

From the Office of City Council President Brenda Jones:



# Update from the Committee of the whole



## ATTENTION!

The Detroit City Council will host a **Committee of the Whole (COW)** on recommended amendments to the Community Benefits Ordinance. This discussion will take place on **Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 2pm** at the request of council member James Tate, Chair of the Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.



Zoom ID: 330 332 554

<https://detroitmi.gov/Online-CC-Meeting>

The amendments were originally submitted to the Detroit City Council at the request of Council President Pro-Tem Mary Sheffield within her People's Bills following recommendations from the Legislative Policy Division and various community stakeholders. As a result, a City Council staff working group convened to discuss the proposed amendments which resulted in 17 recommendation. The recommendations were discussed thoroughly and vetted within the Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee, where quorums were noted occasionally for various discussions.

Following the January 2021 Committee of the Whole (COW) on the proposed amendments, there was a request to reconvene the COW following a discussion within the Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee on the fiscal impact of the recommendations. This discussion occurred in June.

**The purpose of next week's Committee of the Whole is to review vote on the 17 recommendations to decide which recommendations. Approved recommendations will be forwarded to the law department for drafting. The Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee has vetted these policy changes for over a year and has requested to complete the matter via a committee of the whole of the full body to vote on the 17 recommendations. Public comment is strongly encouraged.**

### **Recommendation highlights include:**

- Decreasing the development investment threshold from \$75M to \$50M
- Mandating at least 5 meetings between the developer and the Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)
- Investment of 80% of Tier 2 property sales proceeds equally into the Skilled Trades Readiness Fund and the neighborhood improvement fund.

### **See a full list of the 17 recommendations:**

<https://detroitmi.gov/sites/detroitmi.localhost/files/2021-08/Community%20Benefits%20Recommendations%20PowerPoint%201-7-21.pdf>