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**BUDGET,
FINANCE, AND
AUDIT STANDING
COMMITTEE**



MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Member Janeé' Ayers
Chair, Budget Audit and Finance Standing Committee
Council Member Andre Spivey – Vice Chair
Council President Pro-Tem Mary Sheffield
Council President Benda Jones (Ex-Officio)

FROM: Joseph Harris, Director
Media Services Department

DATE: August 30, 2018

RE: Council Technical Issues

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Dear Councilmember Ayers:

I hope this memo finds you all well and rested after the summer recess. While Council was in recess Media Services made it a priority to address some of the technical concerns that have been occurring during the council sessions. There were some technical issues that we addressed, an issue that is still outstanding and some new protocols that have been put into place.

The issues addressed are as follows:

1. The control room computers have been fully serviced by the city vendor ALS. ALS during their service call did a full system update making sure that all of the computer software is current and functioning properly.
2. There was a low audio issue that was tracked down to the tricaster and the levels were reset to improve the audio quality for our on air broadcast signal.

The ongoing issue is an audio jack that was loose. The connector was tightened and tested. The connector is currently working properly and will be scheduled to be replaced as soon as we receive a quote from our vendor. I anticipate this connector to be completely replaced by mid-October, if not sooner.

The Media Services team has set into place regular testing of all of the backup systems to guarantee that in case of a failure of certain essential pieces of equipment that Council meetings will not be lost. The computers were put through random tests for as long as 24

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hours to recreate a failure. These tests did not cause a system failure and we believe the software updates addressed the system crashing issue.

Lastly, I would like to meet with all of Council around each member's schedules to set a master audio level for each position at the table, each member and this will need to be done for each committee and the full assembly. By doing this we will have a set audio position to start each member at to guarantee the best possible audio for our daily broadcasts.

If there are any further questions that Council would like addressed, I am readily available.

Regards,

Joseph Harris
Director, Media Services, City of Detroit

cc: Honorable Detroit City Council
Stephanie Washington, Mayor's Office
City Clerk

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CITY COUNCIL

MARY SHEFFIELD
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. David Whitaker, Director Legislative Policy Division
THROUGH: Council Member Janee Ayers
FROM: Council President Pro Tempore Mary Sheffield *MS*
DATE: September 5, 2018
RE: Request for LPD to Amend Article V (Slavery Ordinance) to Include the Prison Industrial Complex

In the United States mass incarceration is a serious issue that disproportionately affects black and brown communities. More prisons in this country are being run by for profit-corporations and the industry is making large amounts of profit incarcerating people in our communities. Mass incarceration is widely considered a new form of slavery. Incarcerating a considerable amount of people causes significant negative social and economic problems in our community. It is time that we understand the economics of incarceration and advocate for real reform.

I am an advocate for the overall reform of the criminal justice system in this country. Therefore, I believe that as local government we need to ensure that we are doing our part to address the issue. I am requesting that LPD draft an amendment to Article V of the Detroit City Code that includes a disclosure requiring prospective contractors with the City, to disclose or deny by an affidavit, whether it has ties or interest in the prison industry.

Thank you.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues
Hon. Janice Winfrey, City Clerk

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