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BUDGET, FINANCE AND AUDIT STANDING COMMITTEE

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021

1:00 P.M.

- A. ROLL CALL**
- B. CHAIR REMARKS**
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Status of **Law Department** submitting a Proposed Ordinance to amend Chapter 17 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Finance*, Article V, *Purchases and Supplies*, Division 6, *Criminal Conviction Questions for City Contractors*, by adding a new Section 17-5-262, *Definitions*; and renumbering or amending Section 17-5-263, *Applicability*; Section 17-5-264, *City contractor prohibited to inquire regarding criminal convictions of applicant to fulfill City contract prior to making a conditional offer of employment to the applicant*; Section 17-5-265, *Exceptions to prohibition*; by adding Section 17-5-266, *Revocation of conditional offer based on an individualized assessment*; and Section 17-2-267, *Notice of revocation of conditional offer of employment*; Section 17-5-268, *Procedures for challenging revocation of conditional offer of employment*; Section 17-5-269, *Department review of final adverse action*; Section 17-5-270, *Posting Requirement*; and by renumbering Section 17-5-271, *Contractor required to submit affidavit with copy of application; contractor to verify compliance by subcontractors*; and Section 17-5-272, *Bid or proposal deemed non-responsive; contract in breach*; to add definitions; to bar City contractors from seeking or reviewing an employment applicant's criminal conviction history prior to issuing a conditional offer of employment; to bar City contractors from revoking that offer unless the employer has undertaken an individualized review of the applicant's suitability for the position; to provide applicants an opportunity to challenge a revocation of the offer of employment; to authorize the Department of Human Rights to review adverse employment decisions; and to require the Department to make annual reports to City Council. **(FOR INTRODUCTION AND SETTING OF A PUBLIC HEARING?)**
2. Status of **Law Department** Submitting a Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 44 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Taxation*, Article VI, *Personal Property Taxes, Real Property Taxes, and Special Assessments*, by renaming Division 8, *Homeowners Property Tax Assistance Program* to *Homeowners Property Exemption*, by amending Section 44-4-152, *Ownership and occupancy required*; Section 44-4-153, *Annual application required, time of submission*; Section 44-4-154, *Application for Homeowners Property Tax Assistance Program, availability*; by removing Section 44-4-155, *Short Form Affidavit*; and replacing it with and amending and renumbering Section 44-4-155, *Guidelines*; by renumbering and amending Section 44-4-156, *Relief*; by renumbering and amending Section 44-4-157, *Notice of the Homeowners Property Tax Assistance Program; outreach*; by renumbering and amending Section 44-4-158, *Decision letter*; by renumbering Section 44-4-159, *Appeal of assessment preserved*; by renumbering and amending Section 44-4-160, *Tax bill*; and by adding Section 44-4-161, *Confidentiality* to require the use of State Tax Commission forms in the application process and to otherwise conform this Division to the requirements of Public Act 253 of 2020, which amended MCL 211.7u of the Michigan General Property Tax Act. **(FOR INTRODUCTION AND SETTING OF A PUBLIC HEARING?) (REFERRED TO THE BUDGET, FINANCE AND AUDIT STANDING COMMITTEE ON 10-20-21)**
3. Status of **Property Assessment/Board of Review** submitting reso. autho. 2022 Homeowner Property Exemption (HOPE) Policy and Guidelines in accordance with MCL

211.7u. **(The Board of Review is a nine (9)-member board appointed by this Honorable Body to act on matters relative to assessments within the jurisdiction of the City of Detroit. The purpose of this communication is to establish through the adoption by resolution the 2022 “Homeowners Property Exemption” guidelines and process for the Board of Review to act in accordance with MCL 211.7u.) (BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 10-20-21)**

4. Status of **Council President Brenda Jones** submitting the Invest in Detroit Procurement Ordinance Amendments **(FOR INTRODUCTION AND SETTING OF A PUBLIC HEARING?) (BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 10-20-21)**
5. Status of **Law Department** submitting Proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 17 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, Finance and Taxation. Article V, Purchases and Supplies, Division 1, Goods and Services, Subdivision B, Purchasing of City Goods and Services, Section 17-5-12, Solicitation of bids, comparison of equalization credits in bids, and application of equalization credits for bids, major purchases, exceptions; to establish that the contract awarded to an equalized bidder, shall not exceed more than eight percent above the lowest responsible bid submitted or \$100,000.00, whichever is less. **(FOR INTRODUCTION AND SETTING OF A PUBLIC HEARING?) (BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 10-6-21)**
6. Status of **Council Member Janeé Ayers** submitting memorandum relative to Request for a Financial Analysis Comparing the Impact of a 12% Limit on the Amount Given to Contractors above the Lowest Bid. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 10-6-21)**

NEW BUSINESS

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

7. Submitting a report relative to an Audit of Detroit Media. **(Attached for your review is our report on the Audit of Detroit Media. This report contains our audit purpose, scope, objectives, methodology and conclusions; background; our audit findings and recommendations; and the responses from Detroit Media and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.) (REFERRED TO THE BUDGET, FINANCE AND AUDIT STANDING COMMITTEE ON 10-27-21)**

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK/CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

8. Submitting reso. autho. Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Certificate Application for the construction of a new single-family house at 2263 Wabash Street in the Corktown 1999 (C) Neighborhood Enterprise Zone area **(RECOMMEND APPROVAL) (REFERRED TO THE BUDGET, FINANCE AND AUDIT STANDING COMMITTEE ON 10-27-21)**

MISCELLANEOUS

9. **Council Member Janeé Ayers** submitting memorandum relative to Questions Regarding Proposed Changes to the Procurement Ordinance. **(REFERRED TO THE BUDGET, FINANCE AND AUDIT STANDING COMMITTEE ON 10-27-21)**

10. **Council Member Scott Benson** submitting memorandum on the proposed Chapter 17 Finance, Article V. Purchasing and Supplies, Division 1. Goods and Services and request department to provide a fiscal impact statement. **(REFERRED TO THE BUDGET, FINANCE AND AUDIT STANDING COMMITTEE ON 10-27-21)**
11. **Council President Brenda Jones** submitting memorandum relative to Response: Questions Regarding Proposed Changes to the Procurement Ordinance. **(REFERRED TO THE BUDGET, FINANCE AND AUDIT STANDING COMMITTEE ON 10-27-21)**
12. **Council President Brenda Jones** submitting memorandum relative to Invest in Detroit Procurement Amendments Discussion Follow Up. **(REFERRED TO THE BUDGET, FINANCE AND AUDIT STANDING COMMITTEE ON 10-27-21)**

E. MEMBER REPORTS