


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

FROM: Phil Mendelson, Chairman 

DATE: March 30, 2023

RE: **Request to Agendize for the April 4, 2023 Legislative Meeting**

This memorandum is to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the April 4, 2023 Legislative Meeting, at the request of the Mayor:

- **Modifications to Contract No. GAGA-2022-C-0260 with D.C. Central Kitchen, Inc. Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023**
- **Modifications to Contract No. GAGA-2022-C-0260 with D.C. Central Kitchen, Inc. Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Act of 2023**

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) seeks Council approval of a contract with D.C. Central Kitchen for food service management at the District of Columbia Public Schools. The letter contract has a base period of July 1, 2022 to February 14, 2023, with a remaining base period from December 23, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The not-to-exceed amount for the base year is \$5,517,905.30. This is a one year contract. DCPS entered into the contract on July 1, 2022, therefore retroactive approval of the contract is necessary. I will note that this contract was sent by the Executive to the Council for its mandatory review six months after the contract was entered into – a practice which is not acceptable. It is my understanding that there are over 30 additional retroactive contracts that will be submitted to the Council for its review in the coming weeks. Unlike another contract for DCPS food services, D.C. Central Kitchen has been praised for the quality of its meals and is a local vendor.

While I am planning further hearings on DCPS's contracting and the 30 contracts, it is important to single out D.C. Central Kitchen now as it has received no payment since the contract tipped over \$1 million for the food services it has been producing and that is causing fiscal strain. It is important that the District pay this vendor for its services that have already been provided, which is why I am recommending moving ahead with approval of this contract.

Copies of the draft measures are attached. Please call me or Mrs. LeKisha Jordan if you have any questions at (202) 724-8137.

cc: All Councilmembers
Council Officers