

CITY OF DETROIT
Revenue Estimating Conference

Monday, September 12, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Proposed MINUTES

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
Committee of the Whole Room
2 Woodward Avenue, 13th Floor
Detroit, MI 48226

Call to Order

Dr. Fulton called the meeting to order.

Roll Call / Introductions

Conference Principals Present

- Jay B. Rising, Chief Financial Officer, City of Detroit
- Eric Bussis, Chief Economist and Director, Office of Revenue and Tax Analysis, Michigan Department of Treasury
- George A. Fulton, PhD, Director Emeritus, Research Professor Emeritus, Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics (RSQE), Department of Economics, University of Michigan

Others Present

- Gabriel M. Ehrlich, PhD, Director, RSQE, Department of Economics, University of Michigan
- Evan Cunningham, Managing Economist, Office of Budget, City of Detroit
- Erika Barker, Economist, Office of Budget, City of Detroit
- Steven Watson, Deputy CFO/Budget Director, City of Detroit
- Irvin Corley, Jr., Executive Policy Manager, Legislative Policy Division, Detroit City Council
- Mark Lockridge, Auditor General, City of Detroit

Opening Remarks

Dr. Fulton stated that Public Act 182 (PA 182) requires the City to hold two revenue estimating conferences annually (one in February and another in September) to set the City's official economic and revenue forecasts. The principals of the conference must be the Chief Financial Officer for the City of Detroit (Jay Rising); the State Treasurer or his or her designee (Eric Bussis); and a third person affiliated with a public entity with experience in economic forecasting and revenue projection (George Fulton).

He noted the revenue estimates approved today will set the revenues the City uses to begin developing the FY 2024 budget and FY 2024–FY 2027 Four Year–Financial Plan.

Old Business

Approval of Proposed Minutes from the February 2022 Revenue Estimating Conference

Motion made to approve the proposed minutes of the February 2022 Revenue Estimating Conference as presented. Motion moved and supported; the Conference approved the minutes of the February 2022 Revenue Estimating Conference as presented.

Presentations

1. Gabriel Ehrlich, Director of the Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics, University of Michigan, presented Detroit's local economic forecast.
2. Mr. Rising, Mr. Bussis, and Mr. Fulton provided additional remarks on the local, state, and national context for the economic and revenue forecast.
3. Mr. Watson, Mr. Cunningham, and Ms. Barker presented the City's proposed September 2022 revenue estimates. The Conference principals asked questions and made additional comments.
4. Mr. Corley and Mr. Lockridge provided additional remarks on the economic and revenue forecast.

Public Comment

Public comments were made by Ruth Johnson who asked about the PLA transfer that is part of the Utility Users' Tax and the availability of the information presented in the conference to the public.

Approval of the City's September 2022 Economic and Revenue Forecast

Motion made to approve the City's economic and revenue forecast for September 2022, as presented. Motion moved and supported. The Conference unanimously approved the City's economic and revenue forecast for September 2022.

Adjournment

Dr. Fulton stated the forecast will be distributed to the Mayor, City Council, and the Financial Review Commission. He also stated the forecast report will be published on the City's website after the City incorporates any additional information from today's Conference.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.