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NEW BUSINESS



A Resolution Continuing the City of Detroit Immigration Task Force

By Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López

- WHEREAS** The Immigration Task Force was created in January 2014; **and**
- WHEREAS** The Immigration Task Force will focus on creating a more diverse, inclusive, global city and will work to improve the life of all new, existent, and future immigrant communities in Detroit. The Immigration Task Force will also advocate on behalf of all immigrant communities by expanding and developing upon local ordinances; and will promote engagement through civic, economic, and cultural initiatives; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED** That the Detroit City Council hereby extends the Immigration Task Force until December 2019; **and BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED** That the Immigration Task Force will be chaired by Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López; **and BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOVED** That the Immigration Task Force meetings are open to the public; with dates, times, and locations to be noticed the Detroit City Clerk.

A RESOLUTION CONTINUING THE DETROIT CITY COUNCIL TASK FORCE ON SKILLED TRADES TASKFORCE

BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRENDA JONES

- WHEREAS Detroit residents continue to suffer under record unemployment which can lead to foreclosure of their homes and even bankruptcy; and
- WHEREAS Many individuals in our community possess certification in the skilled trades and are in need of job opportunities in high paying construction and related fields; and
- WHEREAS Other individuals, including our youth, are interested in the skilled trades as a future profession and are in need of mentoring and access to apprenticeship programs; and area to quality employment; and
- WHEREAS City Council has recognized the need for a Skilled Trades Taskforce in the past, as well as, the continuing need to provide a forum for the many facets of the skilled trades community to meet and share information and ideas; NOW THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED That the Detroit City Council hereby forms a Skilled Trades Taskforce effective immediately and continuing through December 31, 2019; and BE IT FURTHER
- RESOLVED That the Skilled Trades Taskforce be chaired by Council President Brenda Jones and Co-Chaired by _____; and BE IT
- RESOLVED That the Task Force include residents, representatives from the community and business sector, union representatives, Michigan Works and Civil Rights Inclusion and Opportunity Department., as well as any other individuals interested in participating; and BE IT FINALLY
- RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of the named departments, agencies, and organizations indicated above and that all activities necessary to bring about the first meeting of the Taskforce and hold monthly meetings occur.

A RESOLUTION CONTINUING THE DETROIT CITY COUNCIL TASK FORCE ON
MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRENDA JONES

WHEREAS In November 2011, the Detroit City Council approved a resolution to create the Task Force on Military and Veterans Affairs to better serve veterans, reservists, and active military personnel in the City of Detroit.

WHEREAS The need for the task force had arisen based on statistics evidencing the large concentration of veterans and military personnel within Wane County and particularly the City of Detroit who were in need of access to employment, and to the various economic, health, and educational benefits to which their service to our country entitles them; and

WHEREAS The Task Force on Military and Veterans Affairs is continuing its diligent efforts to connect veterans and military personnel in our area to the benefits and resources they have earned; to educate area businesses on the benefits of hiring veterans and increase access for veterans and military personnel in our area to quality employment; and to educate the public on the unique sacrifices that our veterans, military personnel, and their families have made for the rest of us; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit City Council hereby extends the Task Force on Military and Veterans Affairs until December 2019; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED That the Task Force on Military and Veterans Affairs will now be chaired by Council Member Brenda Jones and co-chaired by Council Member Scott Benson and Council Member Roy McCalister; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED That the Task Force on Military and Veterans Affairs Meetings are open to the public; with dates, times, and locations to be noticed by the Detroit City Clerk.

BY HONORABLE COUNCIL MEMBER GABE LELAND:

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**RESOLUTION CONTINUING
THE DISABILITY TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, Currently, the City of Detroit is defining its' comeback through various development projects and policies, all in which to effectuate real change throughout the City. It is imperative that the rights and needs of the disability community are regarded; and

WHEREAS, The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was established in 1990; and

WHEREAS, It requires all American governmental municipalities, including the City of Detroit, to be in compliance; and

WHEREAS, Governmental agencies must make provisions to implement appropriate physical improvements and communication - including the delivery of necessary aid and services to individuals with disabilities so that they might fully participate in all aspects of civic life; and

WHEREAS, Residents with physical and mental disabilities should have equal access to job training opportunities, transportation, housing, and public places; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with disabilities and their advocates will be directly involved with policymaking; and

WHEREAS, City Council continues to recognize the need of the Disability Task Force and a forum for the many facets of the community to meet and share information and ideas. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council hereby forms the Disability Task Force effective immediately, continuing until December 31, 2019; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, That the Disability Task Force be chaired by Council Member Gabe Leland; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, That the Disability Task Force include residents, representatives from the community, labor, and the business sector, as well as any other individuals interested in participating; **AND BE IT FINALLY**

RESOLVED, That all activities necessary to bring about the first meeting proceed upon City Council approval.



