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RECEIVERSHIP TRANSITION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016

LINCOLN PARK CITY HALL

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1355 SOUTHFIELD ROAD

LINCOLN PARK, MICHIGAN

RTAB MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kevin Bonds, Chairman

Genelle Allen

Brenden Dunleavy

Jessica Thomas

John Zech

Drew Van De Grift, Department of Treasury

Matt Coppler, City Manager

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1 **Called to order at 1:00 p.m.**

2 Tuesday, February 16, 2016

3 Lincoln Park, Michigan

4 MR. BONDS: Okay. Good afternoon, everybody.

5 Let's get started. It's 1:00.

6 Let's call this meeting to order and let's do a
7 roll call, please.

8 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Genelle Allen.

9 MS. ALLEN: Here.

10 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Kevin Bonds.

11 MR. BONDS: Here.

12 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Brenden Dunleavy.

13 MR. DUNLEAVY: Here.

14 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Jessica Thomas.

15 MS. THOMAS: Here.

16 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: John Zech.

17 MR. ZECH: Here.

18 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: All present.

19 MR. BONDS: Okay.

20 We need to approve the today's agenda. Did
21 everybody have a chance to look at that?

22 MR. DUNLEAVY: I move it be approved.

23 MR. ZECH: Second.

24 MR. BONDS: Motion has been properly made and
25 seconded.

1 Any discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, all those in favor
4 signify by stating aye.

5 (MEMBERS IN UNISON:) Aye.

6 MR. BONDS: Any opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. BONDS: Hearing none.

9 Okay. The next item is the approval of the RTAB
10 minutes of January 20th. It should be attachment one of
11 your packets.

12 MR. ZECH: Mr. Chairman, I have no question
13 about the minutes of the last meeting, however I did
14 observe under public comment there were a couple of
15 speakers that, one of which just walked in the room and we
16 got his name wrong.

17 MR. BONDS: Let's get that corrected.

18 MR. ZECH: I think it's listed as Richard Kozuch
19 (sic) and his name is John Kozuh. It's K-o-z-u-h.
20 Sometime back John and I worked a little bit together in
21 another life and they also, the former mayor spoke, Frank
22 Vaslo and we have him as Baslo and that should be v-a-s-l-
23 o.

24 MR. BONDS: Thank you very much.

25 MR. ZECH: I would make the motion that the

1 minutes be approved with those two corrections.

2 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: We may have a comment about
3 that.

4 MR. ZECH: I think actually it was a resident,
5 not the director of DPS that spoke. It was Mr. Kudrak
6 that spoke here. I think you just corrected.

7 MR. KUDRAK: My spelling is on the sign in
8 sheet.

9 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: What is the proper spelling
10 of it?

11 MR. KUDRAK: First name is Richard.

12 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Yes.

13 MR. KUDRAK: K-u-d-r-a-k.

14 MR. BONDS: Thank you very much.

15 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: For the benefit of the
16 record, should we include both names?

17 MR. ZECH: Mr. Kudrak, you did speak at the
18 meeting. You were asking for some direction.

19 MR. KUDRAK: Yes.

20 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: We'll have both names. Thank
21 you very much.

22 MR. BONDS: Yes. Would you spell that last name
23 again, please?

24 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Most recently we had K-u-d-r-
25 a-k.

1 MR. KUDRAK: Correct.

2 MR. BONDS: Okay. A motion has been made to
3 include the correct spelling of both individuals with an
4 addition of the third. The motion has been properly
5 seconded.

6 Any further discussion?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, all in favor of
9 accepting the minutes as provided with those changes,
10 signify by saying aye.

11 (MEMBERS IN UNISON:) Aye.

12 MR. BONDS: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, motion passes.

15 Okay. New business.

16 Today we need to formally adopt the RTAB rules
17 which are attachment two and with these rules, I think
18 we're all familiar, we're going to follow the principles
19 of *Roberts Rules of Order*. If you get a chance to look at
20 attachment two.

21 And the chair will entertain a motion for this
22 adoption of the rules and procedures.

23 MR. ZECH: Mr. Chairman?

24 MR. BONDS: Yes.

25 MR. ZECH: I'd like to make the motion that we

1 approve them. I did have one item that I did wish to
2 comment on but I'd like to make the motion to get them on
3 the floor so we talk about Section 8 of Article IV.

4 MR. BONDS: Absolutely.

5 Motion's been made to accept.

6 MS. ALLEN: Second that motion.

7 MR. BONDS: And properly seconded.

8 Any further discussion?

9 The chair recognizes you.

10 MR. ZECH: Thank you.

11 Under Article 4, Section 8 it says telephonic
12 attendance at meetings. And this leads me to the fact
13 that in the March meeting I will not be able to be
14 present. However, I could participate telephonically if
15 that is acceptable to the Board and if so I'm wondering
16 how that could be arranged. I'll be out of state but I
17 could -- if the technology is available I could call in
18 and listen in and if possible speak, if that could be
19 arranged?

20 MR. BONDS: Okay.

21 MR. ZECH: It's at the bottom of page three,
22 there.

23 MR. BONDS: I think that because it's provided
24 as part of our operating procedures we just need to
25 coordinate that capability with the city. So I think

1 since it's in our procedures we'll get the city to make
2 that happen.

3 The chair would like to add one more item to
4 this -- for this discussion.

5 At the orientation meeting there were several
6 remarks by the city of Lincoln Park's elected officials
7 and a couple of citizens to have these meetings possibly
8 televised. I'd like to have -- you know, get the -- I'd
9 like to put that forward as an amendment to these rules
10 for televising of our meetings if that's acceptable with
11 the body?

12 MR. ZECH: I'd be glad to make that motion as an
13 amended.

14 MR. DUNLEAVY: Could we have a discussion on
15 that?

16 MR. BONDS: Yeah, we're in the discussion phase
17 of both his and what I'm throwing out.

18 MR. DUNLEAVY: I'm fine with it as long as it's
19 not going to be a burden on the city and can we have
20 somebody speak to that?

21 MR. BONDS: Mr. Coppler?

22 MR. COPPLER: I think the only issue that you
23 would have to address is that we do pay for a person to
24 operate the camera system for us. So we'd have to address
25 that cost to it but I think the benefit of this body being

1 on television outweighs what that cost is.

2 MR. BONDS: So that's your opinion on that?

3 MR. COPPLER: Yes, that's my opinion.

4 MR. BONDS: So it wouldn't be an issue if we
5 went ahead.

6 MR. COPPLER: I know in talking with the council
7 members and the council I think it's something that they
8 would definitely appreciate having that put out to the
9 public.

10 MR. BONDS: Does anybody watch it? I mean just
11 out of curiosity? I mean where does it broadcast? Does
12 it run on cable stations?

13 MR. COPPLER: Actually we stream our channel
14 live on the internet so in theory, the whole world.

15 MR. BONDS: Okay.

16 MR. COPPLER: You could be on there. But
17 primarily it's on the cable providers that are within the
18 city so while Comcast and AT&T, U-Verse.

19 MR. ZECH: There's no additional cost to you for
20 that at all?

21 MR. COPPLER: Not for those. As I said the only
22 cost would be having the person that's in there flipping
23 the switch and making sure the cameras go to the person
24 who is speaking.

25 MR. ZECH: Would we be live or would it tape

1 delayed or how would it work?

2 MR. COPPLER: It could be both. However you
3 would like that. It would, even if it's live it would
4 still be an on-band service that we put it all on the web
5 page so the people can re-watch if they want.

6 MR. BONDS: Any further discussion?

7 Okay. So the motion and the amendment to the
8 motion and for purposes of the Board was to note that one
9 board member will need telephonic in the future which
10 these procedures provide for and in the amendment to these
11 rules and procedures would include televising of these
12 meetings based on the RTAB's calendar which we'll get to,
13 to approve.

14 So any further discussion?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, all those in favor
17 signify by stating aye?

18 (MEMBERS IN UNISON:) Aye.

19 MR. BONDS: Any opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. BONDS: None.

22 Okay, now we get to the fun part. We need a
23 selection of some officers. We need a vice-chair and a
24 secretary. I think the chair will guarantee that the
25 vice-chair will have a great second role and will do

1 whatever he has in his power to ensure the vice-chair will
2 be fully informed. I'm trying to sell this position. So,
3 are there any nominations from this body for the position
4 of vice-chair?

5 MR. ZECH: Who has the time?

6 MR. DUNLEAVY: I nominate Jessica.

7 MR. BONDS: Okay, we have a nomination on the
8 floor. Is there a second to the nomination?

9 MS. ALLEN: I second.

10 MR. BONDS: And there has been a second. Any
11 discussion to the nomination of Jessica or --

12 MR. ZECH: I move the nominations be closed.

13 MS. ALLEN: Support.

14 MR. BONDS: Nominations are closed. We're here
15 to vote on the motion to accept Ms. Thomas as the vice
16 chair of the RTAB. All those in favor signify by stating
17 aye?

18 (MEMBERS IN UNISON:) Aye.

19 MR. BONDS: Any opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. BONDS: Hearing none.

22 Great job.

23 Now we have another position. Entertain the
24 position for secretary. This position is normally our
25 keeper of records but we do have the staff and we do have

1 a wonderful stenographer that will maintain so this is a
2 *pro forma* position in case all things go awry we'll need
3 to rely on the secretary to pull us through. So can I
4 open this up for nominations for the position of
5 secretary? *Pro forma*? That's not even selling it.

6 MR. ZECH: I would be willing to do it if I were
7 nominated.

8 MS. THOMAS: I nominate.

9 MR. BONDS: Okay. I have a nomination from --
10 Ms. Thomas, who are you nominating?

11 MS. THOMAS: John Zech.

12 MR. BONDS: The nomination is for Mr. John Zech
13 as the board's secretary. Any discussion on that?

14 MR. DUNLEAVY: I move that nominations be
15 closed.

16 MR. ZECH: Support.

17 MR. BONDS: Nominations are closed. And it is
18 properly supported.

19 All those in favor of accepting Mr. John Zech as
20 our board secretary signify by stating aye?

21 (MEMBERS IN UNISON:) Aye.

22 MR. BONDS: Any opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, the measure passes.

25 Thank you both.

1 Okay. The next item of business is the adoption
2 of resolution 2016-01 which is attachment three. This is
3 the resolution designating certain persons to give notice
4 of meetings of the Receivership Transition Advisory Board
5 for the City of Lincoln Park.

