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MAYOR KAREN FREEMAN-WILSON HOSTS FACEBOOK LIVE ON THURSDAY, August 30 TOWN HALL MEETING WEDNESDAY, September 5

Gary, Indiana-On Friday last week, the City of Gary released the final Account Analysis of the city's EMS Fund 224 performed by Accounting Firm, Whittaker & Company. By city ordinance, the EMS fund is a restricted fund to support emergency medical services and fire equipment. Any use of 224 funds outside of EMS & Fire Department needs must be Gary Common Council approved.

Earlier this year it was discovered there were some expenditures paid from the EMS fund 224 between January 2015 and March 2018 that were not in accordance with the language in the city's ordinance. The account analysis by Whittaker & Company follows this discovery.

Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson will host "LET'S DISCUSS THE EMS 224 ACCOUNT" on **Thursday**, **August 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** The Mayor will discuss Fund 224, the final account analysis and the city's overall finances during a **Town Hall FACEBOOK LIVE Broadcast** (TeamGaryIndiana).

Mayor Freeman-Wilson will also host an in-person **Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at the Art House: A Social Kitchen**, 411 E. 5th Avenue, Gary at 6:30 p.m. The Mayor will again discuss the 224 Fund, the account analysis and the city's finances. The public is invited.

For those unable to participate view the FACEBOOK Live broadcast or attend the Town Hall meeting, or those interested in a face-to-face discussion with the Mayor may schedule an appointment with the Mayor via Joi Whiteside in the Mayor's office at 219-881-1302.

The full report of the account analysis will be posted on the city's website at www.garyin.us.