and storytelling. City Council requests that the Detroit Building Authority and the Detroit Institute of Art collaborate on creating a Detroit City Council Photography Competition similar to the Congressional Art Competition. The annual city-wide art competition will encourage young people to submit their photography to each council office to be voted on. The winners art work will be displayed for one year at the Coleman A Young Municipal Center; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit Zoo’s senior citizen program removes transportation barriers and allows many of the Detroit’s elders to visit and enjoy exotic animal wonders from around the world. City Council continues its support of the senior outreach program and encourages further extension of this program so that additional seniors who find it difficult to travel may enjoy a day at the zoo; and

WHEREAS, The Belle Isle Nature Center is seeking to expand its offerings for visitors of the center with the creation of a coyote habitat at an estimated \$500,000 construction cost. Support

of \$100,000 by the City, if matched by Wayne County and other stakeholders can serve as catalyst for other fundraising efforts to fund the exhibit. As such, City Council encourages the Administration to commit to this targeted investment if financially supported by other stakeholders, to develop the habitat, its oversight and preservation;

WHEREAS, The font size for the word Detroit as displayed on the Detroit Zoo water tower is far too small; City Council urges the Administration and the Zoo management to explore the possibility of increasing the size of the lettering at the first available opportunity; the full display of the City's name is a source of pride of ownership which Detroit residents deserve to see reflected on its suburban holdings; and

RESOLVED, City Council has allocated \$240,000 to Eastern Market to provide grants to local farmers through the Urban Farmers Grant Program which should aid in the growth of their participation in the market; **BE IF FURTHER**

WHEREAS, City Council funded a feasibility and marketing study for a possible Detroit River ferry service, and the results of the study, and focus group study was extremely positive, City Council urges the Administration and the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority to seek private investors that can implement a ferry service on the Detroit River; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit/Wayne Port Authority has been under a Master Concession agreement with the Ambassador Bridge Company that has prevented the Authority from benefitting from the latest economic development opportunities. The Detroit City Council urges the Sheffield Administration to broker a new agreement with the Bridge Company that yields the most financial benefit to the City of Detroit in support of our development of the Port Authority; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority serves as a critical multimodal logistics hub connecting the Detroit to regional, national and international freight networks across the Great Lakes, rail corridors and interstate highways; modern global logistics systems increasingly rely on advanced technologies including AI, Internet of Things sensors, autonomous vehicles and digital logistics platforms to increase throughput reduce costs and improve supply chain resilience. When funds become available, City Council urges a \$1.5 million appropriation to support the design, development and deployment of a Mobility innovation terminal pilot program at the Port Authority; and

WHEREAS, Services provided through our Language Access Ordinance have been supporting residents in accessing translation services throughout all City of Detroit departments and agencies. A regular evaluation process should be established to increase accessibility for our non-English speaking community to understand language needs and shortfalls in an effort to improve and optimize services for our City Departments whether through encouraging collaboration or increasing full time employees; and

WHEREAS, We are fortunate as a community to be a destination and a home to people who emigrate from countries across the globe. It is important to ensure that residents have the opportunity to participate in City programs and not be limited by language barriers; City Council urges Media Services to develop programming for the City’s Public access television channels in Spanish, French, Arabic, Bengali and other languages found in our city; and

WHEREAS, Due to conflicts between the nine (9) City Council offices, Board of Review, City Planning Commission, the Administration and other agencies regarding the need for media services coverage where various events might take place on the same dates; City Council desires the establishment of its own media service division for the sole purpose of assisting with City Council operations and events. The functions of the division should be sufficiently funded and operated under the authority of City Council; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT) Reimagined plan, completed in January 2024 with extensive input from riders and residents citywide, provides a comprehensive blueprint for doubling bus service, increasing route frequency, and connecting more Detroiters to jobs, healthcare, education and opportunity. High auto insurance rates, lower incomes, low public transit funding, and decades of disinvestment heightens the impact on black and brown residents to increases the need for public transit; therefore, City Council strongly opposes the proposed \$13.7 million General Fund reduction in support for DDOT and urges the Administration to restore this funding in its entirety in the FY 2027 budget. City Council further urges the Administration to commit to sustained, year-over-year increases in General Fund dollars dedicated to DDOT, with the goal of doubling the General Fund investment in public transit by Fiscal Year 2030, ensuring the City remains on an accelerated path toward full implementation of the DDOT Reimagined plan; and

