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City of Detroit
City Council
REPARATIONS TASK FORCE
AGENDA

February 3, 2024

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

PUBLIC SESSION

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MEETING COMMENCES AT 2:02 PM

1. CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

CO-CHAIR KEITH WILLIAMS OPENS WITH HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS.

2. WORDS OF INSPIRATION

CO-CHAIR KEITH WILLIAMS QUOTES TWO BLACK HISTORY FIGURES – CORETTA SCOTT KING AND MAE JAMESON.

3. ROLL CALL

**CALLOWAY - PRESENT
WILLIAMS - PRESENT
LARSOSA – PRESENT
FORD - PRESENT
TYUS - ABSENT
VENABLE - ABSENT
ROBINSON - ABSENT
COLLINS - ABSENT
PARKER - PRESENT
HICKS - PRESENT
HAZEL - ABSENT
BELLE – PRESENT**

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – **CO -CHAIR CIDNEY CALLOWAY MOTION TO APPROVE AGEND, MEMBER EDYTHE FORD SECONDED; MOTION PASSES**

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – **CO-CHAIR ANNOUNCES MINUTES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT NEXT MEETING**

6. APPOINTMENTS:

- a. Appointment of Jasahn Larsosa to the Executive Committee for the Detroit Reparations Task Force
- b. Appointment of Edythe Ford to the At-Large seat on the Detroit Reparations Task Force

7. 2:10 P.M. – PRESENTATION – PROFESSOR BERNADETTE ATUAHENE – PROPERTY TAX JUSTICE IN DETROIT

8. 2: 40 P.M. – Q&A

-KIMBERLY CANTY

-SHANNON KEYS

-STACY DOBERFIELD

-ANDRE WATSON

-BRENDA BUTLER

-JACON WALKER

-JACINDA CASEAN

-DEREK WILLIAMS

9. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS (2 MIN. PER REPORT)

a. Community Engagement Sub-Committee

MEMBER GREGORY HICKS (COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CHAIR) ANNOUNCES HIS PLANS FOR PROGRAMMING PUBLIC MEETINGS AND THE INTENT OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE IN SCHEDULING SPEAKERS AS HELPING THE COMMUNITY CONSTRUCT ITS STORY, FURTHER STATES THAT TODAY'S PRESENTER WAS INTENDED TO OFFER A SYSTEMATIC PERSPECTIVE, THE NEXT SPEAKER WAS SELECTED IN THE SPIRIT OF RESISTANCE.

CO-CHAIR KEITH WILLIAMS STATES MEMBER HICKS IS OUT OF ORDER

MEMBER FORD MAKES A MOTION FOR THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CHAIR'S TIME TO BE EXTENDED.

MEMBER HAZEL SECONDED.

MEMBER LARSOSA SECONDED.

b. Culture Sub-Committee

MEMBER COLLINS MAKES A FORMAL MOTION THAT THE CULTURAL COMMITTEE BE ABSORBED/COMBINED WITH THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE BECAUSE THE WORK OF THE TWO IS SO CLOSELY RELATED; CO-CHAIR CALLOWAY SECONDED

DISCUSSION ENSUES.

MEMBER HICKS BELIEVES THAT IT MAKES SENSE IN CONCEPT BUT WOULD LIKE MORE DISCUSSION, PROPOSES THAT THERE BE DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT THE INTERGRATION IS OR LOOKS LIKE, DOES NOT SUPPORT THE MOTION.

MEMBER PARKER RECOMMENDS PUTTING THIS ITEM ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT INTERNAL MEETING TO HAVE A GREATER DISCUSSION; RECOMMENDS THE EXPLORATION OF OTHER COMMITTEE COMBINATIONS.

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MEMBER COLLINS ASKS TO RESPOND

MEMBER BELLE ASKS IS THE RECOMMENDATION TO POSTPONE THE ITEM TO AN INTERNAL MEETING.

