

*New Business  
November 12, 2019  
Voting*

**NEW**

**BUSINESS**

These items  
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**NEIGHBORHOOD  
AND COMMUNITY  
SERVICES  
STANDING  
COMMITTEE**

OFFICE OF CONTRACTING  
AND PROCUREMENT

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October 30, 2019

HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

The Purchasing Division of the Finance Department recommends a Contract with the following firm(s) or person(s):

6002383      100% City Funding – To Provide a Joint Venture for Design/Build Services for a New Equipment Storage Building at Davison Yard. – Contractor: W-3/J.J. Barney JV LLC – Location: 7601 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202 – Contract Period: Upon City Council Approval through October 28, 2020 – Total Contract Amount: \$300,000.00. **GENERAL SERVICES**

Respectfully submitted,

Boysie Jackson, Chief Procurement Officer  
Office of Contracting and Procurement

**BY COUNCIL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ SHEFFIELD \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLVED**, that Contract No. 6002383 referred to in the foregoing communication dated October 30, 2019, be hereby and is approved.

NOV 07 2019 M.T.F. Under New Business (RCL) 2-0 (MS; RCL)

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October 30, 2019

HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

The Purchasing Division of the Finance Department recommends a Contract with the following firm(s) or person(s):

6002455      100% City Funding – To Provide HVAC and Preventative Maintenance Services for Various Departments on behalf of GSD. – Contractor: Systemp Corporation – Location: 3909 Industrial Drive, Rochester Hills, MI 48309 – Contract Period: Upon City Council Approval through November 3, 2020 – Total Contract Amount: \$1,050,000.00. **GENERAL SERVICES**

Respectfully submitted,

Boysie Jackson, Chief Procurement Officer  
Office of Contracting and Procurement

**BY COUNCIL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ SHEFFIELD \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLVED**, that Contract No. 6002455 referred to in the foregoing communication dated October 30, 2019, be hereby and is approved.

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October 30, 2019

HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

The Purchasing Division of the Finance Department recommends a Contract with the following firm(s) or person(s):

6002466 100% State Funding – To Provide Park Improvements at Rouge Park, Located at 9900 Spinoza Dr. This Project will include the Installation of a Splash Pad with Associated Amenities, Picnic Shelters, a Playground and Site Amenities. – Contractor: Michigan Recreational Construction, Inc. – Location: 18631 Conant, Detroit, MI 48234 – Contract Period: Upon City Council Approval through November 3, 2021 – Total Contract Amount: \$1,636,635.00. **GENERAL SERVICES**

Respectfully submitted,

Boysie Jackson, Chief Procurement Officer  
Office of Contracting and Procurement

BY COUNCIL MEMBER SHEFFIELD

**RESOLVED**, that Contract No. 6002466 referred to in the foregoing communication dated October 30, 2019, be hereby and is approved.

NOV 07 2019 M.T.F. under NB (RCL) 2-0 (MS; RCL)

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**OFFICE OF CONTRACTING  
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October 30, 2019

HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

The Purchasing Division of the Finance Department recommends a Contract with the following firm(s) or person(s):

6002495      100% City Funding – To Provide Assistance with the Management of Service Yards for the General Services Department. – Contractor: Detroit Building Authority – Location: 1301 Third Street Suite 328, Detroit, MI 48226 – Contract Period: Upon City Council Approval through November 4, 2022 – Total Contract Amount: \$100,000.00. **GENERAL SERVICES**

Respectfully submitted,

Boysie Jackson, Chief Procurement Officer  
Office of Contracting and Procurement

**BY COUNCIL MEMBER**                     SHEFFIELD                    

**RESOLVED**, that Contract No. 6002495 referred to in the foregoing communication dated October 30, 2019, be hereby and is approved.