WHEREAS, Many Detroit households face persistent economic hardship that is exacerbated by rising costs of housing, food, transportation, childcare, healthcare and utilities leaving families financially vulnerable even when they are employed. Guaranteed income programs provide regular, unconditional cash payments to eligible residents with the intention to stabilize households, reduce financial stress and improve economic mobility. If an appropriate funding source is found, City Council supports the creation and implementation of a Guaranteed Income Pilot Program to address poverty in the city of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, Baby Bonds are publicly funded trust accounts for children geared toward reducing wealth inequalities at adulthood. If appropriate funds become available, City Council supports the creation of a Detroit Baby Bonds Program to provide wealth-building accounts for eligible children born in Detroit that are based on family income levels or wealth; financial accounts created at birth and that allow funds to grow over time and be used for wealth building purposes payable at adulthood; and

WHEREAS, The Historic Palmer Park Apartments District faces serious issues surrounding vacant apartment buildings; City Council urges the Administration to seek solutions to the problems and seek additional support for the district; and

WHEREAS, The city of Detroit continues to confront a homelessness crisis of significant scale with residents experiencing housing instability, unsheltered conditions and repeated cycling through emergency shelter systems that strain municipal resources; advances in artificial intelligence, machine learning, natural language processing and predictive analytics now enable municipal governments to develop early-warning systems capable of identifying individuals and families at elevated risk of homelessness. City Council finds the establishment of the Detroit Homeless Prevention Artificial Intelligence Program and Operations serves a compelling municipal interest in reducing homelessness to be administered by HRD in coordination with DoIT and the Health Department; and

WHEREAS, Fellowship Chapel plans to develop housing in the area between West Outer Drive and McNichols near Lindsay adding much needed affordable housing in Detroit, City Council urges the Administration to work with this outstanding organization to overcome any financial barriers to this project; and

WHEREAS, There are a number of apartment buildings across Detroit that are on the brink of foreclosure, in bankruptcy, or abandoned. We urge the Housing and Revitalization Department to develop a comprehensive preservation strategy for these buildings that outlines tools, incentives and pathways to maintain naturally occurring affordable housing to ensure long-term affordability. Additionally, we encourage HRD to work with other relevant departments and agencies to map vacant and underutilized apartment buildings with whom to share the devised strategy to begin reducing the number of vacant apartments throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, Housing costs in Detroit continue to rise at a pace that outstrips what many families can afford. As the City advances its infill housing strategy, HRD is encouraged to foster the use of community land trusts to preserve affordability and prevent displacement by advancing long-term housing affordability, strengthening neighborhood stability, and building community wealth. City Council urges HRD to allocate \$250,000 of the CLT fund to provide sustained financial, technical, and capacity-building support for both emerging and existing CLTs, streamline access to publicly owned land, and to more intentionally integrate CLTs into broader development and preservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, The Administration's 1,000-unit infill housing initiative represents a significant investment in neighborhood stabilization and homeownership across the City of Detroit; and gives an opportunity to incorporate accessibility accommodations, universal design principles, and climate-resilient building standards into every unit such as step-free entrances, wider doorways, and accessible bathrooms, ensuring that homes are livable for Detroiters of all ages and abilities without the need for costly future retrofitting. City Council further urges HRD to adopt climate-resilient weatherization construction standards that address extreme heat, severe weather, flooding, and energy efficiency, including enhanced insulation, durable roofing and building materials, stormwater management, and energy-efficient systems that reduce long-term utility costs for residents; and

WHEREAS, To ensure that we continue to grow our city, yet maintain affordability for our residents, we urge the Housing and Revitalization Department to maintain good stewardship over the funds allocated for Workforce Housing in the amount of \$500,000, and report to the Detroit City Council bi-monthly the projects for consideration, the dollar amount, total value of the project, and the length the affordability will be maintained for the property; and

WHEREAS, The City has ownership of a number of vacant school buildings including Coffey School and Bethune School, that are in need of re-investment; City Council urges the Administration to work with private investors and the community to determine adaptive re-use plans for the vacant schools buildings; and

WHEREAS, City Council requests that the Administration, in coordination with HRD and the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation (DEGC), develop and implement safeguards to protect small business owners participating in programs such as Motor City Match from potential misconduct by inspectors and contractors. This includes exploring policies to increase oversight and accountability, as well as establishing partnerships between small businesses and union labor to support contracting needs, reduce costly errors and exploitation, and promote long-term business sustainability; and

