

# City of Detroit

## CITY COUNCIL

**DENZEL ANTON MCCAMPBELL**  
COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 7

### MEMORANDUM

TO: David Whitaker, Director  
Legislative Policy Division

THRU: Council President James Tate

FROM: Council Member Denzel Anton McCampbell *Denzel A. McCampbell*

DATE: March 31, 2026

RE: FY27 Budget Hearing Follow Up – City Council and Divisions

Thank you again for your time and for the presentation during the recent hearing. We appreciate LPD's willingness to walk through current operations and respond to council questions. As a follow-up, I have a few additional questions so I can better understand some of the issues discussed on the record and areas that may come up in future policy discussions.

- 1) Total expenditures increase from \$19,070,648 (FY 2026 adopted) to \$19,367,324 (FY 2027 proposed)—an increase of \$296,676 or 1.6%. With inflation running between 3–4%, this is effectively a real-dollar cut to the legislative branch. Is the administration comfortable with the legislative branch falling behind inflation while the executive branch's budget grows?
- 2) Employee Benefits increase from \$2,518,437 to \$2,775,893—a \$257,456 increase (10.2%). What is driving a 10.2% increase in benefits when headcount is flat?
- 3) Operating Supplies decrease from \$427,195 to \$344,581—a \$82,614 reduction (19.3%). What supplies are being cut? Does this affect the ability of Council offices to produce and distribute materials for community meetings, town halls, and public hearings in multiple languages?
- 4) City Council's revenue is \$20,000 and generated solely from "Sales and Charges for Services," what services generate revenue?

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions. Thank you.

Cc: Honorable Detroit City Council  
Louise Jones, City Clerk's Office  
Malik Washington, Director of City Government Affairs