**NOV 07 2019** M.T.F. under NB pending update (RCL) 2-0 (MS; RCL)  
(Correction to be made to "with Management of Service")

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November 1, 2019

HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

The Purchasing Division of the Finance Department recommends a Contract with the following firm(s) or person(s):

6002450      100% City Funding – To Provide Vehicle and Equipment Towing Services for GSD. – Contractor: Goch & Sons Towing, Inc. – Location: 750 S Deacon Street, Detroit, MI 48217 – Contract Period: Upon City Council Approval through October 31, 2021 – Total Contract Amount: \$100,000.00.      **GENERAL SERVICES**

Respectfully submitted,

Boysie Jackson, Chief Procurement Officer  
Office of Contracting and Procurement

**BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM**                     SHEFFIELD                    

**RESOLVED**, that Contract No. 6002450 referred to in the foregoing communication dated November 1, 2019, be hereby and is approved.

NOV 07 2019 M. T. F. under NB (RCL) 2-0 (MS; RCL)

FORMAL SESSION/NEW BUSINESS - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/LAW DEPARTMENT

**Jones**, an Proposed Ordinance amends Chapter 33 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Parks and Recreation*, Article I, *Regulations for parks*, by adding Division 5, *Park naming procedures*, to include Section 33-1-81, *Definitions*, Section 33-1-82, *Park naming, renaming permitted; amenities reserved to the Department*, Section 33-1-83, *Official application form required*, Section 33-1-84, *Application; information required*, Section 33-1-85, *Duties of the Department*, 33-1-86, *Fee*, Section 33-1-87, *Department review of application*, Section 33-1-88, *Report; recommended action to be taken*, Section 33-1-89, *Public hearing; notice*, Section 33-1-90, *Authority of the City Council to deny, approve, or amend*, Section 33-1-91, *Resolution by the City Council authorizing the naming or renaming of a City park*, Section 33-1-92, *Park signage; payment required*, and Section 33-1-93, *Reservation of authority*, to establish a process to name or rename City parks.           **INTRODUCE.**

**ROLL CALL**

**Jones**, resolution setting public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ on foregoing ordinance amendment.





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November 1, 2019

Detroit City Council  
1340 Coleman A. Young  
Municipal Center  
Detroit, Michigan

Re: Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 33 of The 2019 Detroit City Code, *Parks and Recreation*, by adding Division 5, *Park naming procedures*.

Honorable City Council:

Pursuant to the request of President Jones, the above-referenced ordinance is being submitted to Your Honorable Body for consideration. This proposed ordinance will amend Chapter 33 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Parks and Recreation*, by adding Division 5, *Park naming procedures*.

We are available to answer any questions that you may have concerning this proposed ordinance. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Tonja R. Long  
Supervising Assistant Corporation Counsel

NOV 07 2019 M.T.F. under NB to set Public Hearing (RCL) 2-0 (MS; RCL)

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CITY CLERK 2019 NOV 1 PM 5:04

Introduced  
(New Business)  
11/12/19  
(mgw)

1 **BY COUNCILMEMBER** \_\_\_\_\_:

2 **AN ORDINANCE** to amend Chapter 33 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Parks and*  
3 *Recreation*, Article I, *Regulations for parks*, by adding Division 5, *Park naming procedures*, to  
4 include Section 33-1-81, *Definitions*, Section 33-1-82, *Park naming, renaming permitted;*  
5 *amenities reserved to the Department*, Section 33-1-83, *Official application form required*, Section  
6 33-1-84, *Application; information required*, Section 33-1-85, *Duties of the Department*, 33-1-86,  
7 *Fee*, Section 33-1-87, *Department review of application*, Section 33-1-88, *Report; recommended*  
8 *action to be taken*, Section 33-1-89, *Public hearing; notice*, Section 33-1-90, *Authority of the City*  
9 *Council to deny, approve, or amend*, Section 33-1-91, *Resolution by the City Council authorizing*  
10 *the naming or renaming of a City park*, Section 33-1-92, *Park signage; payment required*, and  
11 Section 33-1-93, *Reservation of authority*, to establish a process to name or rename City parks.

