

## MAYOR BING'S ADJUSTED EMPLOYMENT TERMS



The Mayor of Detroit, Dave Bing, recently proposed a plan for wage cuts to be made and also to make serious adjustments to the employment terms that are currently set up for the city of Detroit and its workforce. The Mayor and his administration spoke of cutting around \$100 million and taking that from those who work from the city. By doing so, pensions would be greatly reduced and employees would have to pay more out of their own pockets for healthcare while also dealing with cuts of their wages. The president for the Detroit Police Officers Administration, Joe Duncan, believes that this plan would do the city absolutely no good. He says that at this point in time, Detroit is dealing with an increase in extremely violent crimes and that by following this plan; it could contribute to the growing violence in the city. Duncan believes that instead of making plans to take away from workers, the city should instead be making investments. One union president for EMS employees in the city, Joseph Barney, has made it clear that these plans would only cause more trouble for the city. In fact, Barney claims that people in the city are dying because the EMS cannot get there on time and there needs to be a new plan to fix this problem. In the meantime, the chief financial officer for Bing, Jack Martin, believes that council should vote in agreement with the terms of employment as soon as possible because they believe that once council votes in favor of the adjusted employment terms, the city can start saving a whole lot of money since cuts are going to be made. Bing already issued a statement asking for the council to issue a vote as soon as possible. He believes that by delaying a vote from council, the city will only continue to deal with a major crisis and that the sooner the votes take place, the better for the city, as it will be able to save a lot of money and ultimately help develop financial stability. While Bing believes it is necessary for the council to take action immediately, it has not been set in stone as to whether or not the council will gather together to vote in favor of the adjusted employment terms and cuts at any given time. It is believed that a vote from council will take place at some point throughout the week, although no specific date for the voting has been set just yet.

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