6 MR. ZECH: Looks in order to me. I would be
7 glad to make that as a motion.

8 MR. BONDS: Okay. The motion has been made by
9 Mr. Zech to accept.

10 MR. DUNLEAVY: Second.

11 MR. BONDS: And has been properly seconded by
12 Mr. Dunleavy. Any discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, all those in favor
15 signify by stating aye.

16 (MEMBERS IN UNISON:) Aye.

17 MR. BONDS: Any opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, motion passes.

20 I'll need to get everybody's signature on this
21 bottom line.

22 Okay. Next item is the adoption of the 2016
23 meeting schedule which is attachment four.

24 As you can see based on the meeting schedule
25 they have identified the third Tuesday of each month and

1 we'll handle any individual issues as they come up but
2 this is our meeting schedule between now and the end of
3 the year.

4 The chair will entertain a motion to accept.

5 MS. ALLEN: I move to accept the meeting
6 schedule as presented.

7 MR. BONDS: The motion has been properly made to
8 accept as presented.

9 MR. ZECH: I second.

10 MR. BONDS: And properly seconded. Is there any
11 discussion?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, motion -- all those in
14 favor signify by stating aye.

15 (MEMBERS IN UNISON:) Aye.

16 MR. BONDS: Any opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. BONDS: Hearing none motion passes to accept
19 the 2016 meeting schedule.

20 Next item up for business is the approval of
21 resolutions and ordinances for the city council meeting.
22 Item number one which is the resolution from the regular
23 city council meeting of January 4, 2016 which will be
24 attachment five. This attachment five reflects the
25 minutes as provided by the city. Take a chance to review

1 and the chair will accept a motion at the pleasure of the
2 Board.

3 MR. ZECH: I move it be approved.

4 MR. BONDS: Motion has been made to approve, is
5 here a second?

6 MS. THOMAS: I second.

7 MR. BONDS: Second by Ms. Thomas. Any
8 discussion?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, all those in favor
11 signify by stating aye.

12 (MEMBERS IN UNISON:) Aye.

13 MR. BONDS: Any opposition?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, the motion passes.

16 Next item is the resolution for the study
17 session of January 4, 2016. Unfortunately it looks like
18 on that date there was -- on this date there was a public
19 study session and that date is January 4th. No
20 resolutions were adopted at this study session, therefore
21 there is no Board activity at this time.

22 Next item is resolutions from the regular city
23 council meeting of January 19, 2016 which is attachment
24 seven. Chance to review and the chair would accept the
25 pleasure of the Board, a motion at the pleasure of the

1 Board.

2 MR. DUNLEAVY: Motion for approval.

3 MR. BONDS: It's been moved for approval by
4 Board Member Dunleavy. Is there a second?

5 MS. ALLEN: I second.

6 MR. BONDS: And it's been properly seconded.
7 Any further discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, all those in favor
10 signify by saying aye?

11 (MEMBERS IN UNISON:) Aye.

12 MR. BONDS: Any opposition?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. BONDS: Hearing none the motion passes.

15 Next is the resolution 2016-10 which is the
16 revised user fee schedule which is attachment 7a.

17 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Could I make one comment.

18 Staff had when we reviewed these minutes drawn it to the
19 Board's attention resolution 10 and 14. I just want to
20 make sure that they're both before the Board and fully
21 appreciated -- principally the millage resolution, that's
22 very important. No question they should be approved but I
23 just wanted to draw that out for particular attention for
24 the board members.

25 MR. BONDS: Mr. Van de Grift thank you very much

1 and that is a good point. There is -- on the charter
2 amendment for the millage I think the chair wants to state
3 for the purpose of the record of how important that is for
4 the finances of this city and we will -- and that will be
5 another reason why it will be helpful to have these
6 meetings televised so that the general electorate
7 understands that these millage rates are going to be very
8 important for the financial stability of this community.

9 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Thank you.

10 MR. BONDS: So back to attachment 7a which is
11 the resolution 2016-10, the revised user fee schedule.
12 The chair is open to the pleasure of the board for a
13 motion.

14 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: This may have been presented
15 in a confusing way. Resolution 7a was actually included
16 in the minutes from the January 19 meeting and so if the
17 Board were to draw it out for a particular examination
18 then it would be approved on its own in addition to I'll
19 say blanket approval. So because the Board has already
20 approved it I suppose we could jump ahead. Or you could
21 review them again if you'd like.

22 MR. BONDS: I'd like to review it as the chair
23 has comments has once we get to discussion phase.

24 MS. ALLEN: I do have a question about the users
25 fee schedule. Is it appropriate to ask a question now?

1 MR. BONDS: We'll need to have a motion on the
2 floor and then we'll get to discussion because the chair
3 would like to discuss as well.

4 So the chair is open to a motion on this
5 particular resolution.

6 MR. ZECH: I move for the purposes of discussion
7 and possible approval that we consider the fee schedule.

8 MR. BONDS: Motion has been made to open it up
9 for further discussion on this resolution. Is there a
10 second?

11 MR. DUNLEAVY: Second.

12 MR. BONDS: It has been properly seconded. So
13 now we're in discussion. Yes, ma'am.

14 MS. ALLEN: I have two questions. The first is
15 there isn't a way to identify what changes have been made
16 so if someone could address that and the methodology
17 that's used to determine the appropriate cost for the
18 particular service.

19 MR. COPPLER: Be happy to.

20 You should have the actual resolution and then
21 you have the packet which has the fee schedule. So those
22 fees that were addressed should have this big arrow
23 pointing to the ones that were changed.

24 MR. BONDS: Okay. Hopefully that addresses that
25 question.

1 MS. ALLEN: Yes.

2 MR. COPPLER: And there were three changes,
3 really, being addressed in this. The first one in one of
4 the resolutions that you're going to see, I think, the
5 council has adjusted the planning and zoning as well as
6 the licensing requirements within the city for donation
7 bins previous to their acting--we didn't have any
8 regulations for donation bins. The donation bins are you
9 know, where people put out there for like clothing and
10 stuff like that. And they've been kind of running amok
11 within the city. But we didn't have any zoning
12 requirements and going through that we developed a whole
13 rationale on how to permit those which also requires a
14 business license as well. So we had to go in since they
15 have been created, to create a license fee as well as
16 under the side for claiming zoning, the subsequent fee for
17 people to apply for that.

18 The dollar amount for the license is \$100.
19 Working with the city clerk and looking at similar type
20 licenses they felt that based upon the amount of work that
21 they would have to be doing that was a reasonable fee.

22 MR. BONDS: Thank you, Ms. Allen, because that
23 was part of my question but I would like to follow up
24 please with Mr. Coppler. So to make sure that I'm clear,
25 you mentioned that the line items that have the arrow, are

1 those new fees?

2 MR. COPPLER: Those are either new fees or
3 adjusted fees.

4 MR. BONDS: Well, then the Chair still needs
5 further clarification because what I would like to see and
6 I'm not going to press it now, but I would like to get it
7 at a later date because again it comports with why we're
8 here which is the finances of this community; that if
9 there is a fee adjustment that it shows us the percentile
10 of the increase of that fee or the previous fee amount and
11 what the impact that is under budget projections. Because
12 this is not helping us in this present state when we look
13 at the actual budget. And any new line item I would like
14 to see some type of rationale of either what is the
15 expected usage of that fee, not just to roll in staff cost
16 which I respect but we need to see what are you projecting
17 in terms of you actual users because I would imagine this
18 is data that's taken from something throughout the
19 community's use. So everything that we receive we need to
20 have it in that type of -- you know, some type of analysis
21 such as that.

22 MR. COPPLER: Sure.

23 MR. BONDS: Because we need to see an impact on
24 the bottom line of the budget.

25 MR. COPPLER: Sure.

1 MR. BONDS: So we're not here to manage but we
2 are here to focus on our purpose which is to guide the
3 city continuously to financial solvency.

4 MR. COPPLER: Sure.

5 MR. BONDS: So if you could do that I'd
6 appreciate it.

7 MR. COPPLER: Most definitely.

8 MR. DUNLEAVY: Just another comment, too. I
9 assume that these are the numbers that you used in your
10 budget that was just approved so these are numbers that
11 you used in your projections?

12 MR. COPPLER: With all three of the different
13 changes that were made and even though there are actually
14 two changes for the donation bins, I consider that to be
15 one change.

16 MR. DUNLEAVY: Okay.

17 MR. COPPLER: And that's probably the one that
18 would be -- that would have somewhat of an impact on the
19 budget. It was not -- well, the emergency manager didn't
20 factor in that key into the budget projections for the
21 current year or for next year. My guess is that we really
22 don't expect that to be a huge number of these permits
23 going out there.

24 MR. DUNLEAVY: How many do you have now?

25 MR. COPPLER: Ones that we would consider to --

1 well, since we don't have any code yet to say that they're
2 legal but they're on property with permission. I want to
3 say there's around nine or ten. It started out in the
4 twenties, like 28 or 29 and the police department through
5 code enforcement went through and went to each property
6 owner to see if they had given permission and those that
7 hadn't been given permission were removed. So now we're
8 down to the number that we think you know, at least should
9 be able to go through our permitting process. So it's
10 probably again around nine or ten which again, you know,
11 is not a lot of money in terms of the grand scheme of a
12 \$20 million budget and so that's why I assume that that
13 really wasn't factored in as a revenue improvement.

14 MR. ZECH: A question for the manager?

15 MR. BONDS: Yes, sir?

16 MR. ZECH: Just a curiosity point. Are they
17 regulated as to where they can go by zone so could they be
18 at, well obviously at a commercial zone or residential or
19 how do you have zoning relative to this?

20 MR. COPPLER: Yeah. That's why there are two
21 pieces that had to be done. The zoning aspect so there's
22 a whole policy for review and site plan approval for that.
23 But we also wanted to provide you know, another form of
24 accountability to make sure that they were maintained and
25 placed where they were supposed to be. So that's where

1 the license piece of it so they would have to come to the
2 city council to get a license for the right to have it in
3 the city. But they only get there once the zoning part
4 has been approved and you know, it's based upon you know,
5 where at on the lot, what the lot looks like. Because one
6 of our concerns is that if they show up on a vacant lot
7 nobody's going to watch them. But if they show up on an
8 occupied lot they have a little bit more reason to make
9 sure that they don't become a dumping ground. And we've
10 seen that again circumstantially in what we've seen up to
11 the state.

12 MR. ZECH: Did I understand you correctly that
13 there were some on properties wherein the property owner
14 was not aware or had not given permission for them to be
15 there?