MEMBER COLLINS REQUESTS A VOTE DUE TO HAVING BROUGHT THE ITEM UP BEFORE, RESTATES HER MOTION.

MEMBER FORD HAS A DISCUSSION QUESTION.

MEMBER LARSOSA SECONDED.

MEMBER FORD ASKS WHAT THE PURPOSE OF BOTH COMMITTEES

CO-CHAIR KEITH WILLIAMS RESPONDS TO MEMBER FORD, STATES THE PURPOSE OF THE CULTURAL COMMITTEE, STATES THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE IS “FOR MEETINGS LIKE THIS, PUBLIC MEETINGS”

MEMBER LARSOSA STATES THAT MORE DISCUSSION IS WARRANTED BUT ASKS FOR A VOTE TO BE TAKEN.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

-BELLE: N

-CALLOWAY: N

-LARSOSA: N

-FORD: N

-HICKS: N

-PARKER:

-HAZEL: N

-ROBINSON: Y

-COLLINS: Y

c. Economic Development Sub-Committee

NO REPORT

d. Education Sub-Committee

MEMBER ROBINSON (CHAIR OF THE EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE) EXPLAINS FOCUS AND SCOPE OF HIS SUBCOMMITTEE, EXPLAINS THAT HIS SUBCOMMITTEE MAY EXPLORE

WHAT OTHER STATES ARE DOING “AND SEE WHAT PARTS OF THOSE WE MIGHT TAKE UNTO OURSELVES, AND WHERE WE NEED TO BE INNOVATIVE IN THE DETROIT MANIFESTATION OF REPARATIONS,” ANNOUNCES FIRST MEETING WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 26TH, ANNOUNCES THAT NOTES WILL BE TAKEN AND POSTED, STATES THAT ZOOM WILL BE PUBLICIZED SOON.

e. Health Sub-Committee

MEMBER BELLE (CHAIR OF HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE) ANNOUNCES THAT THE HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE HAS BEEN MEETING ON THE THIRD TUESDAY, STATES THAT THE HEALTH COMMITTEE BEGAN COLLABORATING WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ON THE HARM STUDY, STATES THE HARM STUDY WILL FOCUS ON HOW ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM HARMED RACIALLY SEGREGATED NEIGHBORHOOD NEIGHBORHOODS, RECOMMENDS THAT JANICE HAZEL CHAIR THE COMMITTEE BECAUSE SHE HAS DEVELOPED TRUST WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS. MEMBER BELLE PROCEEDS TO ANNOUNCE HER RESIGNATION AND BIRTHDAY PARTY.

f. Housing Sub-Committee

MEMBER PARKER (CHAIR OF THE HOUSING SUB-COMMITTEE) ANNOUNCES “THAT HAVE BEEN MEETING FOR 5 MONTHS EVER SINCE SEPTEMBER, STATES WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE RESPOND TO CITY COUNCIL ON HOW REPARATIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE, SO WE HAVE BEEN MEETING EVERY 2 WEEKS, AND NOW WE'RE MEETING EVERY MONTH AFTER WE HAVE SECURED THE SERVICES OF POVERTY SOLUTIONS TO COME UP WITH A HARM STUDY IN THAT AREA, ALSO STATES “WE'RE HOPING TO HAVE THAT COMPLETED BY APRIL, SO THEN WE COULD START TO HAVE COMMUNITY FORUMS WHERE PEOPLE CAN COME IN AND RESPOND TO IT.”

g. Law Enforcement/Judiciary Sub-Committee

NO REPORT (CHAIR IS ABSENT)

h. Revenue Sub-Committee

CO-CHAIR KEITH WILLIAMS STATES THAT THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMMITTEE IS “HOW WE PAY FOR REPARATIONS,” ANNOUNCES COMMITTEE MEMBERS, STATES THEY MEET EVERY OTHER TUESDAY AT 10'CLOCK AT THE JUSTICE CENTER AND WILL BE HAVING A ZOOM LINK.