WHEREAS, The influx of artificial intelligence usage and cloud storage has dramatically increased the need for data centers throughout the world. There are however few standards regulating their usage; therefore, City Council urges the DEGC to actively support and participate in the writing of legislation, including Zoning Amendments, to protect and provide rules for Data Centers within the City of Detroit, and supports the proposed moratorium to allow for completion of said regulatory framework within the next six months; and

WHEREAS, NextUP 313 program, provided through the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation (DEGC), has empowered Detroiters ages 18-30, giving entrepreneurial opportunities and access to capital and education through small business development and technology startup incubation programs. NextUP 313 is primed for its second cohort and seeks continued support from the DEGC to continue bringing awareness to innovation and available entrepreneurial opportunities; and

WHEREAS, We encourage the Administration to work closely with local banking institutions to ensure every young person participating in Grow Detroit's Young Talent (GDYT) has access to a safe, reliable bank account. Establishing these partnerships will promote financial literacy, empower youth to manage their earnings, and support long-term economic stability thereby preparing young people for success beyond the program; and

WHEREAS, As part of GDYT’s financial-literacy goals, we strongly urge the Administration to encourage youth participants to explore micro-investing, monitor their investments, and understand how their money can grow even while they sleep. Providing these tools and lessons will give young people practical experience in wealth-building and will help prepare Detroit’s youth for stronger financial futures.; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit Police Department (DPD) allocates significant public dollars to surveillance technology contracts, including Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPRs), ShotSpotter acoustic gunshot detection, and other monitoring systems whose return on investment in reducing crime and improving public safety outcomes remains unsubstantiated; additionally, independent analyses have repeatedly questioned the accuracy, efficacy, and racial equity implications of these systems raising constitutional concerns with the mass collection and storage of surveillance data, including protections against unreasonable search and seizure under the Fourth Amendment, and other concerns related to the selling of data to third parties without the knowledge or consent of the individuals surveilled. Therefore, City Council urges the Administration, through the Detroit Police Department, to conduct an immediate and comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of all current surveillance technology contracts with the presumption that any system failing to demonstrate clear, measurable, and independently verified public safety outcomes be discontinued. City Council further urges the Administration to redirect those resources toward evidence-based public health strategies proven to reduce both violent and property crime, including investments in poverty reduction, community violence intervention, improvements to the built environment, and neighborhood-level programming that respects the civil liberties of all Detroiters; and

WHEREAS, Spent shell casings are among the most critical forms of ballistic evidence in shooting investigations, and timely recovery of such evidence may assist in identifying firearms, linking incidents, supporting prosecutions and disrupting patterns of retaliatory violence. City Council urges the Detroit Police Department to study, evaluate and, if feasible, develop a pilot program for the use of shell casing collection robots and related forensic support robotic tools for evidence recovery; and

WHEREAS, Long shifts, exposure to traumatic situations and reoccurring operational danger creates a very stressful environment for those with careers in policing; providing opportunities to decompress will benefit staff members’ mental health and wellness critical to safety and effectiveness. In an effort to provide calming opportunities within precincts, City Council urges DPD to implement wellness rooms for meditation, prayer, and relaxation; and

WHEREAS, The ongoing proliferation of large commercial trucks through District 6 has caused measurable harm to residents and their quality of life. The complete lack of regulation has led to infrastructure decay, traffic safety concerns, and widespread public health issues. The Detroit Police Department has focused resources necessary to address commercial traffic violations effectively; however, the department has insufficient capacity within budget to invest in the resources necessary to address this gap in the City’s traffic enforcement. Therefore, the

City Council requests that the Mayor's administration allocate \$550,000 from the Detroit Police Department budget to support the creation of a new Motor Carrier Enforcement unit pilot program in District 6, with the intention of expanding this pilot to a full motor carrier enforcement unit with dedicated officers on both the eastside and the westside for the FY 2028 budget; and

WHEREAS, City Council urges the Administration to implement the Blight Patrol modeled after the City's Radio Patrol Program and created in conjunction with the Detroit Police Department in cooperation with other city departments, including GSD. City Council firmly believes that Blight Patrol Program, if fully funded will aid greatly in reducing blight.