16 MR. COPPLER: Correct.

17 MR. ZECH: Wow. Huh.

18 MR. COPPLER: This is an outcropping of the
19 economy. We've seen this all over the United States where
20 these donation bins kind of pop up because you know,
21 people make money off of these. They go sell the textiles
22 generally and they just started popping up all over the
23 place and where I came from we were dealing with very
24 similar issues.

25 MR. ZECH: When one would pop up like that on a

1 property in which they did not have permission did you get
2 calls from the property owner saying can you get this out
3 of here please?

4 MR. COPPLER: I don't believe that's happened.
5 Some of this started before I came here so I know there
6 was a lot of work already going on. I think the ones that
7 were probably the most troublesome, burdensome were those
8 that were on vacant properties that just kind of showed
9 up. There are a number of just vacant properties, you
10 know, in the commercial areas here.

11 MR. ZECH: Thank you.

12 MR. BONDS: Any further discussion?

13 MR. COPPLER: The other two areas, there's also
14 a section within the state statute that allows property
15 owners, and this goes to the water billing.

16 Right now the way we do that is water bill is
17 tied to the owner of the property. That way if for
18 whatever reason it doesn't get paid it then becomes a
19 lien. But there is a section within the state statute
20 that allows that property owner and for rental properties
21 to say no, I want the tenant to be responsible. And so if
22 they elect to do that there has to be a fee associated
23 with that that we can collect as a deposit. And the
24 finance director for the city had worked with the water
25 billing to look at what would be, you know, a typical

1 period of time that it would take us where we'd be
2 shutting the water off and that's where it comes up.
3 Which is \$250. And again, that's one of the things that
4 it wouldn't impact to budget because this is just for in
5 this grand scheme it couldn't impact the budget if they
6 don't pay it but some would be returned because it is a
7 deposit at the end of that tenant's stay there, if they
8 met their responsibilities for the water bill.

9 Then the last piece is under the hydrant usage.
10 And so we put a deposit requirement in for people that
11 want to use the hydrant to fill, you know, if it's a
12 construction type project they want to use a hydrant to
13 draw water from that. We also then provide a backfill
14 permit with it as well as a meter so we can bill them for
15 that. So the deposit is for the most part to make sure
16 that you know, our equipment that we allow to be attached
17 that stays with us and more than recovers the cost for
18 those particular items that we provide and also covers a
19 typical type of usage for fire hydrant during those
20 processes. That actually went up from \$2,500 at the
21 recommendation of our D.P.S. director from \$2,500 to
22 \$5,000.

23 MS. THOMAS: Do you know roughly how many times
24 you are actually utilizing this service or how often it
25 happens in the city?

1 MR. COPPLER: John Kozuh, our Director of Public
2 Services.

3 MR. KOZUH: Good afternoon. Typically it
4 depends on what kind of construction is taking place.
5 Typically when you have house demos they'll probably pull
6 a hydrant permit. A carnival which is typically once a
7 year; a water main project; a sewer project. It's all
8 dependent on what you have going on in the community and
9 unfortunately when I did have to step out to answer a
10 call, typically the community has used that as a
11 methodology to get our equipment back. It was \$2,500 and
12 because our equipment is typically about \$3,500. It's a
13 backflow preventer and a water meter. What we did is we
14 used that as basically a deposit and after that
15 construction or that work was done we would then take a
16 final read off the temporary meter and we would either
17 subtract off the water usage and mail the contractor back
18 the balance or we would give them, if they pay that bill,
19 we would just give them that check that they gave us as a
20 deposit. It was a safeguard to simply get our equipment
21 back. What we found was some of the contractors were not
22 returning it. But we have \$2,500 as a deposit for \$3,500
23 worth of equipment they would just hang on to it, back up
24 with a pickup truck or construction trailer and take off.
25 You got to make it big enough and large enough to make

1 sure we get our equipment back so that we don't have to go
2 out and spend another \$3,500 to replace it.

3 MS. THOMAS: I'm assuming there some sort of
4 process where someone from your department would have to
5 go out and get it, I'm assuming because there's some labor
6 associated with that process?

7 MR. KOZUH: Actually, what we do we put the
8 burden onto the contractor.

9 MS. THOMAS: Okay.

10 MR. KOZUH: They would -- let me give you two
11 seconds to explain it. They would request a hydrant
12 permit. That would go through the water office which is
13 located in this building; give a deposit. That office
14 would let my department know. They would prepare this
15 piece of apparatus. Contractor would pick it up, put it
16 onto the hydrant, use it for whatever they're going to use
17 it for and then once they brought it back to us we would
18 let the water office know that it's been returned; the
19 final reading is X,Y,Z, the bill should be this and either
20 they're going to -- you send them -- typically what we
21 would do is we would ask them do you want that water taken
22 out of your deposit or would you like a separate invoice
23 and they would let us know. We'd let the water office set
24 up whatever process the contractor's looking for. That
25 way we got our equipment back, they got their money back,

1 we also got our water that we sold and sewage charge from
2 the contractor.

3 MR. DUNLEAVY: Just a thought, I mean, if you
4 have a small contractor that's tearing down a house and if
5 you look at the city of Detroit it's between \$10,000 to
6 \$15,000 to tear it down, are they going to have \$5,000 to
7 give you the deposit?

8 MR. KOZUH: Typically these contractors do have
9 that kind of money.

10 MR. DUNLEAVY: Okay.

11 MR. KOZUH: And if we want to continue on with
12 your analogy in Detroit, those contractors are multi-
13 million dollar contractors.

14 MR. DUNLEAVY: Yeah, I know but I'm asking about
15 the smaller ones here.

16 MR. KOZUH: Here in Lincoln Park, yes, they do
17 have that kind of money because we are asking them for a
18 bid and the homes in Lincoln Park range in -- depending on
19 if there's asbestos or any other items that have to be
20 removed, they may be anywhere from \$9,000, \$12,000,
21 \$15,000 to \$20,000. And yes, they do have that kind of
22 money.

23 MR. DUNLEAVY: So I mean it's not going to
24 impact you in any way that you have trouble getting
25 vendors or nobody's going to hold a carnival here because

1 they don't want to pay that deposit?

2 MR. KOZUH: We have not run across that yet
3 because it's not that we're asking to keep it. All we're
4 using that is basically a piece of candy to bring back our
5 equipment and a carnival, if he's only going to be here
6 for five days, yes, they do have that kind of money for
7 that.

8 MR. DUNLEAVY: Okay.

9 MR. BONDS: Any further discussion? Mr.
10 Coppler, thank you very much for that clarification for
11 the board.

12 Any further discussion on the motion?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. BONDS: Are we ready to vote on the
15 acceptance of user fees? We had a motion to move for
16 discussion. I believe we need a motion for approval or
17 whatever the pleasure is of the board.

18 MR. DUNLEAVY: Motion to approve.

19 MR. BONDS: It's been moved to approve and it's
20 been supported. Further discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, all those in favor
23 signify by stating aye.

24 (MEMBERS IN UNISON:) Aye.

25 MR. BONDS: Any opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, motion passes.

3 Next one is the resolution 2016-14 which is the
4 charter amendment millage #7b. And this is also very
5 important for the community. This is a renewal of the
6 police and fire millage and the language thereof.

7 MR. DUNLEAVY: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a
8 motion that we approve this.

9 MR. BONDS: Motion has been made to approve. Is
10 there a second?

11 MS. THOMAS: Second.

12 MR. BONDS: And there's a second.

13 Any discussion on this amendment?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, all those in favor
16 signify by stating aye.

17 (MEMBERS IN UNISON:) Aye.

18 MR. BONDS: Any opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, motion passes.

21 City administrator items, as attachment #8.

22 Okay. I'm thinking, let's see. We've got council
23 minutes. We have approval of Resolution 2016. Mr.
24 Coppler, why don't you walk us through these and I think
25 we can take them in order and if you would like to extract

1 any individual we can take it as one grouping under the
2 city administrator's report.

3 MR. COPPLER: If we could, the first four
4 actually are things that you've already approved as far as
5 the actions thus far. Obviously the minutes of the
6 council meeting, you've already approved. Within I
7 believe it was the January 4th meeting the council acted
8 allowing us to go out, do an RFP for home building
9 projects and this is CDBG money that we got that allows us
10 to actually build homes on vacant lots. So lots that we
11 currently own. We go out which you'll be seeing probably
12 in March the results of that. We award those contracts to
13 have houses built and effectually takes a piece of
14 property that right now is not making any taxes or paying
15 any taxes, puts it on the tax role and gives us a good
16 thing for the money that we're spending for the CDBG
17 project. User fees, we talked about and the charter
18 amendment, you just voted on as well.

19 So item number 5 is the first item that you
20 haven't acted upon.

21 MR. BONDS: Let me ask you a question on the
22 home program.

23 MR. COPPLER: Sure.

24 MR. BONDS: Having managed the state CDBG
25 program at one point in my life, the entitlement

1 community, is the match budgeted, is that placed in your
2 budget? Because CDBG does require a match so I'm kind of
3 curious as what is your local match?

4 MS. CHRISTIAN: The city of Lincoln Park is in a
5 consortium with Wayne County for the home funds.

6 MR. BONDS: Okay.

7 MS. CHRISTIAN: The match money is going to come
8 with this because we are using a CHDO to build the homes.
9 We'll be supplying the lots and we'll be supplying certain
10 amount of our home funds to do it but due to the fact that
11 there's going to be more expenses, volunteer time and
12 things like that, that's where the match is going to be
13 more than well met for the monies.

14 MR. BONDS: Okay.

15 MS. CHRISTIAN: And we also used the consortia
16 of five different communities to build the match up for
17 everybody so it's like shared match money.

18 MR. BONDS: Okay. Could you state your name,
19 please?

20 MS. CHRISTIAN: My name is Doreen Christian.
21 I'm the assistant director of community planning and
22 development.

23 MR. BONDS: Thank you very much. I appreciate
24 that.

25 Item five.

1 MR. COPPLER: This is an item that council
2 actually recently had taken action on. You were not
3 scheduled to see this until the following month. But it's
4 something that we have to get in place. The city was
5 awarded, kind of going back in time. The city was awarded
6 and S-2 grant from the state that allowed us to look at
7 our sanitary sewer system and as part of that a study was
8 produced that showed where we need to start targeting
9 improvements. We have a lot -- we have a very old system
10 here in Lincoln Park. It used to be a combined system
11 that was separated but we still have a very high volume of
12 inflow and infiltration. And a large portion of that is
13 due to the age of the lines and the fact that they have a
14 number of defects, cracks, and the joints are coming out
15 and all these things that allow water to get into the
16 system.