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Date: December 11, 2018

To: Honorable City Council

From: Law Department

LSW

Re: Legal Representation and Indemnification in lawsuit of *Troy and Michael Karpovich v. City of Detroit* Civil Action Case No: 18-cv-12247

The Law Department has filed two resolutions regarding the above-referenced matter, recommending to deny representation and indemnification of Lieutenant Timothy Leach (formerly Commander) Badge No. L27 and Detective Frederick Person Badge No D-5084.

This item was referred to the Internal Operations committee on November 14, 2018 and will be brought back on January 30, 2019. After consultation with the Council President's office, we are respectfully requesting that closed sessions be held in accordance with the dates and times on the resolutions.

BY COUNCIL MEMBER: _____

Required Hearings
Regarding Representation and Indemnification of
Certain Members of the Detroit Police Department

Whereas, Section 7.5-203, *Civil Litigation*, of the 2012 Detroit City Charter provides, in relevant part, that “[upon request, the Corporation Counsel may represent any officer or employee of the city in any action or proceeding involving official duties;]” and,

Whereas, Section 13-1 1-5, *Civil Service and Personnel Regulations*, of the 1984 Detroit City Code provides, in pertinent part, that “the city council shall consider and determine whether the corporation counsel shall represent the officer or employee in the matter and find and determine whether or not the claim, demand or suit arises out of or involves the performance in good faith of the official duties of such officer or employee [;]” and,

Whereas, Arbitration awards issued by the Voluntary Labor Arbitration Tribunal recognize the past practice of City Council holding hearings for police officers who have been denied representation (*see* Grievance Nos. 79-237, 82-055, 90-047, and 92-200/92-202); **Now Therefore Be It**

Resolved, That, pursuant to the above and MCL 15.268(a), closed sessions are to be held on **Tuesday, January 15, 2019** for the purpose of conducting hearings related to the following:

Legal Representation and Indemnification in lawsuit of *Troy and Michael Karpovich v. City of Detroit Civil Action Case No: 18-cv-12247 for Lieutenant Timothy Leach* (formerly Commander), Badge No. L27; **and Be It Further**

Resolved That, the Law Department’s recommendation to deny indemnification of Lieutenant Timothy Leach in this matter, which will be discussed with Law Department attorneys, representatives from the Detroit Police Department, Commander Leach and counsel, representatives from the Detroit Police Command Officers Association, as well as attorneys from the Legislative Policy Division; **and Be It Further**

Resolved That the hearings are scheduled at **2:00 p.m.; and Be It Finally**

Resolved That a copy of this resolution be timely provided to the Detroit Police Command Officers Association and the Corporation Counsel.

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Resolved That, the Law Department’s recommendation to deny indemnification of Detective Frederick Person in this matter, which will be discussed with Law Department attorneys, representatives from the Detroit Police Department, Detective Person and counsel, representatives from the Detroit Police Command Officers Association, as well as attorneys from the Legislative Policy Division; **and Be It Further**

Resolved That the hearings are scheduled at **2:30 p.m; and Be It Finally**

Resolved That a copy of this resolution be timely provided to the Detroit Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association and the Corporation Counsel.

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**RESOLUTION CONTINUING THE DETROIT CITY COUNCIL
TASK FORCE ON MENTAL HEALTH**

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By Council Member Roy McCalister, Jr.:

WHEREAS Mental Health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood. It includes our emotional, psychological, and social well being. The problems of mental health range from depression and anxiety, to more infrequent afflictions such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder; it affects how we think, feel, and act. It also determines how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices, **and**

WHEREAS Michigan's Mental Health problems began when Congress passed the Community Mental Health Act of 1963. It provided an incentive for the closing of state-funded mental hospitals while promising to fund community-based mental health centers and programs to provide outpatient treatment. Former Governor of Michigan, John Engler, closed a number of state psychiatric facilities soon after he became governor in 1991. The funds for the mental health centers never materialized, leaving us with our current challenges, **and**