12 **IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF DETROIT**  
13 **THAT:**

14 **Section 1.** Chapter 33 of the 2019 Detroit City Code; *Parks and Recreation*; Article I,  
15 *Regulations for Parks*, by adding Division 5, *Park naming procedures*, consisting of Sections 33-  
16 1-81 through 33-1-95, to read as follows:

17 **CHAPTER 33. PARKS AND RECREATION**

18 **ARTICLE I. REGULATIONS FOR PARKS**

19 **DIVISION 5. PARK NAMING PROCEDURES**

20 **Sec. 33-1-81. Definitions.**

21 For the purpose of this division, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings  
22 respectively ascribed to them by this section:

1 Amenities means resources, conveniences, facilities or benefits offered to the general public  
2 for their use, with or without charge, such as restrooms, information displays, public telephones,  
3 rain shelters, and drinking fountains.

4 Applicant means a resident of the City that is at least 18 years old or a property owner.

5 Department means the City's General Services Department.

6 Radial feet means the measurement between two properties, measured as the shortest  
7 straight line connecting such properties, drawn irrespective of intervening property lines, rights-  
8 of-way, or natural or built environment, and is measured from the perimeter of the park.

9 Service area means the radius around the park based on the park's size.

10 **Sec. 33-1-82. Park naming, renaming, permitted; amenities reserved to the Department.**

11 (a) Parks located within, and under the jurisdiction of, the City may be named or  
12 renamed in accordance with this division.

13 (b) The naming or renaming of amenities shall be reserved to the Department and  
14 approved or denied unilaterally, without submission to the City Council.

15 **Sec. 33-1-83. Official application form required.**

16 (a) Applications for the naming or renaming of City parks shall be provided by the  
17 Department and shall be made available on the Department's website.

18 (b) The application shall state in bold face type the number of signatures required of  
19 those who own or occupy property within the service area for the proposed park naming or  
20 renaming, such number shall be determined by the Department and approved by resolution of the  
21 City Council.

22 (c) No form other than that referenced in Subsection (a) of this section shall be  
23 accepted as a valid application.

1 **Sec. 33-1-84. Application; information required.**

2 (a) An application to name or rename a City park shall be submitted to the Department.

3 (b) The applicant shall provide, as an attachment to the application:

4 (1) Information pertaining to the proposed naming or renaming, including the  
5 historical, cultural or social significance of the naming or renaming;

6 (2) Any statements of support or endorsements received from the owners or occupants  
7 of the park's service area;

8 (3) A summary of any public outreach conducted by the applicant, including outreach  
9 to: neighborhood associations, Neighborhood Councils, Business District  
10 Associations, and commercial property owners' groups.

11 (4) Evidence indicating the physical characteristics of the park, which may include, but  
12 is not limited to, maps or photographs of the park.

13 (5) The required number of signatures, as determined by the Department, from  
14 residents that reside within the service area of the park.

15 (6) Proof of payment of the application fee as described in Subsection (c) of this  
16 section.

17 (c) A non-refundable application fee shall be charged for the administration,  
18 processing, issuance, and enforcement of the application under this division, made payable to "City  
19 Treasurer," and submitted to the Department.

20 **Sec. 33-1-85. Duties of the Department.**

21 (a) The Department, upon receiving an application to name or rename a park shall  
22 proceed according to the following:

1       (1) Where the Department determines that the application is complete as set forth in  
2       Section 33-1-84 of this Code, the Department shall provide a report and  
3       recommendation to the City Council in accordance with Section 33-1-88 of this  
4       Code.

5       (2) Where the Department determines the application is not complete as set forth in  
6       Section 33-1-84 of this Code:

7       a. The Department shall provide to the applicant, in writing, within 30 days  
8       of submission of the application, a description of what information is  
9       needed to complete the application;

10       b. The applicant shall have 30 days after receipt of the notice of  
11       incompleteness to complete the application and return it to the Department.

