



City of Detroit
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Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway
District 2

MEMORANDUM

TO: John Naglick, Chief Deputy CFO-Finance Director
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OCFO-Office of Budget (Non-Departmental)

FROM: Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway *AWC*

DATE: March 24, 2023

RE: 2023-2024 Non-Departmental/Capital Budget/Debt Service Budget Questions

The office of Council Member Angela Calloway respectfully submits the following questions for Non-Departmental/Capital Budget/Debt Service as a part of the 2023-2024 budget hearing process.

1. **QUESTION:** On page B35-14, Line Item 932512, the budget calls for an attorney for the Board of Police Commissioners. Is the attorney a Law Department attorney or does the BOPC have the ability to hire their own attorney for this position?
2. **QUESTION:** On page B35-12, Major Taxes and Other Revenues are listed. Property taxes and other related revenue is the fourth largest revenue source. A 1 mill decrease in the property tax rate would reduce overall revenue by approximately \$7.5 Million. This would reduce total revenue by less than 1% (0.7% reduction) but would reduce a serious barrier to economic investment in our neighborhoods. If City Council reduced the property tax rate for operating expenses from 19.9520 mills to 18.9520 mills **without** spending cuts to departments, what would be the impact on any planned surplus?
3. **QUESTION:** If City Council reduced the property tax rate for operating expenses from 19.9520 mills to 18.9520 mills **with** spending cuts to departments totaling \$7.5 Million, what would be the impact on any planned surplus?
4. **QUESTION:** Currently, the Detroit Police Department has approximately 388 vacancies. If City Council reduced the number of positions in the Detroit Police Department by 75 positions, would this save the overall budget the \$7.5 Million needed to reduce the property tax rate by 1 mill without impacting DPD performance? What number of vacant positions needs to be eliminated in order to reach the \$7.5 Million amount?



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5. **QUESTION:** What is the projected surplus in the Duggan Administration's proposed budget starting on July 1, 2023? Recently, a \$41 Million surplus was mentioned. What exactly is the \$41 Million figure referring to in the upcoming budget?