17 This water that we then paid for to be treated.
18 So it's very advantageous for us to do things, maintain
19 the system in a way that will allow us to get that water
20 out so that we don't have to pay for water that really
21 doesn't need to be treated and shouldn't be there in the
22 system as a result.

23 So as part of that S-2 study they came up with a
24 project and also allowed us to qualify for the state SRF
25 program, state revolving fund. That allows us to do work

1 now. We pay for it over a period of 20 years at two and a
2 half percent.

3 Effectively from the city's perspective we are
4 going out into the bond market so we had to do a number of
5 things that we would do if we were going out and selling
6 revenue bonds. We've noticed the public that we were
7 going to do it so they have a 45-day process which was
8 done under the emergency manager and we have bid that
9 project out which you'll be looking at the next meeting,
10 the results of that. But we're now getting in line to
11 allow us to sign all the agreements with the state
12 treasury for that two percent money over 20 years. And so
13 this is the bond authorization that the bond council said
14 we had to adopt. It was adopted by the mayor and the city
15 council at the last meeting and now we're seeking approval
16 so we can get all this taken care of.

17 MR. DUNLEAVY: If I understand this correctly,
18 this is going to be repaid by the users, though, on the
19 sewage system and so it's actually kind of a pass-through
20 from the city?

21 MR. COPPLER: Yeah. This is effectively a
22 revenue bond.

23 MR. DUNLEAVY: Yeah.

24 MR. COPPLER: And a loan from the state. So the
25 funds that pay for this come from the user fees that are

1 collected upon the users of the system.

2 MR. DUNLEAVY: So it's no real effect on the
3 city's budget? I mean it is but it's just a pass through,
4 okay.

5 MR. COPPLER: Correct.

6 MR. DUNLEAVY: Okay. Thank you.

7 MS. ALLEN: So if I may clarify your question?

8 MR. DUNLEAVY: Yes.

9 MS. ALLEN: Because I noted in the bond,
10 council's opinion, it says that "showed the net revenues
11 of the system insufficient to pay debt servers on the
12 bond. The city will be obligated to pay such amount of
13 those general funds and to levy taxes if necessary." So
14 are you saying that the projected revenues are -- they are
15 projected to cover the debt service?

16 MR. COPPLER: Today that is correct. And I
17 think that's always a very difficult question to answer
18 because people forget, you know, five years from now that
19 there are a lot of costs that go up. You know in this
20 particular service we have a big unknown for the city in
21 terms of ultimately what the cost of treatment is going to
22 be because there is discussion between the 13 communities
23 and Wayne County on the sale of the plan so there is a lot
24 of unknown about what those costs are going to be.
25 Ultimately everything we do has an impact on rate at the

1 time that the rate is adopted by the council.

2 So as we sit here today looking at everything,
3 the money is in there. But again, this has to be looked
4 at on an annual basis to make sure that those revenues
5 cover it. Because the last thing that we want to do is go
6 back to the full faith and credit of the taxpayers to get
7 this paid.

8 MS. ALLEN: And that is why I raised the issue.

9 MR. COPPLER: Yeah. Ultimately -- you are
10 absolutely correct. Most are done that way. Most will
11 have that full faith and credit of the community even
12 though it's a revenue bond.

13 MR. DUNLEAVY: But again, if you mis-project you
14 just increase next year's rates to cover it and you'd have
15 a ton of residents here complaining. You would take care
16 of it without going through the general fund.

17 MR. COPPLER: Yeah. In the end, the intent is
18 that the user fee covers the cost of that operation. That
19 is how we have to operate.

20 MS. ALLEN: I do have another question.

21 Unrelated to that.

22 MR. BONDS: Ms. Allen?

23 MS. ALLEN: I believe you may have said you're
24 going to be bringing this back. This is just for the bond
25 authorization but in the memo that was addressed to us

1 dated February 5th from you, there's a section called
2 "estimated cost of the project." And it says bids were
3 scheduled to be over on Thursday, February 3rd. But your
4 memo was dated February 5th.

5 MR. COPPLER: Yeah.

6 MS. ALLEN: Did you get the bids and then you'll
7 present that cost when you bring the contract to us?

8 MR. COPPLER: Yeah, because what will happen
9 now, actually at tonight's meeting, the council will be
10 hopefully awarding those bids and that will then go on
11 your March agenda for your approval.

12 MS. ALLEN: Okay. Thank you.

13 MR. COPPLER: So yeah, we have this issue right
14 now is April is when all the closing on the loan has to
15 happen and between now and April there's a number of
16 things that we have to do and so this is kind of in
17 advance of the other piece which is the construction
18 piece. And so we're going two different tracks with it
19 and the next one that you're going to be seeing is the
20 construction piece. And it came in under what the
21 estimate was, so.

22 MS. ALLEN: Thank you.

23 MR. DUNLEAVY: Yes. Just one final comment from
24 me.

25 MR. BONDS: Sure.

1 MR. DUNLEAVY: At Wayne the county used to audit
2 sewers and drains so I'm somewhat familiar with it so this
3 is kind of a common problem downriver and Allen Park just
4 went through a whole host of doing the same type of
5 project, is that correct?

6 MR. COPPLER: Yes. I think all the communities
7 of the downriver have similar-type sewer, sanitary/sewer
8 issues and Allen Park I think did it. I think Southgate
9 is looking at a number of different -- and what we're
10 ultimately doing is lining the older lines effectively.
11 This is the most cost effective way to maintain the system
12 at this point.

13 MR. DUNLEAVY: Okay.

14 MR. BONDS: One more point on this. The
15 questions that the board provided were excellent. I'd
16 like to add one thing because this is something that I'm
17 very close to because I -- my area of treasury handles the
18 actual bonding for this SRF. So what I will tell you is
19 that we've done -- we've recently done a due diligence
20 round which included the city of Lincoln Park where we
21 have to work with bond council in order for them to issue
22 a tax opinion to insure that communities like Lincoln Park
23 will not default on these agreements and the city passed
24 the test. So you can rely on there is a lot of tests
25 involved with these funds, both from a bond council

1 perspective but also from a treasury perspective as well.

2 Okay, next item.

3 MR. COPPLER: We also have provided a few
4 different of the reports that we are required under order
5 16 to provide. So the first is the budget to actual
6 report.

7 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Mr. Chairman, sorry to
8 interrupt.

9 MR. BONDS: Yes.

10 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Because this is a resolution
11 that was passed at a meeting it is not being addressed at
12 this meeting, it would be proper for the Board to
13 entertain a motion to approve that particular resolution
14 for the SRF project.

15 MR. BONDS: Thank you very much, Mr. Van de
16 Grift. The Chair would entertain a motion of the board
17 for approval of Ordinance 2016-1 for the bonds for
18 sanitary sewer improvements.

19 MS. ALLEN: So moved.

20 MR. BONDS: So moved. Is there a second?

21 MR. ZECH: Second.

22 MR. BONDS: And properly seconded. Any further
23 discussion?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, all those in favor

1 signify by stating aye.

2 (MEMBERS IN UNISON:) Aye.

3 MR. BONDS: Any opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. BONDS: None, the motion passes.

6 Thank you.

7 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: And all the members, make
8 sure the light is on. I think some of us don't have our
9 mics on.

10 MR. BONDS: My apology. I was one of them.

11 MR. ZECH: Actually, they were turned off before
12 the meeting started and I was of the impression they would
13 remain off but mine is on now, too.

14 MR. COPPLER: They are somewhat sensitive as
15 well so they pick up a lot.

16 MR. BONDS: Thank you. Noted.

17 MS. ALLEN: I think we're supposed to turn them
18 on when we speak.

19 MR. BONDS: Got you.

20 Okay, we are down to where we started to discuss
21 the budget to actual report, attachment for the board
22 members, 8C that is.

23 MR. COPPLER: As part of all this, we have an
24 understanding of generally what that report is supposed to
25 be. I think as you look at these reports if there are

1 things that you would like to see differently with them
2 please let us know. We want to make them not only
3 readable and understandable for you and by you, but these
4 are also reports that we will share with the public as
5 well as council. So anything we can do to make them
6 easier to understand we are very open to that type of
7 feedback. What we did was look at some of the other
8 communities that also have RTAB to see what reports that
9 they have been providing the format and effectively
10 looking at like Allen Park's in particular. They use the
11 same financial software that we use so we just pulled
12 similar type of reports that they pulled to address those
13 issues.

14 MR. BONDS: You've got it detailed very well.
15 Everything is transparent and I think if your public is
16 working well with these I don't think the Board has any
17 additional comments.

18 MR. COPPLER: And I think it's something that
19 maybe to a lesser degree we shared but I think we need to
20 do more sharing with the public on these things.

21 MR. BONDS: This is a great representation.
22 Yes, sir?

23 MR. ZECH: Is your software BS & A?

24 MR. COPPLER: Correct.

25 MR. ZECH: That's what I used.

1 MR. COPPLER: With kind of the overview of that
2 particular report from the revenue side I think we're on
3 track to meet the projections that the E.M. had laid out
4 for us. There are a couple areas that we're probably
5 going to over perform. There's a couple areas we may
6 under perform a little bit. But I think overall we're
7 still on track with what the E.M. had projected for us for
8 this year.

9 MR. BONDS: Okay.

10 MR. COPPLER: On the expenditure side again, I
11 think from the global perspective we're on track to be
12 under what the E.M. has laid out for us. There were you
13 know, different line items that were not addressed when
14 the E.M. is here that should have been increased. So we
15 are actually going to council tonight to start the
16 amendment process so they'll be looking at that, hopefully
17 document so the next month you'll see that budget
18 amendment for this current year and if things go right the
19 treasurer will be seeing it after you see it as the
20 treasurer would have to adopt or allow that amendment to
21 happen.

22 I would say if there is any significant, meaning
23 this is all in the dollar amount, right, because there's
24 probably about \$150,000 or so that we're talking about
25 that needs to be amended or such but from that perspective

1 out of a \$20 million budget that's not a lot of money.