WHEREAS There is a deficiency of resources and lack of coordination available for persons afflicted with mental health problems as demonstrated by the crime, homelessness, and poverty statistically linked to mental health challenges within the city of Detroit; **and**

WHEREAS The Detroit City Charter was established to “[address] the needs of all citizens”, and to “[institute] programs, services and activities addressing the needs of our community”; within its Declaration of Rights – explicitly states that “The city shall provide for the public peace, health and safety of persons and property within its jurisdictional limits”; **and**

WHEREAS The public peace, health, and safety in the City of Detroit could be greatly improved by a concentrated collaborative effort between the City Council and those organizations which advocate for, and provide mental health services; **and**

WHEREAS The Detroit Wayne County Mental Health Authority, a safety net organization that provides access to a full array of services and supports to empower persons within the Detroit Wayne County behavioral health system. The Detroit Wayne County Mental Health Authority served just over 77,000 clients in 2017 within Wayne County and 53% (40,992) of these persons are in the City of Detroit. Of this group of individuals, the majority is between the ages of 22 and 50 years old.

WHEREAS The establishment of a Mental Health Task Force is intended to facilitate equitable access to resources, contribute to the provision of a substantial quality of life for all residents of the city of Detroit, and to reduce the frequency of instances of criminal activity related to mental illness; **and**

WHEREAS It is ineffective and detrimental to the human capital of the City of Detroit to process those persons living with mental illness through the criminal justice system as a result of their illness; **and**

WHEREAS The goal and overall purpose of the Mental Health Task Force can have a significant impact in the City of Detroit and its residents through heightening awareness, promoting education, improving coordination of services, prevention and, strengthening the capacity of the city to serve those residents need with access to mental health resources and services; **and NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED That the Detroit City Council hereby continues the Mental Health Task Force, chaired by **Council Member Roy McCalister, Jr.**, effective immediately and continuing through December 31, 2018.



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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS

BY: Council Member Mary Sheffield

WHEREAS, The Detroit Metro area (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Monroe counties) has the highest homeless population in the state of Michigan with approximately 34,000 homeless individuals, including 5,536 children in families and 192 unaccompanied minors. Approximately 69% of homeless Michigan families are headed by single mothers. The homeless population in the City of Detroit stands around 16,200 and represents almost half of the overall number in the Detroit Metro area. The last task force on homelessness was initiated by the Mayor's office in 1994, and there is a dire need for a renewed focus and greater assistance; **and**

WHEREAS, This taskforce will be a collaborative effort among several stakeholders that will seek to coordinate existing agencies and departments to create an overall strategy for the homeless population in the City of Detroit. The taskforce will seek to facilitate efforts on homelessness from agencies and departments such as: the Department of Housing and Revitalization, Homeless Action Network of Detroit, Neighborhood Services Organization, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, Cass Community Social Services and any other entity whose mission is to address homelessness in the City of Detroit; **and**

WHEREAS, In an effort to address the needs of vulnerable populations, the taskforce will evaluate and strategize with local partners to explore current uses of Community Development Block Grants, Emergency Solutions Grants, and other funding sources made available to the city. Improvements and recommendations will be made on the allocation of these funds to ensure that the homeless population of Detroit is being adequately and humanely served. The taskforce will also begin to formulate new and creative ways to leverage federal and private funding to address the needs that are specific to Detroit's homeless population; **and**

WHEREAS, The City of Detroit currently subscribes to "Moving Forward Together: A Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Detroit, Hamtramck, and Highland Park, Michigan." The taskforce will use this existing strategy as a framework and identify ways to improve implementation. Following the City of Detroit's current plan, the task force will focus and be centered on six core areas for action: housing, prevention, support services, employment and job training, community engagement, and collaboration; **and**

WHEREAS, Detroit's current housing stock, as it relates to blighted and abandoned buildings creates a unique opportunity to explore creative ways to address homelessness. The task force will aggressively create opportunities to use Detroit's existing housing stock to implement the "Housing First Strategy" a proven method of helping move people with substance abuse and/or mental health issues off the streets and into permanent housing; **and**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council authorizes the creation of a City of Detroit Homelessness Task Force, to be chaired by Council Member Sheffield; **and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force on Homelessness will continue through December 31, 2019. All meetings will be open to the public with future dates, times, and locations to be noticed by the office of the City Clerk