



**FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, February 11, 2019 2:00 P.M.**

Present: Committee Members: Chairperson, Ashby Foote, Vice Chair; Aaron Banks; Melvin Priester, Jr., Council President; Vice President, Virgi Lindsay and Charles H. Tillman. Directors: Dr. Safiya Omari, Chief of Staff; Michelle Battee-Day, Assistant City Clerk and Angela Harris, Deputy City Clerk.

Absent: De'Keither Stamps.

The meeting was called to order by **Chairperson, Ashby Foote.**

DISCUSSION: CONTRACT COMPLIANCE AND NECESSARY BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Chairperson Foote recognized **LaaWanda Horton**, Interim Director of Administration who provided Council with a brief overview of City's 2018-19 Sanitation Fund:

- The adopted budget is \$10,217,756.00, which consists of four (4) categories:
 - Personnel Services
 - Supplies & Materials
 - Other Services & Charges
 - Capital Outlay
- There are three (3) components of Water & Sanitation:
 - Billing- as of January 31, 2019 are at 35.55%, it's above the 33.33%
 - Cash collections- are currently at 30.95%, it's below 33.33%
 - Expenses- are at 26.48%
- Voucher payable for 2018- is Waste Management billings sent in after the FY18 closeout.
- We are currently at a **-\$615,932.94** shortfall
- The Waste Management recycling contract was not budgeted; therefore, an additional loan would be needed in order to close out FY18.



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Chairperson Foote recognized **Robert Miller**, Director of Public Works who stated that the City has a base line count of 57,400 customers, 23,000 were not billed, that's about 40% of customers were not being billed. In May – October, 2018, 23,000 bills were unstrained, sent to customers and placed automatically on a payment plan. By the end of October 2018, the City fell behind with billing approximately 7,500 customers. **Mr. Miller** stated that cash collections need to at \$7,000,000 monthly. **Mr. Miller** stated that he communicated to Waste Management that the City would not be able to meet the recycling obligations with the current contract and request to re-negotiate said contract in order to remove recycling. **Mr. Miller** recommended that the City pause on recycling for cost savings efforts.

After a lengthy discussion, **Chairperson Foote** recognized **Timothy Howard**, City Attorney, who recommended that the Council consider going into Executive Session to discuss matters of potential litigation.

Council Member Banks moved, seconded by **President Priester** to consider going into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

- Yeas- Banks, Foote, Priester and Tillman.
- Nays- None.
- Absent- Lindsay and Stamps.

President Priester moved, seconded by **Council Member Tillman** to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

- Yeas- Banks, Foote, Priester and Tillman.
- Nays- None.
- Absent- Lindsay and Stamps

Chairperson Foote announced to the public that the Council voted to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.



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President Priester moved, seconded by **Council Member Banks** to come out of Executive Session. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay and Priester.

Nays- None.

Absent- Stamps and Tillman.

Note: Vice President Lindsay arrived to the meeting during Executive Session and **Council Member Tillman** left the meeting during Executive Session.

Chairperson Foote announced to the public that the Council voted to come out of Executive Session and no action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting stood adjourned at 3:03 p.m.