WHEREAS, Despite the City's efforts to improve neighborhood safety and infrastructure through targeted investments in public lighting and other basic services, many Detroit neighborhoods continue to experience insufficient alley lighting, contributing to concerns related to public safety, illegal dumping, and reduced quality of life for residents; therefore, City Council urges the Administration, through the Public Lighting Authority (PLA) to develop and implement a comprehensive alley light expansion strategy to assist in crime prevention, community stabilization, and equitable neighborhood revitalization. The plan should incorporate the use of solar lighting solutions in areas where traditional installation may be limited or delayed as a cost-effective and sustainable method in order to enhance safety, deter illegal activity, and improve overall neighborhood conditions for Detroit residents with a particular focus on neighborhoods disproportionately impacted by disinvestment; and,

WHEREAS, The Boston-Edison Area, being a Historic District, requires the City of Detroit to be good stewards over the area and its history. Residents and businesses in this area have requested infrastructure improvements that not only improve the Boston-Edison area, but the entire city as well. The Detroit City Council urges the Administration to identify General Fund Dollars in the that can be distributed to improve infrastructure related to roads, water, sewer, and other areas of public concern; and

WHEREAS, The Planning and Development Department has agreed to work in coordination with the Detroit Police Department, the General Services Department, and the Department of Public Works to implement a comprehensive crime hotspot mapping initiative to inform and advance safety strategies rooted in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). This effort should leverage data to identify areas with persistent or emerging crime patterns and guide targeted interventions such as improved lighting, strategic landscaping, traffic calming, and the redesign of public spaces to enhance natural surveillance and reduce opportunities for crime; and

WHEREAS, The Boynton Neighborhood experiences some of the worst air quality in the State of Michigan. As a high traffic area and entry to the city downriver area, a framework study is necessary and would be highly beneficial to understanding environmental concerns, addressing environmental racism, and meeting resident needs from data collection which is invaluable to understanding the area in an increased capacity. Therefore, City Council urges the creation of a

framework study, encompassing areas of need in the neighborhood to create measurable, obtainable solutions for improvement; and

WHEREAS, Residents have raised serious concerns regarding the abandonment of dogs in Rouge Park, endangering animal welfare and public safety; therefore, City Council urges the Administration, through the Detroit Animal Care and Control to investigate the source and scope of animal abandonment in Rouge Park, implement enhanced monitoring and protective measures to safeguard abandoned animals, and pursue enforcement actions against individuals found to be abandoning animals in violation of local and state animal welfare laws; and

WHEREAS, The presence of stagnant, foul-smelling conditions within the Rouge River creek, particularly along residential areas between West McNichols and 8 Mile Road, resulting from a breakdown in natural water flow and potential contamination caused by debris blockages, sediment buildup, or failing infrastructure, causing in persistent odors, degraded environmental conditions, and significant mosquito infestations that pose public health risks placing ongoing an burden on residents and diminishing their quality of life; therefore, City Council urges the Administration to coordinate and prioritize a comprehensive response that includes clearing debris, restoring water flow, conducting infrastructure inspection and repair, and implementing targeted mosquito mitigation efforts to address the root causes of these conditions and improve living conditions for impacted residents; and

WHEREAS, Detroit's Historic Fort Wayne is a unique cultural and recreational asset for residents. The existing soccer fields at the site require significant upgrades to ensure they are safe, accessible, and suitable for community use. Therefore, the City Council requests that the Administration allocate funds in the upcoming GSD budget for the renovation and improvement of the soccer fields at Historic Fort Wayne; and

WHEREAS, Due to financial constraints over the years, Historic Fort Wayne has not been properly maintained or upgraded and is in need of substantial improvements; an infrastructure survey is necessary to fully determine the breadth and scope of capital improvement needs, City Council urges the Administration to promptly use the \$100,000 in funds allocated in the 2025-26 budget and additional \$40,000 in funds in the 2026-27 budget to secure the services needed for the survey; and

WHEREAS, The General Services Department will reestablish a park patrol program in partnership with the Detroit Police Department, Michigan State Police and the Wayne County Sheriff's Office in an effort to establish coordinated patrols and strategies focused on deterring crime and providing safe parks and recreation centers for Detroit residents and families. Given its significance as a year-round recreational asset and community anchor, the Chandler Park Dome should be prioritized within these efforts. GSD will also coordinate with the Construction and Demolition Department and other relevant agencies on the future development and improvement of recreation centers, ensuring that safety, accessibility, and community use are central to planning and design; and