12       c. Failure to complete the application within the prescribed time shall result in  
13       the forfeiture of the application fee.

14       (b) The Department will notify the community of receipt of a completed application  
15       for a naming or renaming of a City park by publishing such information on its website and social  
16       media forums.

17       **Sec. 33-1-86. Fee.**

18       (a) In accordance with Section 9-507 of the Charter, a non-refundable fee shall be  
19       required to process the application to name or rename a park.

20       (b) Fees shall be established based upon the size of the service area of the park and cost  
21       of processing the application.

22       (c) After adoption of a resolution by the City Council and approval of the resolution  
23       by the Mayor, the fees that are provided for in Subsection (a) of this section shall be:

1       (1) Published in a daily newspaper of general circulation and in the Journal of the City  
2             Council;

3       (2) Made available at the Department and at the Office of the City Clerk; and

4       (3) Reviewed by the Director of the Department at least once every two years.

5       **Sec. 33-1-87. Department review of the application.**

6       (a) The Department shall use the following criteria when reviewing applications for  
7       the naming or renaming of a park:

8       (1) A park may be given a name based on historical significance if it meets one of the  
9             following:

10            a. The name is associated with a historically significant event or events  
11             reflecting broad patterns of Detroit's history;

12            b. The name is associated with the lives of persons of citywide significance in  
13             the history of the City. Names requested for individuals may only be made  
14             after the individual has been deceased for at least five years, unless the  
15             individual meets the requirements of Subsections (a)(3) and (4) of this  
16             section, or at the discretion of the City Council or the Director of the  
17             Department.

18            c. The name reflects a distinctive architectural or engineering achievement; or

19            d. The name is related to an existing or proposed registered historic property  
20             or district.

21       (2) A park may be named for a person or non-profit entity that has been active for at  
22       least 50 years, when the entity's contribution to the City has been substantial and  
23       has had a positive impact on the community.

1       (3) A park may be named for an individual or organization if that individual or  
2       organization has made a significant direct property or monetary contribution to the  
3       City, consistent with the City's relevant acceptance policies, for purposes of  
4       developing the park and the naming is a stipulation of the donation.

5       (4) Proposed names may be based on distinctive, predominant and defining, natural or  
6       geological features of an area.

7       (b) Upon receipt of a proposal requesting a park be renamed, the Department shall  
8       investigate and consider the potential impact of the renaming, including the impact on current  
9       names for the park, buildings, and amenities.

10       **Sec. 33-1-88. Report; recommended action to be taken.**

11       Following the review of the application, the Department shall submit a report of the  
12       application for naming or renaming to the City Council which shall include:

13       (1)   A copy of the application;

14       (2)   A summary of the Department findings regarding the name request;

15       (3)   A map of the park; and,

16       (4)   A recommendation to the City Council for action to be taken.

17       **Sec. 33-1-89. Public hearing; notice.**

18       (a) Upon receipt of the report from the Department, the City Council shall adopt a  
19       resolution fixing the time and date for a public hearing.

20       (b) Notice of the public hearing shall be:

21       (1)   Given to the City Clerk's Office and sent to all individuals within 300 radial feet  
22       of the perimeter of the park; and

1           (2) Published in a newspaper of general circulation at least five days prior to the date  
2                   fixed for the hearing.

3    **Sec. 33-1-90. Authority of the City Council to deny, approve, or amend.**

4    City Council may at its discretion, approve, deny, or amend the naming or renaming  
5    recommended by the Department.

6    **Sec. 33-1-91. Resolution by the City Council authorizing the naming or renaming of a City**  
7    **park.**

8           Where an application for a park naming or renaming is approved by the City Council, a  
9    certified copy of the resolution adopting the request shall be transmitted by the Office of the City  
10   Clerk to the Department.