2 MR. BONDS: Again, this is a good job, Mr.
3 Coppler and staff on how this revenue expenditure report
4 is presented. I think you referenced what the E.F.M. has
5 provided and the Board should also take note that in Order
6 60, page 11, there is one of the first dates for the city
7 manager where you have by April 15 you have developed a
8 monthly reporting package which I'm assuming this is part
9 of, which includes the account payable, summarizing the
10 results of each relevant department and/or city function.
11 So I believe this is the document we're referring to and
12 so each meeting you're going to hit the highs of budget-
13 to-actual or any issues.

14 MR. COPPLER: Yes. Yes. I mean I guess that's
15 something, you know, to your pleasure, would you want that
16 to be, you know, at the \$100 level, \$1,000 level, \$10,000?
17 Because there's always things that you can -- I can take
18 up a lot of your time.

19 MR. BONDS: I'd like to defer that question. We
20 have some strong auditor representations on this Board so
21 I'd like to get their thoughts. Because for me, I'm well
22 into the thousands. But I'd like to get their input.

23 MS. THOMAS: Yeah, that actually was one of my
24 questions, to figure out good threshold.

25 MR. DUNLEAVY: What would you think of a

1 percentage? You know, what we'd like to know is areas
2 that you have a concern about or you've identified or
3 something that you've projected to be. I don't know, we
4 can give it a dollar amount and a percentage.

5 MR. COPPLER: Well, that's you know, we will, we
6 should, we will, if we don't already, have a pretty good
7 understanding of how that annual expenditure happens and
8 so there's going to be sums as you're well aware that
9 maybe in by halfway through the 80 percent is expended.

10 MR. DUNLEAVY: Self expenditure.

11 MR. COPPLER: Right. Yeah, things like that and
12 so I think you know, we need to be able to let you know,
13 let the public know why that it looks like it's over
14 budget and so you know, we'll some internal things to kind
15 of quantify that. Things that we project out and that's
16 more in my mind are things that as you said I'm concerned
17 about moving forward are those things that I would like to
18 focus on.

19 MR. DUNLEAVY: With that said, I mean, if you
20 know that it's \$15,000 over but you've already decided
21 that you're going to cut over here \$15,000 if you could
22 just let us know that.

23 MR. COPPLER: Right.

24 MR. DUNLEAVY: So I don't know, maybe next
25 meeting maybe you could come back with maybe a percentage

1 and dollar amount that you think would be adequate.

2 MR. COPPLER: Sure.

3 MR. DUNLEAVY: And you know, we'll look at it
4 but it'll at least give us some idea of the reasons that
5 you're going to be off target.

6 MR. COPPLER: And I think that's when you see it
7 next month the budget amendment, that's what you're going
8 to see.

9 MR. DUNLEAVY: Okay.

10 MR. COPPLER: I think there's, and you know, I
11 hope we're never in that situation where I'm explaining
12 why we're so far over budget because then we're not doing
13 our job to make sure that we're looking forward to catch
14 it before it happens. It think this process, though, the
15 amendment process is a little bit of a challenge to
16 address that because there's things that we could take,
17 you know even without council action within certain line
18 items to amend it to correct that. Those things that as
19 you go through the budget adoption process we have to be
20 smart enough to know what we're doing. And so hopefully
21 we won't run into those things. But yes, obviously we can
22 let you know those things.

23 MR. BONDS: It looks like the next milestone
24 that will be coming up is I think the mayor and city
25 manager and city council are probably already got this on

1 their calendars as well, but you've got an April 1st date
2 of the rolling six-year capital improvement plan. So
3 we'll be looking for that and any advisement from those
4 bodies as well. And then July 1 is the rolling five-year
5 financial operations. So I -- my whole world is on
6 milestones so those will be on my calendar as well.

7 MR. ZECH: That's January 1, 2017?

8 MR. BONDS: Yeah, you want to just refer to the
9 order, Order 60 lays it out in the pathway.

10 Okay. Any questions on the budget, anybody? I
11 think we've had a thorough discussion.

12 All right.

13 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Is there a motion? A
14 housekeeping motion.

15 MR. ZECH: I'd be glad to make the motion that
16 we approve the budget-to-actual report on the attachment
17 8c.

18 MR. BONDS: Is there a second?

19 MS. ALLEN: Support.

20 MR. BONDS: It's been supported.

21 Any further discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. BONDS: Hearing none all those in favor of
24 the motion signify by stating aye.

25 (MEMBERS IN UNISON:) Aye.

1 MR. BONDS: Any opposition?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, motion passes. Thank
4 you.

5 Okay. Let's check this personnel report. It's
6 item 8E.

7 MR. COPPLER: Actually, we didn't talk about 8D
8 which is approval of cash flow and balance sheet.

9 MR. BONDS: My apologies.

10 MR. COPPLER: No problem.

11 MR. BONDS: Item 8d.

12 MR. COPPLER: If it's okay, I'd like to bring up
13 my finance director, Lisa Griggs. She can probably speak
14 to this a lot better and answer the questions than I can.

15 MS. GRIGGS: Good afternoon.

16 I did want to mention on the cash flow
17 projection. This is a system generated report so by all
18 means if you have anything more in depth or detail that
19 you were looking for in the future we can provide that for
20 you. Same with the balance sheet. Now the balance sheet,
21 of course, is as we're going in there's always moving
22 parts to that. But that as well is a system-generated
23 report. We are looking for guidance from the Board if
24 there is anything that you're wanting more specific in any
25 certain areas in these reports. We did as the city

1 manager mentioned, look at some of the reports from the
2 other communities just to kind of get an idea of what we
3 were working off of but we can customize it however you
4 like.

5 MR. BONDS: Can you walk us through your first
6 page?

7 MS. GRIGGS: Okay.

8 MR. BONDS: Just to make sure we're all on the
9 same page as to what this data is representing?

10 MS. GRIGGS: So this is primarily looking at the
11 general fund on this cash projection here which is our
12 main revenue source. So this is -- comes straight from
13 our financial software so it's looking at each month.
14 You'll see there are certain months like going back to
15 June of '15 which is the negative that you see there.

16 MR. BONDS: Uh-huh.

17 MS. GRIGGS: That's our most stringent time of
18 cash during the year so we have collected taxes throughout
19 the year. We stopped that process in February is our last
20 month of collection so then we get into the period of time
21 where we're really watching our cash flow because we have
22 pension obligations and so forth. We are now paying those
23 quarterly which is helping us kind of watch it going
24 forward but before we were doing it all in June so we
25 would have this big outflow of cash in June. So that was

1 the final year that we did that. This fiscal year we did
2 start the quarterly payments.

3 And then in July you'll see it starts to pick up
4 a little bit. That's when our summer tax bills go out and
5 then in August is a big peak there because they're due
6 August 20th, the first payment. And in September and
7 October. You can kind of see that ebbs and flow there
8 where some months we're bringing in much more cash than
9 others. And of course keep in mind if there's things that
10 affect us such as revenue sharing payments and when those
11 come in. So we're continually, some of those items we
12 have to manually post revenues to come in straight through
13 the window and happening immediately so we do, we're
14 getting now kind of into the slow tax season, so.

15 MR. BONDS: Thank you.

16 MS. GRIGGS: You're welcome.

17 MR. BONDS: Any other questions on the balance
18 sheet from the board? I think we'll have a chance to let
19 us digest this.

20 MS. GRIGGS: Yes.

21 MR. BONDS: And you made a great offer and we'll
22 bring forward some suggestions at future meetings.

23 MS. GRIGGS: Okay.

24 MR. BONDS: Thank you.

25 MS. THOMAS: I do have one potentially one

1 request is if we could have a balance sheet, one with all
2 the funds so we can just see them in comparison with the
3 totals that would be ideal, too. So we could see the
4 totals.

5 MR. DUNLEAVY: Could I?

6 MR. BONDS: Yes.

7 MR. DUNLEAVY: If there also could be some way
8 of looking at collection versus projections just so we'd
9 have some idea if you are expecting \$3 million in and you
10 only get \$2.5 million I'd like to know that.

11 MS. GRIGGS: Yeah, that is one of the items that
12 is going to be going into the monthly reporting.

13 MR. DUNLEAVY: Okay.

14 MS. GRIGGS: Is tax collection so that will be
15 addressed in the coming months.

16 MR. DUNLEAVY: Okay. Thank you.

17 MR. BONDS: One, I guess I'll write in that,
18 too. Can you also provide and it may not be extensive but
19 a major disbursement calendar. Meaning the dates that
20 your major payments are going to be made or going out like
21 you mentioned, a quarterly pension funds?

22 MS. GRIGGS: Sure.

23 MR. BONDS: If you can put together just a --
24 I'm sure it's just a quick bulleted item of when those
25 major disbursements hit. I mean we could follow it here

1 but it would be helpful to see them on calendaring.

2 MS. GRIGGS: Okay. Thank you.

3 MR. BONDS: Okay. Now we're at the check
4 register item.

5 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Is there a motion?

6 MR. BONDS: Mr. Van de Grift thank you. You're
7 keeping me on my toes.

8 Actually, we do need a motion on the approval of
9 the cash flow and balance sheet. The Chair will entertain
10 a motion.

11 MR. DUNLEAVY: Motion to approve.

12 MR. ZECH: Support.

13 MR. BONDS: Motion to approve and has been
14 properly supported. Any further discussion of the motion?
15 (No response.)

16 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, all those in favor of
17 the motion signify by saying aye.

18 (MEMBERS IN UNISON:) Aye.

19 MR. BONDS: Any opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, the motion passes.
22 Thank you.

23 All right, item 8e which is the check
24 disbursement report.

25 I think it's Mr. Coppler, this is one of those

1 it is what it is. These are a record of all payments.

2 MR. COPPLER: Correct. These are all the checks
3 that fall below the \$25,000 or where we have talked about
4 in terms of the pre-approvals that need to be done for
5 those that are larger.

6 MR. BONDS: I do have a question. Because these
7 fall below the threshold of \$25,000 and I want to make
8 sure I understand. What is the city's vetting process for
9 procurement for \$25,000 or greater, 25 equal or greater?
10 Describe your process?

11 MR. COPPLER: So the \$25,000 mark, just going
12 back to where that came from. That was the emergency
13 manager putting the threshold for the city manager to
14 approve the expenditure and so up to \$25,000 it only takes
15 the city manager to approve it. After that it goes to
16 council and to the RTAB. Now, with that being said what
17 we are still implementing is what our purchasing policy
18 is. We've updated it and are working to finalize that and
19 to something so in the next couple months you'll be seeing
20 kind of all the updated policies that we've done that are
21 related to the financial. So we're looking at everything
22 financially that we do, you know, what the policy is to
23 make sure it's line with the best practices which is
24 something that Order 60 also asks us to do is bring
25 ourselves in line with the best practices.