WHEREAS, Access to recreational facilities and well-maintained parks is essential to the health, well-being, and quality of life of all Detroiters; although the Sheffield Administration is making improvements citywide there are a few parks and recreational centers that could use some focused attention. District 7’s recreational offerings could be improved with investment at Rouge Park, Brennan recreational area, and with the construction of a recreational center. Rouge Park, the State’s largest urban park spanning more than 1,100 acres, lacks comprehensive wayfinding signage, leaving visitors struggling to navigate its expansive grounds and locate key amenities including the Brennan Building, which needs upgrades, modernization and expanded programming to meet the needs of residents. City Council urges the Administration, through the General Services Department, to prioritize the construction of a new recreation center in District 7, alongside targeted recreational infrastructure and enhancements to Rouge Park; and

WHEREAS, Eliza Howell Park serves as a vital green space for residents of District 1 and the broader city of Detroit, providing opportunities for recreation, community gathering, and environmental engagement, and recognizing the importance of continued investment in public spaces to enhance quality of life, there is a need to support targeted improvements including a 25,000 large-scale art sculpture to replace the former Stickwork installation, \$16,000 for the installation of two picnic pods to encourage community use and activation, and \$4,000 for new signage at the Fenkell entry to improve visibility and access, totaling \$41,000 to be allocated from Fiscal Year 2026 funds; therefore, the Detroit City Council calls upon the Administration to support these improvements to ensure Eliza Howell Park remains a vibrant and welcoming space for all residents; and

WHEREAS, District 2, also lacks a public recreation center and swimming pools; accordingly, City Council urges the Administration to explore the feasibility of developing a “mini dome” recreational facility in the 7 Mile–8 Mile and Chippewa–Wyoming area, in light of the ownership transition of Johnson Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, Some residents feel excluded from scheduling decisions at the Palmer Park bandshell, City Council urges the Administration to establish an official advisory board for the bandshell, consisting of one representative from each Council district, to provide oversight for its planning and management; and

WHEREAS, City Council previously allocated \$2.5 Million for the restoration of the Merrill Fountain at Palmer Park, City Council urges the Administration to provide an update and outline next steps for the Merrill Fountain upgrades; and

WHEREAS, Kemeny Park serves as an important recreational space for residents and families in the surrounding neighborhood. The addition of a splash pad would add a safe, accessible water play feature for children during Detroit’s warmer months, while promoting social gathering and physical activity. Therefore, City Council requests that the Administration allocate \$200,000 toward the design and installation of a splash pad at Kemeny Park; and

WHEREAS, The Parks and Recreation Division strives to live in harmony with wildlife the resides in the parks; however, the geese population in parks citywide, including Palmer Park, raises some concern. Therefore, City Council urges the Administration to explore and implement geese management and population tracking strategies across city parks, including alternative solutions to address their impact citywide; and

WHEREAS, Many residents desire additional public restrooms at larger public parks and city spaces such as transit centers across the city, City Council urges the Administration to explore the needs and design a plan of action to address the needs of the public restrooms.

WHEREAS, Although, Detroit has some good clean parks and green spaces throughout the city, the city lacks large or medium scale family indoor fun amusement and entertainment centers, forcing families to seek family fun in other cities and states; City Council urges the Administration to work with the City's development and recreational professionals to attract a year-round family fun facility to the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, The historic Conner Creek once flowed from what is now the City of Warren to the Detroit River and served as an important water resource for fishing and as a path of travel for the early inhabitants of this region; however, over time the creek had been buried as development happened along the waterway. In an effort to recapture some of the land as a natural resource, the Conner Creek Greenway was created and provides a vital opportunity to restore a historically significant natural corridor and provide much-needed green space for surrounding neighborhoods. We encourage the General Services Department to work in coordination with relevant City departments, community stakeholders, and regional partners to identify and prioritize capital improvement opportunities for this underutilized environmental resource in an effort to reclaim, reconnect, and enhance the remaining segments of the greenway through landscaping and trail development; and