11   **Sec. 33-1-92. Park Signage; payment required.**

12           (a) After adoption of the resolution by the City Council, the Department shall collect  
13   payment from the applicant for the cost of designing, producing, and installing the park sign.

14           (b) The Department shall erect the park sign within 45 days from the receipt of payment  
15   of the installation fee.

16   **Sec. 33-1-93. Reservation of authority.**

17           (a) City Council reserves the authority to name or rename any park in accordance with  
18   the requirements set forth in Section 33-1-87 of this Code, without Department action, by adoption  
19   of a resolution.

20           (b) City Council reserves the authority to rename any park without Department action,  
21   when the individual or entity a park was named for is deemed disreputable or is found to have  
22   acted in a disreputable way.

23   **Secs. 33-1-94--33-1-100. Reserved.**



1           **Section 2.** This ordinance is hereby declared necessary to preserve the public peace,  
2 health, safety, and welfare of the People of the City of Detroit.

3           **Section 3.** All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, that conflict with this ordinance are  
4 repealed.

5           **Section 4.** In the event this ordinance is passed by two-thirds (2/3) majority of City Council  
6 Members serving, it shall be given immediate effect and become effective upon publication in  
7 accordance with Section 4-118 of the 2012 Detroit City Charter. Where this ordinance is passed  
8 by less than a two-thirds (2/3) majority of City Council Members serving, it shall become effective  
9 on the thirtieth (30) day after enactment, or on the first business day thereafter, in accordance with  
10 Section 4-118 of the 2012 Detroit City Charter.

**Approved as to form:**



Lawrence T. García  
Corporation Counsel

RESOLUTION SETTING HEARING

By Council President Jones:

Resolved, That a public hearing will be held by this body on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ in the Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee, in the Council's Committee Room, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Coleman A. Young Municipal Center for the purpose of considering the advisability of adopting the foregoing an Proposed Ordinance amends Chapter 33 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Parks and Recreation*, Article I, *Regulations for parks*, by adding Division 5, *Park naming procedures*, to include Section 33-1-81, *Definitions*, Section 33-1-82, *Park naming, renaming permitted; amenities reserved to the Department*, Section 33-1-83, *Official application form required*, Section 33-1-84, *Application; information required*, Section 33-1-85, *Duties of the Department*, 33-1-86, *Fee*, Section 33-1-87, *Department review of application*, Section 33-1-88, *Report; recommended action to be taken*, Section 33-1-89, *Public hearing; notice*, Section 33-1-90, *Authority of the City Council to deny, approve, or amend*, Section 33-1-91, *Resolution by the City Council authorizing the naming or renaming of a City park*, Section 33-1-92, *Park signage; payment required*, and Section 33-1-93, *Reservation of authority*, to establish a process to name or rename City parks.

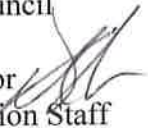
All interested persons are invited to be present to be heard as to their views.

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**TO:** The Honorable City Council  
**FROM:** David Whitaker, Director   
Legislative Policy Division Staff  
**DATE:** November 4, 2020  
**RE:** 2020 DETROIT CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

The Legislative Policy Division was requested to draft the 2020 Detroit City Council Calendar. The calendar and a resolution approving such has been attached for your consideration.