1 So our procurement process right now is between
2 I think it's up to \$3,500 or excuse me up to \$5,000
3 effectively we're getting quotes. I think it's \$2,000 to
4 \$5,000 there's three quotes. But then once you look at a
5 purchase above the \$5,000 and that's a purchase that's not
6 just necessarily a one-time purchase but you know, a
7 series of purchases over that year that are going to
8 exceed \$5,000, you know, those items have to be bid out.
9 And that process is what it is bid, which I think
10 everyone, you'll have to talk about this process so it
11 doesn't slow things down but it goes to city council.
12 City council then authorizes staff to go out to bid. So
13 then staff puts that product or service out to bid and
14 then it's brought back to council for approval or wording
15 of the contract and then again, each one of those steps I
16 haven't mentioned the RTAB but obviously you are an
17 approver of that process.

18 Any concern I have with that is that you know,
19 there could be 30 days between a council authorization to
20 go out to bid on a project before you would authorize that
21 and so I think we need to look at that process.
22 Especially when we're getting to the construction season
23 it may slow it down, and quite frankly I've seen projects
24 that if it was bid out one month you would have saved you
know, 20, 30 percent of the cost because you know all the

1 work's been taken up by the contractors all have their
2 work taken up and so you lose out on a preferential bid
3 because of that. So I think that's a concern we have to
4 work through and figure that out.

5 MR. BONDS: Sure.

6 MR. COPPLER: But we need to look at that.

7 MS. THOMAS: Do you have committees, by chance
8 or does the council have committees to do some of this
9 stuff so that the timeliness of this can move along or is
10 that something that you considered or do you currently use
11 it?

12 MR. COPPLER: I think that's something that we
13 need to talk about. I know the city council in the past
14 had committees. Again, I think there's a lot of processes
15 we have to look at and see what's the best way to proceed
16 going forward to make sure that if everybody has the same
17 information, make sure the decisions aren't being made
18 outside of the whole council and so we'd have to address a
19 number of things like that to get there. But again, I
20 think really if and you know, Drew has been very open with
21 this; if there's something that needs to be acted upon you
22 know, he's willing to reach out to you and try to schedule
23 something special. But I'd rather get it to be a process
24 rather than an exception like that. So, again, there's
25 work that we have to do to get this ironed out to get that

1 process as smooth as possible. Still giving council the
2 control over the expenditures at the end of the day.

3 MR. ZECH: Mr. Coppler, just a question. I'm
4 just looking through here and I don't need to mention any
5 names but I'll see retiree opt out payment. Sometimes
6 it's \$425, sometimes it \$350. I see one here that's
7 \$109.20. What is a retiree opt out payment?

8 MR. COPPLER: So when -- actually, I'm not sure.
9 Lisa could you, some of this was done before my time so
10 rather than not speak with intelligence I'll let the
11 people who are here speak.

12 MS. GRIGGS: So prior to the emergency manager
13 we offered full retirement coverage and part of some the
14 changes that he made was to go to more of a stipend type
15 so there's a monthly amount provided and it's based -- the
16 amounts are different based on the type of coverage they
17 have so whether a family or a single plan. Pre-Medicare,
18 post-Medicare.

19 MR. ZECH: So that's health care.

20 MS. GRIGGS: Yes. That's retiree health care
21 for our portion.

22 MR. ZECH: I see. Thank you.

23 MR. BONDS: Any other questions?

24 Let's go on to the number 9, overtime report.

25 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: You need to approve it.

1 MR. BONDS: Each item needs approval?

2 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Yes.

3 MR. BONDS: Got it.

4 MR. ZECH: Motion to approve.

5 MS. THOMAS: Support.

6 MR. BONDS: Motion properly made and supported,
7 any discussion? Further discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. BONDS: Hearing none all those in favor
10 please signify by stating aye.

11 (MEMBERS IN UNISON:) Aye.

12 MR. BONDS: Any opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. BONDS: Hearing none motion passes.

15 I'm sure we'll get it right after this meeting.

16 All right we'll move on.

17 MR. DUNLEAVY: As long as Drew's here I'm sure
18 we'll be okay.

19 MR. BONDS: Drew is our Ace.

20 Item 9 which is the overtime report. And for
21 report numbers it's 8f.

22 MR. COPPLER: This is another report that we
23 kind of took a stab at what you might want. We went to
24 the highest level possible. Obviously we can drill down a
25 lot more on this if you want. But we weren't sure exactly

1 what you'd be wanting so we just tried to look at like a
2 50,000 foot level what the expenditures are.

3 MR. DUNLEAVY: Do we need a motion to discuss
4 this?

5 MR. BONDS: Yeah, because I'd like a motion as
6 well.

7 MR. DUNLEAVY: Motion to discuss.

8 MR. BONDS: Motion to accept for further
9 discussion, who made the motion? Motion is made, is there
10 a second?

11 MS. THOMAS: Second.

12 MR. BONDS: Motion is made and is properly
13 second. We're into discussion. Mr. Dunleavy?

14 MR. DUNLEAVY: Obviously in this report there is
15 some concern with some of the overtime. I mean does it
16 look like you are going to run over your -- I mean based
17 on the percentage of the year that is done and the portion
18 that is used up.

19 MR. COPPLER: Uh-huh.

20 MR. DUNLEAVY: I mean what do you think you're
21 going to have at year end because you have some of these
22 areas that could be of concern?

23 MR. COPPLER: I think, you know, the ones that
24 are the three big drivers of overtime: police, fire, and
25 D.P.S. I mean those are the big three.

1 MR. DUNLEAVY: Yeah.

2 MR. COPPLER: Before -- as part of the amended
3 budget that the E.M. did was we addressed some of the
4 concerns in terms of where we thought we would be. I
5 think police is probably kind of going back. There
6 was a lot of tightening down of overtime. There was a lot
7 of changes in the contracts that reduced by their very
8 nature they were driving overtime. And so those things
9 were taken out and I think they did a good job of
10 controlling what those overtime numbers are. But I think
11 there's certain things within the operation itself that
12 kind of drive overtime; like leave time. Again there were
13 some changes made but I don't know necessarily if it was
14 really looked at what the potential overtime would be or
15 if the number was but we want to keep the overtime at
16 \$50,000. And so there is some concern from my perspective
17 not knowing the philosophy that was taken from the time
18 they came up with the numbers. To drive those. So I
19 think that being said I think there's concerns with police
20 but again, the police chief is doing everything he can to
21 try to manage that. We were without some officers for a
22 while which kind of drove that overtime.

23 The other thing you need to consider with the
24 police and this was a decision that was made to do this;
25 is that they run different details that are driven by

1 overtime and the thought was that that was okay because
2 they were producing revenue on the back side in terms of
3 tickets and arrests. And so they looked at that and said
4 well, it may be \$40,000 worth of overtime but we're going
5 to receive you know, revenues from the court system in
6 excess of that so that overtime was okay to do.

7 MS. THOMAS: Is there any way to track that? I
8 mean are we tracking that?

9 MR. COPPLER: Yes. Yes.

10 MR. DUNLEAVY: And I guess that's just what my
11 question is. If you run \$200,000 over budget in overtime
12 you are tracking that, that that's not going to cause the
13 city a problem?

14 MR. COPPLER: Right.

15 MR. DUNLEAVY: Because you know revenues are
16 going to make that up?

17 MR. COPPLER: I think with what the amendment
18 was we're pretty, it's iffy with the fire department
19 because that was increased from \$50,000 up to \$65,000 I
20 believe. So that's one that may or may not be a good
21 number in my mind. It may be a little bit higher than
22 that. But the police one again because of that you know,
23 they call it the different team that they do this with,
24 you know, that's not going to be very reflective I think
in a budget that I would produce. I mean I would look at

1 it differently in how it was all put together.

2 MR. DUNLEAVY: So next year they'll make a
3 change to that? Because I mean I'm looking at the traffic
4 enforcement and it's got it budgeted at \$168,000 and it's
5 already at \$129,000. That's double that.

6 MR. COPPLER: And that's --

7 MR. DUNLEAVY: If you tell me there's revenue
8 coming in that's going to cover that then that's fine.

9 MR. COPPLER: We can produce that report. I
10 think that's again, I would look at the budget a little
11 differently than the way it was budgeted so it would be a
12 little bit more transparent I guess. I mean than what it
13 is. I think we need to be able to show that. And we can
14 put those reports together because we are constantly
15 getting those reports either from the police departments
16 or the courts.

17 MS. THOMAS: I have one more question as well.
18 I mean given that the bulk of these are police, fire, what
19 not, would it make sense to separate those things out? I
20 know they have a fund type here but is it possible to
21 possibly have it so we can see what those bulk numbers
22 are?

23 MR. COPPLER: Definitely.

24 MS. THOMAS: So we can see it by department I
25 think that would be helpful.

1 MR. COPPLER: So again we weren't sure exactly
2 what you wanted to see so this is one of those that we're
3 throwing out to you and say let us know what you want.

4 MS. ALLEN: That was my concern as well. That
5 everything pretty much as being classified as overtime and
6 not knowing what it's attributed to. Appreciate a little
7 more detail.

8 MR. COPPLER: No problem.

9 MR. ZECH: Does 101 stand for general fund?

10 MR. COPPLER: Correct.

11 MR. ZECH: And 202 stands for which fund?

12 MR. DUNLEAVY: If you go to budget it all
13 coordinates with those.

14 MR. ZECH: Major, that's major roads?

15 MR. COPPLER: Yeah.

16 MR. ZECH: And then 203 is local roads?

17 MR. COPPLER: Uh-huh.

18 MR. ZECH: And I think 265 is the drug and
19 forfeiture and then 592 is water and sewer and 661 is
20 motor pool.

21 MR. DUNLEAVY: Is what, please?

22 MR. ZECH: Motor pool.

23 MR. DUNLEAVY: Thank you.

24 MR. BONDS: Mr. Coppler, I know I've got to look
25 at the budget probably to ask this question -- answer this

1 question. But I'm going to ask it of you; with the police
2 and fire area are we maximizing any potential federal or
3 state grants that are out there for public protection? I
4 mean do we have anybody who is helping to calm that
5 horizon to make sure that we are tapping into every cent
6 that's available for every state and federal resources?