10. TREASURER’S REPORT (2 MIN.)

MEMBER HAZEL (TREASURER) STATES SHE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANYTHING FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REGARDING EXPENDITURES OR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION SUCH AS MEETING INVOICES, RECEIPTS, ANY OBLIGATED FUNDS, ANYTHING TO SUPPORT WHAT HAS BEEN SPENT IN DECEMBER, STATES “I CANNOT REPORT ANYTHING IF I DON'T HAVE INFORMATION TO REPORT, AND I CANNOT REPORT WHAT I CANNOT VERIFY” MEMBER HAZEL STATES THAT SHE WILL FOIA THE INFORMATION. MEMBER HAZEL STATES THE PROJECT MANAGER(PM) SALARY, FRINGE BENEFITS AND REFERENCES A \$700 INVOICE.

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PM MANAGER EMBERLY VICK RESPONDS TO MEMBER HAZEL WITH DATES THAT THE INFORMATION REQUESTED WAS PROVIDED, PM MANAGER REFERENCES PROVIDING THE INFORMATION IN AN ORAL REPORT GIVEN ON JAN. 26TH.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

12. NEW BUSINESS

a. Public Meeting Calendar and Locations

*MEMBER PARKER INTERJECTS TO DISCUSS THE LOCATIONS SELECTED, RECOMMENDS RECONSIDERATION AND REQUESTS THE RETURN TO THE ORIGINAL DISCUSSION
CO-CHAIR CIDNEY CALLOWAY EXPLAINS HOW THE SCHEDULE WAS DETERMINED,
STATES THAT FOR ACCESSIBILITY AND CONSISTENCY DROVE THE DECISION, EXPLAINS
THAT ADDITIONAL MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE AROUND THE CITY (TOWNHALLS AND
ROUNDTABLES)*

*MEMBER PARKER STATES THAT HE BELIEVES THE ROTATING PROCESS WAS VOTED ON
AND THAT HE COMMUNICATED TO THE CITY (CPs OFFICE) AND THAT THERE WAS
AGREEMENT.*

*PM EMBERLY VICK PROVIDES EXPLANATION REGARDING THE DECISION TO ROTATE
BETWEEN TWO LOCATIONS.*

MEMBER EDYTHE FORD OFFERS OTHER MEETING LOCATIONS

MEMBER HICKS MOTION TO CHANGE MEETING LOCATIONS

*MEMBER HAZEL REQUESTS INFORMATION FROM NORTHWEST ACTIVITY CENTER
REGARDING AN EXTENSION OF TIME IN THE SPACE.*

CO-CHAIR KEITH WILLIAMS REQUESTS TO PICK UP THE TOPIC AT A LATER DATE

ROLL CALL VOTE:

ROBINSON: NO

COLLINS: ATTEMPTS TO ABSTAIN, VOTE UNCLEAR

PARKER: YES

HICKS: YES

HAZEL: YES

BELLE: YES

FORD: YES

LARSOSA: YES

WILLIAMS: -

CALLOWAY: NO

MOTION PASSES

MEMBER HAZEL ANNOUNCES THAT SHE BROUGHT HER MOTIONS PRINTED AND TYPED UP.

b. Official Detroit Reparations Task Force Email: reparations@detroitmi.gov

13. PUBLIC COMMENT (TBD)

-GWENDOLYN MENDOL

-BRENDA BUTLER

-RUSS BELLANT

-CECILY MCCLELLAN

-JOYCE

-TREMELLE REDDEN

-SHANNON SLAYTON

-UNKNOWN

-GWEN HOWARD

-ATTORNEY NORRELL

-JASON J

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

CO-CHAIR INVITES NEW MEMBERS TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES

MEMBER LARSOSA INTRODUCES HIMSELF – DISCUSSES CURRENT WORK AND BACKGROUND

MEMBER FORD INTRODUCES HERSELF - DISCUSSES BACKGROUND AND CURRENT WORK

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN – KEITH WILLIAMS; SECONDED – CO-CHAIR CIDNEY CALLOWAY