# DETROIT CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR 2020



JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<p>1 NEW YEARS DAY</p> <p>1-6 RECESS</p> <p>20 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</p> <p>21 Evening Community Meeting – District 5</p> <p>28 CDBG/NOF OVERVIEW</p> <p>28-31 CDBG/NOF Deliberations</p> <p>TBD Exec Session – CC Budget Priorities</p>	<p>1 CDBG/NOF Deliberations</p> <p>4 City Council vote on CDBG/NOF</p> <p>25 Evening Community Meeting – District 2</p>	<p>6 Mayor's Budget Address</p> <p>9-31 City Council Budget Hearings</p> <p>24 Evening Community Meeting – At-Large</p>	<p>1-6 City Council Budget Hearings</p> <p>5 Public Hearing—Budget</p> <p>7 City Council Vote on Budget</p> <p>13 Mayor's Veto, if applicable</p> <p>16 City Council Veto Override, if applicable</p> <p>10 GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p>20-27 RECESS</p>	<p>19 Evening Community Meeting – District 4</p> <p>25 MEMORIAL DAY</p> <p>26-29 Mackinac Policy Conference</p>	<p>23 Evening Community Meeting – District 6</p> <p>24 FORD Fireworks</p>
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p>4 INDEPENDENCE DAY</p> <p>29-31 RECESS</p>	<p>1-31 RECESS</p>	<p>1-4 RECESS</p> <p>7 LABOR DAY</p> <p>22 Evening Community Meeting – District 1</p> <p>TBD Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conf.</p>	<p>20 Evening Community Meeting – District 7</p> <p>TBD Community Budget Informational Conf.</p>	<p>11 VETERAN'S DAY</p> <p>17 Evening Community Meeting – District 3</p> <p>25-30 RECESS</p> <p>26 THANKSGIVING DAY</p> <p>27 DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING</p>	<p>1-31 RECESS (until Jan 4<sup>th</sup>)</p> <p>24 CHRISTMAS EVE</p> <p>25 CHRISTMAS DAY</p> <p>TBD CAYMC CLOSED</p> <p>31 NEW YEAR'S EVE</p>

**BY COUNCIL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ :**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A MEETING SCHEDULE  
FOR THE DETROIT CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED,** That in accordance with Article 5, Chapter 1, Section 4-102 of the 2012 Detroit City Charter, the Detroit City Council hereby adopts the attached Detroit City Council meeting schedule for calendar year 2020. The dates contained therein are in addition to the Body's regularly scheduled meetings noticed separately by the City Clerk; **AND BE IT FINALLY**

**RESOLVED,** That the Detroit City Clerk is directed to post notice of this resolution.

November 4, 2019

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TO: Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David D. Whitaker  
Legislative Policy Division Staff

DATE: November 8, 2019

RE: **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE UNVEILING AND DISPLAY OF A  
PORTRAIT OF FORMER DETROIT CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT GIL HILL**

On November 5, 2019 the Honorable Council President Brenda Jones requested that the Legislative Policy Division draft a resolution approving the unveiling and display of a portrait of former Detroit City Council President Gil Hill.

Attached, please find our draft of the resolution.

Please contact us if we can be of any further assistance.

**BY HONORABLE COUNCIL PRESIDENT BRENDA JONES**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE UNVEILING AND DISPLAY OF A PORTRAIT OF FORMER DETROIT CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT GIL HILL**

**WHEREAS,** The mission of the Detroit City Council is to promote the economic, cultural and physical welfare of Detroit's citizens through Charter-mandated legislative functions; and

**WHEREAS,** The City Hall Portrait Collection offers a visual history of people whose actions and contributions made a significant impact on the lives of Detroit residents; and

**WHEREAS,** On Tuesday, November 19, 2019 the family, friends and former colleagues of the great statesman, decorated ranking police officer, esteemed movie actor and former City Council President Gil Hill will join the current Detroit City Council as we celebrate Mr. Hill's memory and unveil his portrait to be placed in the Committee of the Whole Room; and

**WHEREAS,** Gilbert Roland Hill, affectionately known as Gil Hill, was born on November 6, 1931, in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Hill was the son of Mary Lee Hill, who raised him and his sister, Toni, as a single parent. In the 1940s, the family moved to Washington, D.C., where he completed his education, graduating from Cardozo High School in 1949; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1950 Mr. Hill joined the United States Air Force and was stationed at Selfridge Air Force Base near Detroit. After leaving the Air Force in 1953, he returned to the Detroit area and joined the Wayne County Sheriff's Department in 1957 and two years later, joined the Detroit Police Department; and