WHEREAS, The General Services Department, in coordination with the Office of Sustainability, is encouraged to actively participate in and strengthen the existing network of resilience hubs by preparing City recreation centers to function as safe and accessible community resilience hubs during weather and climate emergencies which will require the evaluation and implementation of facility upgrades to improve emergency readiness, including solar power and other resilience-focused retrofits, to ensure centers can operate during power outages and extreme weather events. GSD shall also develop and implement comprehensive staff training that includes an understanding of resilience hub operations, mental health response, de-escalation techniques, trauma-informed care, and clear protocols for activation and emergency response, as well as coordination with local organizations to support the distribution of resources during emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Access to community pools is critical for drowning prevention, promotes public health, and fosters a culture of water safety. City Council strongly urges the General Services Department to formalize an agreement with the Detroit Public Schools Community District

(DPSCD) to allow for community access to swimming pools located within school facilities in an effort to promote water safety, youth programming, and overall community health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit Animal Care and Control Division faces persistent challenges in managing the city's stray cat population. The city's vast network of abandoned buildings, vacant lots and alleyways provides ample shelter for feral cats. Domesticated outdoor cats, left to roam, frequently breed with strays, exacerbating the overpopulation problem. The cycle of uncontrolled breeding leads to an increasing number of homeless kittens, further overwhelming Detroit's animal shelters leaving the stray population to spread unchecked throughout the city. Therefore, the City Council requests that the Administration provide support to the Animal Care and Control Division for the establishment of a trap-neuter-return program which would offer a humane, cost effective, sustainable solution to cat population management; and

WHEREAS, The city of Detroit has a significant number of vacant lots throughout the city that can be turned into pocket parks, which can help to address issues of blight, improve neighborhood aesthetics, and create safe and welcoming spaces. These small public green spaces can enhance the visual appeal of neighborhoods, attract new residents and businesses, and contribute to the overall revitalization of the city. City Council requests GSD to work to develop more pocket parks and public green spaces in our neighborhoods to offer a place for citizens to gather, relax, and interact with their neighbors, fostering a greater sense of community and pride of ownership; and

WHEREAS, Increased police presence has been found to have a crime reduction effect on crimes related to motor vehicle theft, property, violence, and guns. In the 1980's Police mini stations staffed by trained civilian volunteers and assigned police officers familiar with the neighborhoods they served offered added police presence in business districts, high pedestrian traffic areas, and areas where large numbers of senior citizens lived, It is the belief of this Council that there would be substantial citizen support for a new reintroduction of Police Mini Stations to bring more police presence back to the neighborhoods. Therefore, the City Council requests the Administration and DPD reestablish police mini stations in specially selected locations throughout the city.

WHEREAS, As part of the demolition process, water services are shut off at the properties and eventually DWSD removes the stop boxes, which are pipes and water access boxes buried between the water main and the property, to keep drinking water pressure at an acceptable level to avoid bacteria formation and stagnant water in the system. Removing the stop box, however, makes it difficult and very costly to reinstate water service necessary to redevelop the property for alternative uses such as urban farming and for infill housing construction. City Council urges DWSD to explore use of a closed-loop system as an alternative which would circulate water continuously, preventing bacteria growth, while retaining the stop-box, so it will be easier and less costly to re-install water access to the parcel; and

WHEREAS, Detroit residents deserve access to a living wage, apprenticeships, and education in the Skilled Trades, and we encourage the Detroit Department of Water and Sewerage as well as the Administration to invest wisely in providing direct job access to participants in Skilled

Trades programs. To that end, Detroit Water and Sewerage Department has agreed to encumber \$250,000 for direct job access for Detroiters; and

WHEREAS, City officials strive to lower the City's operating costs without negatively impacting service delivery to residents; the Auditor General's Office routinely, through its auditing activities, observes the innerworkings of all the departments citywide giving them a unique vantage point to see where there are commonality and duplication of services across departments. City Council requests a quarterly report identifying where such duplication exists to assist the City in streamlining services; and

WHEREAS, Residents seeking transcripts from the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) currently face an average cost of \$1,875 per transcript under BZA's current court reporting contract, creating a prohibitively expensive burden that effectively denies low- and moderate-income Detroiters meaningful access to the appeals process and their right to fully participate in land use decisions affecting their communities; and recognizing that court reporting services are utilized across multiple City departments and non-departmental agencies, City Council urges the Administration to consolidate court reporting services across all City departments and agencies under a single, competitively bid contract designed to reduce costs, increase efficiency, and eliminate redundancies. City Council further urges the Administration to establish a reduced fee schedule or fee waiver program for BZA transcripts to ensure that no residents are priced out of exercising their right to access public proceedings; and

