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Meeting before the RTAB Board at

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1101 S. Saginaw, Flint, Michigan, on Wednesday, September 9,

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2015.

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10 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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Frederick Headen - The Chairperson

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Brian Larkin

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David McGhee

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15 FROM THE CITY:

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Natasha Henderson, Administrator

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18 OTHERS PRESENT:

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R. Eric Cline

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R. L. Mitchell

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22 REPORTED BY: Mona Storm, CSR# 4460

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1 Flint, Michigan

2 Wednesday, September 9, 2015

3 2:02 p.m.

4 THE CHAIRPERSON: We'll call our meeting to
5 order.

6 Item I A, Roll Call. The record can reflect
7 that Members Larkin and McGhee are present along with
8 myself and we do have a quorum. Members McMahan and
9 Walker-Griffea are unable to attend this afternoon. If
10 there's no objection, I'm going to ask that they both
11 have an excused absence.

12 MR. LARKIN: No objections.

13 THE CHAIRPERSON: Without objection, both of
14 them are excused from this afternoon's meeting.

15 Item I B, the approval of the agenda. Are
16 there any additions to be made to the agenda? If not,
17 we'll consider the agenda to be approved.

18 Item I C, approval of the minutes from the
19 August 12, 2015 RTAB meeting. Hopefully, members have
20 had a chance to review those minutes. Are there any
21 corrections or additions to those minutes?

22 If not, is there a motion that the minutes of
23 the RTAB meeting of August 12, 2015 be approved?

24 MR. LARKIN: So move.

25 MR. MCGHEE: Support.

1 THE CHAIRPERSON: A motion's been made and a
2 second. Those in favor, please say "aye".

3 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

4 THE CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

5 The minutes are approved.

6 Item II, Old Business. There is none pending
7 from our last meeting.

8 New Business, Item A, I don't see the mayor.

9 MS. HENDERSON: He is coming.

10 THE CHAIRPERSON: I'm sorry?

11 BOARD MEMBERS: He is coming. He does plan
12 to speak, so --

13 THE CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Freeman?

14 MS. HENDERSON: He will not be here.

15 THE CHAIRPERSON: He will not be?

16 MS. HENDERSON: No.

17 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay. We'll move
18 temporarily on, then, to -- we will tread water for a
19 moment.

20 Good afternoon, Mayor.

21 MAYOR WALLING: Good afternoon. Are we to my
22 part of the agenda already?

23 THE CHAIRPERSON: We are. Perfect timing.

24 MAYOR WALLING: This is an efficient body.

25 All right. Well, good afternoon. And,

1 again, thank you for the opportunity to be part of your
2 agenda, as you consider the matters before you. I'm
3 happy to take any questions you have but I'll just,
4 each meeting, make sure we're sharing a few of the
5 efforts we're making around the high-priority
6 initiatives for the City.

7 I think the most important right now is the
8 work we'll continue to do with our water system. We're
9 very pleased that the City did come back in compliance
10 with the Safe Drinking Water Act. That's been a team
11 effort, going back to this winter. And the leadership
12 and the City Administrator has been integral in keeping
13 the work on track to get the carbon filter installed so
14 that it was operational during the warmest months of
15 the year where the Flint River water is hardest to
16 treat in regard to the organic content and chemical
17 treatment process and subsequently the TTHM, the
18 trihalomethane challenge that became evident last year.

19 So with the tests in August, the quarterly
20 tests, those results came back to us from the Michigan
21 Department of Environmental Quality. It's measured on
22 a rolling four quarter average. And based on this
23 quarter's results and the prior three quarters, we're
24 now below the contaminant level in all eight of the
25 City's sites. So a tremendous progress is being made

1 there on that aspect of our drinking water system.

2 The capital improvement projects that were
3 already underway before Judge Hayman's preliminary
4 injunction are continuing. Those include the leak
5 detection work that was funded through the Department
6 of Treasury and the fiscally distressed communities
7 grant. That work is critical to ensuring that the
8 system is secure and working efficiently by not having
9 unnoticed leaks that may be otherwise there throughout
10 the system, so that work is proceeding.

11 We are also managing, with the staff's hard
12 work, the City Administrator and Chief Financial and
13 Chief Legal Officers, to make sure that we're preparing
14 appropriately for the projected effects of
15 Judge Hayman's preliminary injunction.

16 Rates: Bills did go out to residents on the
17 first few rounds with a lower rate. We also know there
18 is a lower collection level so that's all being
19 projected and taken into account.

20 Capital improvement projects that weren't yet
21 started were paused so those are still expected to be
22 done in the future but we did pause any new work
23 getting started that we may need to otherwise revisit
24 in the budget year.

25 MR. LARKIN: Do any of those -- and sorry for

1 interrupting. Do any of those that have been paused,
2 are any of them receiving grants or sorts of funds
3 where we have time limits and have to use it for
4 reporting measures or anything?

5 MAYOR WALLING: Not at this time. All of
6 those were -- were being projected to be paid for
7 through local -- local funds. We certainly will
8 continue to seek assistance when we can find that and
9 we will, you know, prioritize, making sure that it gets
10 done. There may be a match requirement and that would
11 be part of managing that on an ongoing basis.

12 There's been a renewed discussion around lead
13 in drinking water by the time it actually comes out of
14 the tap or a showerhead in a home. That's something
15 that the City, like communities across the State, have
16 tested for many years. In the last approximately year,
17 the City's been required to do two rounds of tests that
18 were six months apart, under the methodology that the
19 Department of Environmental Quality, the EPA, had us
20 using.