7 MR. COPPLER: Well, I think a) answer to that is
8 we can always do more. I think we need to do more. But I
9 think we probably are a little bit more active on the fire
10 side than on the police side with that and quite frankly
11 there are more fire related grants available than police-
12 related grants. But that's something that I know when the
13 emergency manager is here you know, he made a priority to
14 get all departments to be more fluent with what is
15 available out there. I know the chief and the deputy
16 chief have gone to training on the grant writing portion,
17 how to find grants. But you know unfortunately on the
18 police side generally it's the department of justice does
19 things but there's that pesky matching grant piece of it
20 that you have to come up with.

21 MR. BONDS: Oh, yeah.

22 MR. COPPLER: And we've been very tight on the
23 police side with the budget unfortunately. But that is
24 something that we are going to be looking at through and I
25 don't know what the latest reiteration is but it used to

1 be cops past and it's cops now and I don't know what it is
2 right now but it's something that we're looking at to try
3 and bolster the ranks of the police department.

4 MR. BONDS: Great. Thank you.

5 MS. THOMAS: I have a quick question too. Just
6 on the budgeting process as it relates to this and given
7 the time at which things are rolling out and some of these
8 are already at a point where they are 70 or 80 plus
9 percent. The budgeting process, how often are you guys
10 meeting with the police just to insure that we're staying
11 on top of these changes as they come? It appears that
12 there are significant changes so what's the budgeting
13 process to insure that we're meeting these properly to
14 stay on task?

15 MR. COPPLER: Well, I think there's two answers
16 to that question. The one, the budgeting process itself
17 is something that actually we're starting for next year
18 which is in my look ahead but that's something where again
19 I think a lot of this gets corrected in doing the
20 budgeting process the right way. We won't -- I mean, if
21 we do it the right way you know where we're going to be at
22 except for some very unknown exceptions. But you know,
23 for those unknown exceptions you need to look at that on a
24 monthly basis and quite frankly you know, the police chief
25 is constantly calling me, letting me know what's going on

1 so we're aware and can be a little bit more adaptable
2 should those things come up. So it really isn't any
3 given, like on a monthly basis for here right now in the
4 shape that we are in financially. It's every day you have
5 to be talking to people.

6 MR. BONDS: I'm not following you. I'm going to
7 ask for clarification.

8 MR. COPPLER: Which part?

9 MR. BONDS: You mention if we're doing it the
10 right way?

11 MR. COPPLER: Uh-huh.

12 MR. BONDS: I guess this is the analytical side
13 of me.

14 MR. COPPLER: Yeah. Well, according to me, I
15 guess. It's a bias that I have.

16 MR. BONDS: Okay. Crime process, future
17 process. What does that future process look like?

18 MR. COPPLER: So one of the things that I see
19 since I've been here is that the purchases although I
20 would argue there are known purchases that you're making
21 seem to be unknown purchases that are being made. And
22 that's something that you work out in the budget process.
23 And if I could show you what I'm used to you would
24 understand it. I mean what I'm used to is when the
25 council adopts a budget there is so much -- I think the

1 budget where I came from was over 900 pages in detail.

2 MR. BONDS: Uh-huh.

3 MR. COPPLER: And it went down to all those
4 things that we know, we know. On a monthly, weekly,
5 quarterly basis that we're going to buy. I mean there is
6 a certain amount of floor cleaner you're going to buy
7 every year. Unless you change the square footage. You
8 know you're going to buy that.

9 MR. BONDS: Right.

10 MR. COPPLER: And so those things are kind of --

11 MR. BONDS: Fixed costs.

12 MR. COPPLER: Yeah. Things that you know. And
13 that's the thing that I said earlier on, generally what I
14 like to see is a budget where our expenditures where 90
15 percent of what you're spending, you know you're going to
16 spend it on. And only 10 percent are emergency-type
17 things. We're kind of the opposite. We're like 90
18 percent emergency and 10 percent known.

19 MR. BONDS: I see.

20 MR. COPPLER: Which is not true.

21 MR. BONDS: Got you.

22 MR. COPPLER: But it's just because of the way
23 that we've budgeted in the past.

24 MR. BONDS: I'm with you. Thank you.

25 MS. THOMAS: So we're moving to a different

1 place as it relates to the budgeting process?

2 MR. COPPLER: Don't tell them that. Because
3 there's a lot of work. I mean there's a lot of up front
4 work that has to be done to get us to that process that we
5 need to be in.

6 MS. THOMAS: And we find that in most of the
7 communities that I've worked in and primarily it boils
8 down to getting a good grip on your expenditures. And we
9 know that a good piece of this over time, it's
10 significant. In some regards so I think just having some
11 sort of handle I think will be beneficial.

12 MR. COPPLER: Yes. Definitely. I mean that's -
13 - and again a weakness I have is I've been here now it's a
14 little over four months so I haven't been through the
15 whole cycle of expenditures and revenue and all that
16 myself so I'm kind of guessing about certain thoughts but
17 I think you know, you will see by the time you are done
18 here a different budget process which will yield I think
19 better information and better control over how the money
20 is spent and what the expectation is with that.

21 MR. BONDS: Any further discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. BONDS: All those in favor of accepting the
24 overtime report, expenditure report signify by saying aye.

25 (MEMBERS IN UNISON:) Aye.

1 MR. BONDS: Any opposed?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. BONDS: Hearing none the motion passes.

4 Okay, the pre-approved vendor list which is
5 attachment G of the board. We were just discussing this.
6 Advanced discussion.

7 MR. COPPLER: So, what the treasury asked to
8 help -- because we had concern over making the payments on
9 a timely basis. We wanted to make sure that we are paying
10 them. And those expenditures over \$25,000 you know,
11 again, could take us beyond what the requirements even on
12 the agreements we have with different contractors or
13 vendors, you know, if you're 30 days out plus you start
14 getting fees and such like that. So we want to make sure
15 that we are paying our bills when we should be paying
16 them. And so what Drew had brought up is that we could
17 bring to you a listing of those regular vendors that
18 hopefully we can explain to you our normal course of
19 business that shouldn't be an issue that again, we have a
20 contractual obligation to pay that's going to exceed the
21 \$25,000 mark. And I would say that -- and I guess the
22 other piece of that is or it's another taxing
23 municipality. Because you know, we do make payments to
24 and obviously the state, different cities, the IRS, these
25 are all things that we'd rather not get you know, on the

1 bad side of the IRS.

2 All those, there's only one there that I think
3 doesn't necessarily meet that criteria in terms of regular
4 monthly-type of payments and that's if you go to the
5 second, the bottom half of that where it says RJ&J. That
6 doesn't neatly fit into that category. RJ&J does a number
7 of different contractual things for the city and it was
8 bid out sometime in the past and they have a contract that
9 runs into I think 2017. And they work on water breaks and
10 sewer issues as well as do some trucking for that. And
11 their invoices could range from \$3,000 over \$25,000 so I
12 want to bring that to your attention so you don't think
13 that that's something you're going to see on a regular
14 basis but also to get how you like to handle that. Again,
15 we rely upon them to come in after hours for us and all
16 that so keeping timely payments to them would be
17 beneficial to the city. But again, I didn't know how
18 you'd want to approach that. If it's wrong you know,
19 they'll have to wait on the normal course of business but
20 if you look at the check distribution you'll see there you
21 have you know, a wide range of dollar amounts with it.
22 But everything else with that, you know, you have Blue
23 Cross/Blue Shield, city of Detroit, for the water, city of
24 Riverview is for our trash. City of Wyandotte is actually
25 a number of different things. We have the central

1 dispatch as well as the animal control facility.

2 Obviously the district court, we actually provide money to
3 the district court in advance into their budget to help
4 pay for things where they actually are writing checks for
5 DTE Energy, obviously electricity and natural gas for the
6 buildings; IRS for employee tax rolls, payroll taxes. The
7 board of education because we collect taxes on their
8 behalf. MERS which is our pension for the non-police,
9 fire employees. On a quarterly basis we make a payment to
10 the police and fire pension. Rizzo Services are trash
11 collection. RJ&J I brought up. SafeBuilt does our
12 building inspections and building department and basically
13 runs our building department. Wayne County we collect
14 taxes, obviously on behalf of them. Then also Wayne
15 County for the downriver sewage work and then we also make
16 excess flow payments to them as well, as part of that.

17 MR. BONDS: All right, so we've got to have a
18 motion to approve pending discussion. Or did I already
19 have a motion on this?

20 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: No, you didn't, Chair, but I
21 would add, I was reviewing this today and I noticed that
22 payroll was not on this. We wouldn't want the city to
23 have to wait for an RTAB meeting to make payroll.

24 MR. BONDS: Oh, absolutely.

25 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: So maybe we could add that.

1 MR. BONDS: I don't know how we'd forget that
2 one.

3 MR. DUNLEAVY: Motion to discuss.

4 MR. ZECH: Support.

5 MR. BONDS: Moved and supported and it's open to
6 discussion.

7 MR. DUNLEAVY: Do you also want to include the
8 state of Michigan since you have to make payroll?

9 MR. COPPLER: Apparently they're not over
10 \$25,000. Okay.

11 MR. BONDS: So that's into discussion. Ms.
12 Allen?

13 MS. ALLEN: Could you please clarify or explain
14 what are you asking us to approve? Is it just the vendor?
15 I see you have an average dollar amount. Is there some
16 "not to exceed amount" that we would be approving and for
17 what time period?

18 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: If it's all the same to you,
19 I had asked Mr. Coppler to generate this list because in
20 our other RTAB communities as with this one, the reality
21 is that the city has council meetings more frequently than
22 you have your RTAB meetings and so certain expenditures
23 that would be reviewed by say the council, so that under
24 this final order it would be certain expenditures that
25 exceed \$25,000, correct? The city council might approve

1 that at a meeting but their ordinances and resolutions are
2 not effective until they are reviewed by this board and so
3 nothing happens. No check is cut until the next month
4 potentially. And so I said well, Matt if you could
5 generate a list of vendors that really can't wait, that
6 can't wait and honestly also vendors that would not be
7 prone to abuse, right? So these are going to be generally
8 budgeted, known amounts that are going to largely other
9 taxing jurisdictions and so I think payroll is an
10 excellent example where you know, supposing city council
11 approves an issuance of payroll. You know those checks
12 would go out that Friday. They cannot wait until the next
13 RTAB meeting so your question was is there an upper limit,
14 as presented, no. It's simply the category of vendors.
15 So however much the city owes to the IRS, they would have
16 pre-approval from this board if you were to make this
17 motion and resolution to tender checks as necessary once
18 the council acts or that gets less than \$25,000, then the
19 city administrator could do it. So, did that answer your
20 question?