WHEREAS, The BZA provides an essential service for land disposition in the City; accordingly, it is imperative the Board maintains all of employees in its already small staff. City Council encourages the Administration restore the fulltime equivalent position in BZA's budget for the FY 2027 budget and going forward, ensuring sufficient staffing to effectively serve the residents of the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, The Community Outreach Ordinance establishes a framework to ensure that administering departments and the Department of Neighborhoods engage in consistent, transparent, and timely community outreach for both city-wide and neighborhood proposals which strengthens compliance, prioritizes communication, and provides a public participation mechanism that incorporates community voices into the decision-making process. Adherence to the ordinance requirements requires departments to proactively inform residents of projects that may impact their neighborhoods which includes timely public notice, accessible engagement opportunities, and intentional efforts to reach the impacted community through a variety of methods including but not limited to: social media, tv and radio broadcasts, and Gov Delivery emails. Additionally, the administering agencies are encouraged to enhance outreach efforts with community organizations by creating an email service to provide notices of public hearings upcoming meetings or engagement opportunities for activities within their service area; and

WHEREAS, The Coleman A. Young Municipal Center serves as the central hub of Detroit's municipal operations, welcoming residents, employees, and visitors with a wide range of needs

and abilities, and as the City continues its commitment to accessibility and inclusive public spaces, there is a recognized need to provide a designated sensory and quiet room to support individuals with sensory sensitivities, anxiety, or related conditions, while also offering a respectful space for employees and visitors to engage in prayer and spiritual reflection; therefore, City Council calls upon the Administration to work in collaboration with the Detroit Wayne Joint Building Authority to establish and maintain such a space within the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center to ensure the building remains accessible, inclusive, and responsive to the diverse needs of all who use it; and

WHEREAS, The 36th District court serves the largest volume of cases and residents of all district courts throughout the State of Michigan. The delayed implementation of an electronic filing (E-File) system continues to increase administrative burdens and hinder court efficiency. Therefore, City Council requests that the Mayor’s administration work with the appropriate state agencies to expedite the full implementation of the E-File system for the 36th District Court; and

WHEREAS, The City Clerk’s duties, including the administration of elections and performance of clerking duties for City Council and the benefit of the public, may expose the City Clerk to heightened security risks, threats and potentially volatile public interactions; the Detroit Police Department maintains an Executive Protection Unit (EPU) that provides security services to designated City officials; a member of the EPU staff should be utilized to provide executive protection to the City Clerk for her safety and as a prudent measure to protect the integrity of democratic processes; and,

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the importance of services provided in our local libraries and the need for more investment in the City’s library system; accordingly, urges the Administration, the Public Library Commission, and the Detroit Public School Community District to work together on issuing bonds for capital improvements for the Detroit Public Library, ensuring necessary renovations and upgrades to maintain and enhance library facilities throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, Access to public restrooms in the city is critical to improving public health and recognizing the dignity of all of our residents. Establishing low-cost, accessible restrooms will not only assist in our health outcomes but in the walkability and attraction of the city. Currently, there is a gap in the locations and variety of the restrooms available in our parks and corridors throughout the city. City Council requests that the Department of Public Works (DPW) and relevant departments assess all options for establishment, including cost variables for contracting, building in-house, and estimated fees for use. These should be fully ADA compliant, should differ from common portable restrooms, and should meet the needs of families and be accessible to all people of all genders and gender expression; and

WHEREAS, Residents have often expressed concerns on the maintenance and safety of public properties across all districts. Taking on a proactive approach to maintenance is necessary to address safety, quality of life, and revitalization of public spaces. City Council is hereby urging the Law Department to work with BSEED, the Detroit Health Department, and the Detroit

Housing Commission to proactively maintain these properties. This process should include collaboration together on best practices and upkeep, timely management of properties in critical condition, and reporting to City Council which properties are addressed; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation (DESC) is responsible for career assistance and other supportive services to tens of thousands of City of Detroit residents every year. City Departments have an opportunity to show their strong ties across communities and districts and their vast experience and resources to expand employment opportunities. Opportunity may also vary across lived experience and the conditions of employment available in each council district. Therefore, City Council urges coordination between the City and HRD-DESC to create plan for employment opportunities starting in District 6, with the expansion to District 7 and citywide opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Residents in the City of Detroit utilize our public transportation to access their jobs, their families, groceries, community health services, and an expansive number of critical services for themselves and their children. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Americans can spend up to 15.9% of their typical budgets on transportation costs. Dozens of other cities across the United States have already piloted or implemented a free fare system to significantly reduce or eliminate the burden of the cost of transportation. This has specifically targeted low-income residents, families, and students. Access to reliable and free public transportation will transform the confidence and culture surrounding our services. Therefore, City Council is urging the Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT) to implement a free fare for all pilot, collecting data and ridership over the course of one month; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Sustainability states their mission is to advance climate action in Detroit by leading initiatives that reduce emission, increase resilience, and improve residents' quality of life. For the Office to meet their climate action goals and to support the innovation uplifting our resident's neighborhoods, City Council hereby urges the Mayor's office to continuously support the Office of Sustainability based on their reported needs and community improvement goals; an

