



City of Detroit
Detroit City Council
Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway
District 2

Internal Operating Standing Committee

To: Janice M. Winfrey, City Clerk Suite 200

From: Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway, *Angela Whitfield Calloway, JD*
Member

CC: Council Member, Latisha Johnson, Chairperson
Council Member Mary Waters, Vice Chairperson
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Deputy City Clerk, Andre Gilbert
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Date: January 18, 2022

Re: Internal Operating Standing Committee

Comments: Resolution regarding 1/18/2022 Walk-On Resolution about Corporation Counsel. Amended in 1/19/2022 IOS; Recommending Approval to Formal on 1/25/2022.

RESOLUTION

BY COUNCIL MEMBER _____,

WHEREAS, Mayor Duggan nominated Deputy Mayor Conrad Mallett Jr. for the position of Detroit Corporation Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Mayoral appointment of the Corporation Counsel is subject to approval by City Council; and

WHEREAS, if the City Council does not disapprove the appointment within thirty (30) days after submission by the Mayor the appointment is confirmed; and

WHEREAS, Conrad Mallett Jr. is currently the Deputy Mayor and is also a longtime ally of Mayor Duggan; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation Counsel must be a strong and independent legal counsel who is the attorney for the Mayor, the City Clerk, the City Council and the individual members of City Council pursuant to the Detroit City Charter; and

WHEREAS, based on the proximity and degree of the longtime relationship between Mayor Duggan and Deputy Mayor Conrad Mallett Jr. it is clear there is a significant potential for a material limitation of the independence of this attorney as he will be called upon to give legal representation to multiple clients; and

WHEREAS, there will be a public concern whether Conrad Mallett Jr., if confirmed as Corporation Counsel, will provide independent legal counsel or whether he will simply provide the legal opinion requested by the executive branch of government to the detriment of City Council or an individual member of City Council; and

WHEREAS, it is the concern of City Council that Deputy Mayor Conrad Mallett Jr. may be unable to maintain the position of an independent legal counsel able to fairly and equally represent the Mayor, the City Clerk, the City Council, the individual members of City Council; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council that the Mayor conduct a national search for a qualified nominee for the office of Corporation Counsel; and

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that it is the desire of the City Council that the Mayor conduct a national search for a qualified nominee for the office of Corporation Counsel.