21 You may have seen the reports that the
22 Virginia Tech student researchers, who had a different
23 methodology, came up with a different result. So, of
24 course, our staff is actively engaged in looking at all
25 of that. We have EPA and Department of Environmental

1 Quality and technical assistance through the Technical
2 Advisory Committee. So we'll continue to work on that
3 issue and continue to answer questions, including those
4 of the Council. We hope to take them additional
5 information on Monday, which is their next regularly
6 scheduled meeting.

7 We think it's important that we do everything
8 we can to share the information that we have, to answer
9 questions and to assure the community that we have safe
10 drinking water in this community. And where there may
11 be a concern in an individual household, based on
12 testing results, what members in that household can do,
13 the lead comes from the service line and even the
14 internal pipes within a home.

15 So there are some variables there that aren't
16 related directly to the treatment process or, in this
17 case, even the distribution process. But all of these
18 are important because we want our community to have
19 drinking water that's safe and that they're confident
20 it is safe as well.

21 So, again, I compliment our team on
22 continuing to work on that and we'll be working with
23 our City Council members at their next meeting to
24 further update them on the efforts that we've -- that
25 we've made.

1 And there are some new aspects of the
2 treatment process that we'll be working with the
3 Department of Environmental Quality on getting allowed
4 so that there can be some corrosion inhibition within
5 that treatment process, which would be one more thing
6 that would further improve the water.

7 So, again, thank you. Thank you for the
8 time. And we look forward to continuing to work with
9 you. Thank you.

10 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.

11 Item III B, Approval of Resolutions from
12 prior City Council meetings. We'll go in with the
13 Regular City Council meeting of August 10. There were
14 three resolutions from that meeting, Resolutions 783
15 and 643 were disposed of by this Board at our last
16 meeting. That remains Resolution 605, which I believe
17 deals with CDBG funds and a proposed transfer in the
18 amount of \$266,143.

19 Do members have any questions about that
20 particular resolution?

21 If not, is there a motion that Resolution 605
22 from the Regular City Council meeting August 10th be
23 approved?

24 MR. LARKIN: So move.

25 MR. MCGHEE: Support.

1 THE CHAIRPERSON: A motion's been made and
2 seconded. Assuming no discussion, those in favor of
3 the motion, please say "aye".

4 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

5 THE CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

6 Motion is adopted.

7 City Council meeting, Special Meeting,
8 August 11th, there was one item which was previously
9 disposed of by this Board so we'll proceed on to the
10 Regular City Council meeting of August 24th. There
11 were Resolutions from that meeting of 795, 796, 797,
12 799 and 816. Do members have any questions regarding
13 any of those resolutions?

14 MR. MCGHEE: No.

15 THE CHAIRPERSON: Is there a motion, then,
16 that previously named resolutions from Regular City
17 Council meeting of August 24th be approved?

18 MR. MCGHEE: So move.

19 MR. LARKIN: Support.

20 THE CHAIRPERSON: A motion's made and
21 seconded. Assuming no discussion, those in favor of
22 the motion, please say "aye".

23 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

24 THE CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

25 Motion is adopted.

1 Item III C, City Administrator Items. One
2 item listed was distributed previously budget-to-actual
3 is attachment three. Any questions from the City
4 Administrator about budget action information?

5 And did you wish to comment upon that or --

6 MS. HENDERSON: Not that, in specific.

7 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay.

8 MS. HENDERSON: If I can.

9 THE CHAIRPERSON: Certainly.

10 MS. HENDERSON: Unless you all have any
11 questions about the reports that we submitted, the
12 financial reports, I would just report on a few
13 operational things that we have going.

14 We are in the process of recruiting a
15 Director of Community and Economic Development; that's
16 underway due to a vacancy there.

17 We do have a request for a proposal for the
18 total property reassessment for the City. This is
19 something that the Tax Commission is commissioning us
20 to do so. And we're also applying for a distressed
21 City's grant for this funding, given our distressful
22 situation, as far as the financial impact that this
23 could have. So we are moving forward on that as that's
24 something that could be detrimental in the future.

25 So I just wanted to point that out that we

1 are taking steps to try to curtail that cost by
2 applying for this grant that became open in August. So
3 we are moving forward with that.

4 Do you all have any questions?

5 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.

6 MS. HENDERSON: Thank you.

7 THE CHAIRPERSON: Without objection, we
8 consider the budget action report to be received.

9 Item IV, Public Comment.

10 MR. CLINE: Just one individual.

11 R.L. Mitchell.

12 MR. MITCHELL: I'm Mr. R.L. Mitchell.

13 THE CHAIRPERSON: Good afternoon.

14 MR. MITCHELL: I want to mention in this
15 public comment, this is vital contact, what's going on
16 with the water pollution. But the position of this
17 Judge Hayman is already decided already, sir, and I'm
18 speaking for the Council.

19 The Council, since we, the people; speaking,
20 I want to put mine in. Before this budget committee
21 commits, I recommend to have the councilmen to speak on
22 this issue before the Mayor takes certain steps because
23 I was in the -- one of the interviews set up, like, the
24 people panic. But you people seem like you don't know
25 what's happening but only Ms. Henderson know but she --

1 I just wanted to put that in there, to speak.

2 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.

3 Any other public comment?

4 MR. CLINE: No, sir.

5 THE CHAIRPERSON: Item V, is there any
6 further business to come before this Board this
7 afternoon?

8 If not, is there a motion that we adjourn?

9 MR. LARKIN: So move.

10 THE CHAIRPERSON: Support?

11 MR. MCGHEE: Support.

12 THE CHAIRPERSON: Without objection, we are
13 adjourned. Thank you, everyone.

14 (Meeting was concluded at 2:17 p.m.)

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