WHEREAS, In Fiscal Year 25-26, \$300,000 in funds were allocated to City Council Administration for the purpose of completing a comprehensive economic outlook study, based in District 6. Due to practical time and capacity constraints of City Council and Legislative Policy Division staff, the scope and design of the economic outlook study are still in development. For the Economic Outlook study to retain funding support, this activity will need a distinct allocation in the FY 27 budget. Therefore, City Council hereby requests \$300,000 to support the continuation and completion of the study.

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 cannot 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 increases in revenues and General Fund surpluses to City

Council's unfunded priorities articulated in this Closing Resolution. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, The City of Detroit is responsible for addressing the lack of bike racks across neighborhoods. There have been requests by local business owners, Community Development Corporations, and schools who find current petition costs burdensome. The addition of bike racks will increase equitable access to the infrastructure, encourage our residents to use low emission means of travel, and improve our neighborhoods. The City Council allocates \$50,000 to DPW to provide up to 100 bike racks; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, Schaefer Highway and the James Couzens Service Drive commercial strips in District 2 need improvements, City Council urges the Administration to conduct a streetscape plan for both commercial corridors and request that the Administration allocate existing street funds in the amount of \$100,000 for each study for a total of \$200,000. City Council authorized \$200,000 in non-general funds (the existing street fund) for this purpose; **BE IT FURTHER**

WHEREAS, that the Detroit City Council hereby urges the Department of Public Works and the Office of Mobility Innovation to formally collaborate on the design and implementation of the Cass and Peterboro Streetscape Project, prioritizing pedestrian and non-motorized transit safety as a core component of the corridor's infrastructure. This joint effort shall revitalize the historic Chinatown district by integrating traditional improvements, such as upgraded lighting and repaved sidewalks, with cutting-edge mobility solutions that foster a vibrant, multi-modal environment for residents and visitors. By aligning departmental expertise and resources, the City will efficiently deliver a \$2.4 million world-class cultural destination that honors Detroit's diverse heritage while creating a forward-thinking, accessible space for local businesses and the community; and

RESOLVED, To address the growing loss of Detroiters' generational wealth through fraudulent means, City Council and the Law Department will allocate \$250,000 in one time funding to allow for the creation of a Deed Fraud Protection Pilot program. The program will be funded for 2 years, with an estimated program cost of \$250,000 per year. The first year of the program will be supported by the \$250,000 allocation in this fiscal year, and we urge the administration to continue to seek sources of funding to support the program; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD) expressed alarm over children obtaining access to cannabis products and needing emergency medical treatment, City Council urges the Administration, in cooperation with all Detroit schools, to provide safe storage containers with combination locks to adults with children in order to prevent children from obtaining cannabis products, City Council allocated \$75,000 for this purpose; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council hereby authorizes a \$1 million increase in the General Fund appropriation for the General Services Department's Forestry Division to address the critical maintenance backlog and improve the health of the City's tree canopy. This funding shall be dedicated to increasing the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) employees, providing the

necessary internal capacity to accelerate tree trimming, hazardous removals, and proactive planting across the Detroit portfolio. By expanding this workforce, the City ensures more efficient operations, safer neighborhoods, and a sustainable urban forest that enhances the quality of life for all residents; and

RESOLVED, City Council has allocated \$25,000 for the City and DPSCD to to introduce the You and Me, Together Vape-Free curriculum in elementary, middle and high schools a program aimed at addressing key factors associated with youth e-cigarette use, including changing adolescents' attitudes towards and misperceptions about e-cigarettes. Further, towards this program; **BE IT FINALLY**

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk is directed to provide a copy of resolution to the Financial Review Commission, Mayor Mary Sheffield, 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.