MEMORANDUM

TO: David Bell, Director, Building, Safety, Engineering & Environmental Dept.
FROM: President Pro Tempore Mary Sheffield, Chair, Neighborhoods and Community Services Committee
THRU: Brenda Jones, City Council President
DATE: March 15, 2019
RE: BSEED Budget Hearing

- What is the estimated cost of Electronic Plan Review (ePLANS)? Is that administered in-house or do we contract out the services? How long has it been live? Has it streamlined the review and approval process?

- What is BSEED doing to prepare for the eventually regulation and sale of Cannabis? Has the state provided any funds or assistance for regulating sales?

- Does BSEED have enough inspectors to cover the increased development in Detroit? If not, how many inspectors would be needed? What would be the cost of hiring more inspectors?

- How many fines or citations have been issued since the implementation of the Rental Property Ordinance? What is the total amount of fines issued, and how many have been paid? Do the fines go into the general fund?

- What will BSEEDs role be in the new demolition program?

- What is the status on increasing the Special Flood Hazard Areas? What are the current boundaries and what are the proposed boundaries? Will residents in the SFHA see decreases in their insurance premiums?
• On page B13-10, what accounts for the sharp decrease in Professional & Contractual Services from FY2020 to FY2021? Is the department bringing in more FTEs?

• On page B13-10, what is the reason for the $1 million Equipment Acquisition for FY2020? Why are there no expenditures for the years after that? Does the department not expect to purchase any equipment after FY2020?

• On page B13-11, what is the one-time $2.5 million revenue for FY2020 under Contributions and Transfers? What is the source of the revenue and what program is it funding?