**WHEREAS,** For decades, Mr. Hill was a widely respected police officer. Mr. Hill's natural inquisitiveness, probing mind and dogged pursuit of excellence led to his promotion to detective in 1969, where he flourished in the homicide division of the Detroit Police Department. Mr. Hill earned the reputation of being the city's top detective, resulting in his recruitment in 1980 as one of five office veteran "super cops" chosen from around the country to assist the Atlanta Police Department in solving the murders of 11 black children and the disappearance of 4 others, in the "Atlanta Child Murders"; and

**WHEREAS,** The tenacity and expertise of Mr. Hill and the other team members ultimately led to the arrest and conviction of Wayne Williams. The Atlanta case brought Mr. Hill to national prominence; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Hill was promoted to the rank of Inspector in charge of the Homicide Division in 1982, and in 1989, he retired after serving 25 years from the Detroit Police Department at the rank of Commander; and

**WHEREAS,** At age 53, Mr. Hill rose to worldwide fame when he appeared with actor, comedian Eddie Murphy in the *Beverly Hills Cop* film series as Inspector Douglas Todd; and

**WHEREAS,** His intelligence earned him the respect of the Detroit Police Department, and his instinctiveness and wit led him to Hollywood. It was the public's trust that elected him onto the Detroit City Council in 1989. Subsequently, Mr. Hill became Council President by securing the largest number of votes in the 1993 and 1997 elections. Mr. Hill's popularity and success prompted a run for Mayor in 2001 but he was defeated in the general election by Kwame Kilpatrick; and

**WHEREAS,** Among his many accomplishments during his tenure he was most proud of drafting an ordinance which allowed senior citizens to ride the city buses free and students to travel at a reduced rate. Mr. Hill supported other important initiatives such as casino gambling in the city, he helped broker deals for new baseball and football stadiums downtown, and led the partnership between Council and the Administration to create the Commercial Strip Revitalization Project; and

**WHEREAS,** Gil Hill dedicated his life to making Detroit a better place for all and never stopped believing in our city. He was passionate and relentless about changing the narrative about Detroit's perception and reality. While Mr. Hill's life ended on February 29, 2016, his legacy of service and integrity is forever embedded in Detroit's history. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** That the Detroit City Council hereby approves the portrait unveiling and display of former Detroit City Council President Gil Hill in the Detroit City Council Committee of the Whole Room. **BE IT FINALLY**

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the offices of the City Clerk and the Mayor.



COUNCIL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO  
THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE  
DETROIT BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**RESOLVED** The Detroit City Council hereby reappoints Bradly Lutz to serve as a member on the Community Advisory Committee of the Detroit Brownfield Redevelopment Authority with a term ending date of June 30, 2020. **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**

**RESOLVED** That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and the Mayor's Office.

November 8, 2019

COUNCIL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO  
THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE  
DETROIT BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**RESOLVED** The Detroit City Council hereby appoints Michelle George to serve as a member on the Community Advisory Committee of the Detroit Brownfield Redevelopment Authority with a term ending date of June 30, 2020. **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**

**RESOLVED** That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and the Mayor's Office.

November 8, 2019

COUNCIL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO  
THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE  
DETROIT BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**RESOLVED** The Detroit City Council hereby appoints Peter Rhoades to serve as a member on the Community Advisory Committee of the Detroit Brownfield Redevelopment Authority with a term ending date of June 30, 2020. **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**

**RESOLVED** That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and the Mayor's Office.

November 8, 2019

COUNCIL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO  
THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE  
DETROIT BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**RESOLVED** The Detroit City Council hereby reappoints Kamal Cheeks to serve as a member on the Community Advisory Committee of the Detroit Brownfield Redevelopment Authority with a term ending date of June 30, 2020. **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**

**RESOLVED** That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and the Mayor's Office.

November 8, 2019