May 4, 2020

To: The Honorable Council President Brenda Jones

 CFO David Massaron

 Deputy Finance Officer, Tonya Stoudimire

 Legislative Policy Division, Irvin Corley

 Legislative Policy Division, Attorney Lakisha Barclift

Re: The Detroit City 2021 Financial and Budgetary Priorities, Public Policy, Planning and Action Resolution

Review the final resolution please review and/or advice regarding the below considered corrections and additions:

**Page 1, paragraph 4:**

 **WHEREAS,** Following the City of Detroit’s (City) emergence from bankruptcy at the end of 2014 (should this not read “2018”), the City has been on an increase positive trajectory toward the future.

**Page 2, paragraph 1:**

 **WHEREAS,** The FY 2021-2024 four-year financial plan, as presented to City Council, shows employee benefit will increase from $81.7 million in FY 2023 to $187.8 million in FY 2024, an increase of $106 million. More specifically, discretionary pension contributions will go from zero to $166 million in FY 2024.

**Page 2, paragraph 4:**

When discussing … In FY 2019, $20 Million was contributed to the fund, $45 Million in FY 2020 and will contribute $50 Million in FY 2021. Due to the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic, will such funding be available; therefore, is this an accurate statement to add to this final resolution?

**Page 3, paragraph 7:**

 **WHEREAS, …** City Council also urges the Administration to continue to fund the NIF with income tax revenue from the Pistons and NBA Players; as well as Palace Sports and Entertainment employees; and – The Palace Sports of Auburn Hills is no longer, therefore, this wording should be removed!

**Page 4, paragraph 4:**

 **WHEREAS,** Additional staffing for The Board of Ethics would greatly benefit the City, The Department needs a total of 6 full-time equivalent positions (FTE) to meet current demands. The Mayor proposes adding one FTE, for a total of four FTEs in FY 2021. The addition of two more FTEs; as well as funding for additional operating services and other expense would cost $189.991, and (Please identify what this line is being approved for, is it advising once funds are available the additional 3 FTEs will be added? Also, it was also requested that the Department would be budget at $500,000; will these funds also be provided? Please advise regarding these concerns!

**Page 4, paragraph 6 & 7**

Can these 2 paragraphs be combined to read:

 **WHEREAS,** In response to increased blight ticketing of residents and the implementation of the Rental Ordinance, City Council requests an additional appropriation for Buildings Safety and Engineering and Environmental Department (BSEED) to educate landlord and homeowners on ways to avoid and resolve rental compliance or blight violations. City Council urges (BSEED) to dedicate adequate staff to continue enforcement related to car repair facilities and the adherence to the Bulk Solid Materials Ordinance; and

**Page 6, paragraph 3 & Page 8, paragraph 6**

Can these 2 paragraphs be combined to read:

**WHEREAS,** There are blighted and dark viaducts throughout the City of Detroit, sixty-seven in District 6, endangering members within our communities who walk through them. In order to make them safe spaces and welcoming, City Council urges the Administration to incorporate and invest in appropriate funds to improve viaduct maintenance with public art, specifically murals, lighting into the Capital Improvement Plan, prioritizing those closest to schools, frequently used by resident travel to work and daily life; and

**Page 6,** **paragraph 5:**

**WHEREAS, Currently, approximately $150,000 of General Fund Dollars has been earmarked for Mental Health Services. City Council urges the Administration to transfer jurisdiction and restore these funding for Mental Health Services to The Department of Health, which were intended to increase the Behavioral Health Staff to expand the teams capacity throughout the community. City Council urges the Administration to explore, research and develop a Food Pharmacies within the Detroit communities to enhance mental health and healthy development for the citizens of Detroit, at the earliest possible date; and**

**Page 7, paragraph 1:**

 **WHEREAS,** In 2019, the City of Detroit spent $691 million on the procurement of goods and services. …. City Council urges a thorough focus and collaboration between the Office of Procurement, Civil Rights, Inclusion and Opportunity Department and the Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation to evaluate contractor employment needs and opportunities and to develop training programs and an employment strategy to ensure that residents are prepared for contract opportunities, and that contractors are aware of how to access qualified Detroiters to hire to perform services on City of Detroit contracts; and Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation, should be changed to “Office of Workforce Development.”

**Page 10, paragraph 1:**

 **RESOLVED, …** but not limited to: 1) expected revenues that are lowered than anticipated, 2) cost increases significantly beyond budgeted amounts, 3) revenues that are higher than expected, or 4) cost decreases significantly below those reflected in the adopted 2021-2021 Budget, and that reevaluations are considered for 2022-2024 Budgets; **BE IT FINALLY**

**Page 10, paragraph 2:**

 **RESOLVED,** That the City Clerk is directed to provide a copy of the Final Resolution to the Finance Review Commission, Mayor Mike Duggan of the City of Detroit, the Chief Financial Officer, the Finance Director, the Budget Director, Detroit City Council, Wayne County Executive Warren Evans and all agencies, departments and divisions of the City of Detroit.

**RESOLVED,**

May 5, 2020