

**Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
MEMORANDUM**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie
RE: Request to Agendize Measures for the July 21, 2020 Additional Legislative Meeting
DATE: July 16, 2020

I am requesting a waiver of Committee of the Whole Rule 403(b) to place the following measures on the agenda for the additional Committee of the Whole meeting on July 21, 2020. Alternatively, I am requesting a waiver of Council Rule 231(c) for the July 21, 2020 legislative meeting to agendize the measures at the legislative meeting. The Committee on Business and Economic Development filed abbreviated notice for the contract measures at the Office of the Secretary on July 8, 2020. Subsequently, the tax abatement, surplus declaration, and school disposition measures were marked up by the Committee on July 16, 2020, and timely filed with the Office of the Secretary:

Tax Abatement

- B23-0778, the “New Howard University Hospital and Redevelopment Tax Abatement Act of 2020”

This measure will provide significant financial support for Howard University to establish a new Howard University Hospital in Ward 1 through the establishment of a \$225 million, 20-year tax abatement. The recent pandemic has highlighted the importance of having a strong, citywide, health system that provides high quality, integrated care to all District residents.

Surplus Declarations

- PR23-0654, the “Howard Road Disposition Approval Resolution of 2020”

This measure will declare the District owned real property located at 1004-1018 Howard Road and Shannon Place, SE, and known for taxation and assessment purposes as Lots 0948, 0906, 1035, 0839, 1034, 0952, and 0908 in Square 5860 (Property), as no longer required for public purposes and approve its disposition pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 10-801.

- PR23-0838, the “Ferebee-Hope School Disposition Approval Resolution of 2020”

This measure will approve the disposition of District-owned real property, located at 3999 8th Street, SE (also known as 700 Yuma Street, NE), in Washington DC, known for tax and assessment purposes as Square 6124, Lot 0045, but commonly known as the former Ferebee-Hope School.

Contracts

- PR23-0851 - “Contract No. CFOPD-20-C-010A, Unclaimed Property Audit Services Approval Resolution of 2020.”

Proposed multiyear contract with Audit Services US LLC (ASUS) in the not to exceed amount of \$315,000.00 shall provide general ledger auditing, securities auditing, oversight of contractor-assisted self-audits, unclaimed property consulting services, collection and delivery of unclaimed property, as it is related to unclaimed property held and owing by companies (Holder) or agents(s) on behalf of the Office of Finance and Treasury.

The purpose of these contracts is to allow contractors to collect abandoned property for the District to return to District residents. By allowing contractors to collect abandoned property for the District to return to District residents, the District is able to increase the amount of unclaimed property that the District holds for owners. Since Fiscal Year 1993, the Unclaimed Property Unit has returned approximately \$100 million of reported unclaimed property to its rightful owners.

- PR23-0852 – “Contract No. CFOPD-20-C-010B, Unclaimed Property Audit Services Approval Resolution of 2020.”

Proposed multiyear contract with Kelmar Associates LLC in the not to exceed amount of \$492,000.00 shall provide general ledger auditing, securities auditing, oversight of contractor-assisted self-audits, unclaimed property consulting services, collection and delivery of unclaimed property, as it is related to unclaimed property held and owing by companies (Holder) or agents(s) on behalf of the Office of Finance and Treasury.

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- PR23-0853 - “Contract No. CFOPD-20-C-010C, Unclaimed Property Audit Services Approval Resolution of 2020.”

Proposed multiyear contract with Verus Analytics LLC in the not to exceed amount of \$553,500.00 shall provide general ledger auditing, securities auditing, oversight of contractor-assisted self-audits, unclaimed property consulting services, collection and delivery of unclaimed property, as it is related to unclaimed property held and owing by companies (Holder) or agents(s) on behalf of the Office of Finance and Treasury.

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- PR23-0854 - “Contract No. CFOPD-20-C-010D, Unclaimed Property Audit Services Approval Resolution of 2020.”

Proposed multiyear contract with Discovery Audit Services LLC (DAS) in the not to exceed amount of \$108,000.00 shall provide general ledger auditing, securities auditing, oversight of contractor-assisted self-audits, unclaimed property consulting services, collection and delivery of unclaimed property, as it is related to unclaimed property held and owing by companies (Holder) or agents(s) on behalf of the Office of Finance and Treasury.

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- PR23-0855 - “Contract No. CFOPD-20-C-010E, Unclaimed Property Audit Services Approval Resolution of 2020.”

Proposed multiyear contract with EECS LLC in the not to exceed amount of \$94,500.00 shall provide general ledger auditing, securities auditing, oversight of contractor-assisted self-audits, unclaimed property consulting services, collection and delivery of unclaimed property, as it is related to unclaimed property held and owing by companies (Holder) or agents(s) on behalf of the Office of Finance and Treasury.

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- PR23-0856 - “Contract No. CFOPD-20-C-010F, Unclaimed Property Audit Services Approval Resolution of 2020.”

Proposed multiyear contract with Audit Services US LLC (ASUS) in the not the exceed amount of \$135,000.00 shall provide general ledger auditing, securities auditing, oversight of contractor-assisted self-audits, unclaimed property consulting services, collection and delivery of unclaimed property, as it relates to unclaimed property held and owing by companies (Holder) or agent(s) on behalf of the Office of Finance and Treasury.

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- PR23-0857 - “Contract No. CFOPD-20-C-010G, Unclaimed Property Audit Services Approval Resolution of 2020.”

Proposed multiyear contract with Kelmar Associates LLC in the not the exceed amount of \$360,000.00 shall provide general ledger auditing, securities auditing, oversight of contractor-assisted self-audits, unclaimed property consulting services, collection and delivery of unclaimed property, as it relates to unclaimed property held and owing by companies (Holder) or agent(s) on behalf of the Office of Finance and Treasury.

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- PR23-0858 - “Contract No. CFOPD-20-C-010H, Unclaimed Property Audit Services Approval Resolution of 2020.”

Proposed multiyear contract with Verus Analytics LLC in the not the exceed amount of \$270,000.00 shall provide general ledger auditing, securities auditing, oversight of contractor-assisted self-audits, unclaimed property consulting services, collection and delivery of unclaimed property, as it relates to unclaimed property held and owing by companies (Holder) or agent(s) on behalf of the Office of Finance and Treasury.

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Draft copies of the measures are attached. Please contact Justin Roberts, Committee Director, at 202-724-8053 or jroberts@dccouncil.us if you have any questions.

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