21 MR. BONDS: So in a sense it is a threshold. It
22 is the \$25,000 or greater?

23 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: No, sir. It would be
24 anything from these particular vendors?

25 MR. BONDS: So it's the vendors who we are

1 approving?

2 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Yes, no, if it's less than
3 \$25,000 Mr. Coppler would have the authority to issue that
4 check. If it was greater than \$25,000 --

5 MR. BONDS: Thank you Mr. Van de Grift.

6 MS. THOMAS: Can you go back to the RJ&J. I
7 mean that seems like that is the one that fluctuates. You
8 said it can be as much as \$3,000, as much as 50. I mean
9 that's a wide range.

10 MR. COPPLER: Yeah.

11 MS. THOMAS: Yeah, help me understand. I
12 understand that they are doing critical emergency needs
13 for the city. Help me understand that relationship as
14 well because how does that work?

15 MR. COPPLER: Well, it -- on the work for water
16 leaks or excuse me, water breaks, and such, those are as
17 needed. So if there is a water leak tonight they are
18 going to be the primary source of correcting that issue
19 for us. It's by contract. The city for the most part has
20 bid that service out and they were the company that had
21 the best price for it and so that's kind of the uniqueness
22 of it is that there could be one month where, you know,
23 it's only a trucking bill which is a few thousand dollars.
24 If there's a number of water leaks or sewer problems that
25 they're working on which I think is this particular case

1 it would pop up over that, that \$25,000.

2 Depending upon and I think this is the other
3 issue with it, is depending upon how you read that the
4 order of the emergency manager. Because what he had put
5 in there is per transaction and so what constitutes a
6 transaction? And in talking with Drew and others with the
7 treasury what the thought was that it'd be better to err
8 on the side of getting permission than not getting the
9 permission with that. Because again, to me a per
10 transaction would be, you know, when they go out and fix
11 that water leak, that's a transaction. And generally
12 those aren't more than, again, a few thousand to \$5,000
13 per transaction. But the way that they invoice would be,
14 you know, with all those separate transactions and that's
15 what you'd see there where we received that invoice for
16 more than \$25,000.

17 MS. THOMAS: How often is that contract reviewed
18 or assuming it's been -- how often is it reviewed or when
19 is the last time that you actually reviewed that contract
20 given the relationship? It sounds like there may have
21 been some transition of the expectations so I guess has
22 that been addressed, is that something that you're looking
23 at?

24 MR. COPPLER: I think that all of our existing
25 contracts when they expire need to be rebid and I think

1 there are some that haven't been bid in many, many years
2 that need to be bid. You know a good example is something
3 while the emergency manager is here are planning services.
4 Planning and zone services in the contract with the
5 company, it was bid out in 1996. So we have a few of
6 those out there that we need to go out and to bid and
7 we're working through kind of based upon you know, how
8 critical they are to us, how they fit into the cycle of
9 what we're doing plus what they cost us. So you'll be
10 seeing a lot of those.

11 MR. BONDS: Mr. Zech?

12 MR. ZECH: Thank you.

13 Mr. Coppler, the SafeBuilt, RJ&J, how long ago
14 did the city go from perhaps having its own staff handle
15 water main breaks or do the building inspection? Was it
16 recent, was it under the emergency manager, was it a few
17 years ago?

18 MR. COPPLER: The SafeBuilt was brought in by
19 the emergency city manager. I'll say that was like
20 November of 2014, I believe.

21 The work on the outside bid to work on water
22 sewer lines goes back further and that was before the
23 emergency manager.

24 MR. ZECH: So was an analysis done that we could
25 save money by reducing the number of employees full time

1 or part time and by outsourcing it?

2 MR. COPPLER: The best thing I can say is that
3 was before my time so I can't really speak intelligently
4 about that.

5 MR. ZECH: Okay. But it was approved by the
6 city council?

7 MR. COPPLER: Yeah. I mean there is clear
8 evidence that the contract with, for instance, RJ&J was
9 approved by the council. It was -- I think back in 2014
10 actually extended -- in 2013 was actually extended to 2017
11 with the understanding that they were going to reduce
12 their fees to the city in that period as well.

13 MR. ZECH: The Rizzo contract for waste pickup,
14 is that contract between the city of Lincoln Park and
15 Rizzo or are there other communities that are this is like
16 a joint contract wherein Rizzo picks up Lincoln Park,
17 Melvindale, Allen Park, Taylor or whatever?

18 MR. KOZUH: That's directly with Rizzo. And I'm
19 talking with a number of local communities. They are in
20 the process of trying to figure out how we'll do that
21 collection now. I think I'm guessing this, but I think
22 Lincoln Park was one of the first to change to Rizzo and
23 Rizzo has been getting a bigger footprint of service
24 within the downriver communities over the last few years.

25 MR. ZECH: Approximately how long ago was that?

1 MR. KOZUH: About three years or so.

2 MR. ZECH: Thank you.

3 MR. BONDS: Ms. Allen?

4 MS. ALLEN: At the risk of sounding like a
5 micromanager which I do recruiting, which I'm not here to
6 do, I do have a concern we do have vendors where the
7 amount could vary and I think the one limit we would have
8 is on the type of services to be provided. In particular
9 looking at the RJ&J where it could be understand, too,
10 that you need to be able to go out and fix the emergency
11 repairs. There are things that can be scheduled like
12 regular maintenance. I don't think that should be one
13 just a standing you can pay that without having to come
14 back for some approval. Likewise with the SafeBuilt that
15 says it's based on a percentage. Again, I think I'm okay
16 if there's some not to exceed amount they were pre-
17 approving? What would those be? With the Rizzo I get
18 with the rubbish collection. Is that a fixed monthly fee?

19 MR. COPPLER: Yes.

20 MS. ALLEN: Well there's a fixed fee so we
21 clearly know we're approving. Clearly with the
22 governmental entities and with the health carriers, Blue
23 Cross, United Health Care, DTE Energy, I understand we're
24 paying exactly what you are using. But I would have a
25 problem with say with those other vendors.

1 MR. BONDS: I echo that. My concern is with
2 SafeBuilt because that clearly is performance based
3 contract and we don't have a way of verifying that so what
4 I would actually propose to the board is to exclude Rizzo,
5 RJ&J and SafeBuilt at this meeting until we can get
6 further details on those contracts.

7 MR. DUNLEAVY: Can I ask just a question on
8 that? Is that going to cause the city any problems if we
9 do that?

10 MR. COPPLER: I don't believe so with RJ&J. I
11 don't believe so standing here. Obviously we have to talk
12 to them about that but going back to the SafeBuilt they
13 are paid based upon the fees that they collect so it's a
14 percentage of that.

15 MR. DUNLEAVY: Correct.

16 MR. COPPLER: And so we do get, you know, when
17 they give us the bill they show us what their collection
18 is and all that. So.

19 MR. BONDS: What I'm referring to is I'd like to
20 -- because we're being presented is today I'd like the
21 board to have an opportunity to see a transaction for
22 approval at the next meeting. I would like to have these
23 three tabled or excluded out of this motion so that's the
24 chair's friendly amendment to those who made the amendment
25 to approve.

1 MR. DUNLEAVY: I just still want to make it
2 clear on the friendly amendment that it's not going to
3 cause the city any problems.

4 MR. BONDS: For one month.

5 MR. DUNLEAVY: For one month. I mean because--

6 MS. ALLEN: Are you indicating there is concern?

7 MR. BONDS: If there is concern please bring it
8 forward.

9 MR. KOZUH: Just to add to what Mr. Coppler has
10 already said, unfortunately over the years the city has
11 reduced the D.P.S. staff. And at that point in time the
12 D.P.S. did do the water main repairs. They gave the
13 repairs -- the water service repaired, the hydrant repairs
14 or replacements. Now that service is contracted out.
15 Unfortunately we do not know when those services -- we may
16 have to incur those services at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 in the
17 morning when it's zero degrees, two degrees below. They
18 also do our signature repairs. When we've got an unknown
19 sewer collapse. Now we may be jeopardizing one basement,
20 two basements or 100 basements of flooding. So we do have
21 to -- or I should say I do have to make a contractor's
22 decision, is that water main break bad enough where it's
23 either going to impair the schools, the public's health,
24 the condition or undermining of the roadways where it
25 creates another issue? The same thing goes along with the

1 sanitary system. They are a decent size contractor but I
2 don't believe that the city or the RTAB should put their
3 money at risk, having to wait for it because when we have
4 a water main break at 2:00, 3:00 in the morning they do
5 come out. Right now.

6 MR. DUNLEAVY: I don't think we're looking at
7 this long term. I think we're asking if we give it a
8 month to take a look at it.

9 MR. KOZUH: Provided -- and --

10 MR. DUNLEAVY: And if we told them we're going
11 to take a look at it for a month because maybe there's
12 another way of doing it that you've just presented to each
13 month to us the checks that you write to these folks and
14 we have an opportunity to discuss it at that point. And
15 then if you tell us that you're going to out for bid for
16 these in the future then we might be okay with it. But
17 right now the motion is just as I understand it, to wait
18 one month and bring this item up again.

19 MS. ALLEN: Could I offer a friendly amendment.

20 MR. BONDS: You can, Ms. Allen.

21 MS. ALLEN: Given the concerns that have been
22 expressed and we are asking for one month, for this one
23 month are RJ&J only that we would say that we are
24 authorizing this for emergency repairs? An amendment to
25 your --

1 MR. KOZUH: Could I ask this of this RTAB, are
2 you saying -- because presently the city does owe RJ&J
3 some money. Are you saying hold that for another month or
4 make that payment and then do this review for the upcoming
5 month?

6 MR. BONDS: Here is the clarification. We want
7 to make the payment because if we've already incurred the
8 expense.

9 MR. KOZUH: Okay.

10 MR. BONDS: What we are needing to be educated
11 on are the terms of the contract and performance. For
12 example, like on SafeBuilt. They are a fee -- they get
13 paid based on a percentage of fees. We need to understand
14 that process and how that impacts the budget and what are
15 those fees? I'm assuming those are building fines?

16 MR. ZECH: Building permits.

17 MR. KOZUH: And I've got to be honest with you.
18 I don't have a problem with SafeBuilt. That one we'll
19 leave up to the city manager.

20 MR. BONDS: Yeah.

21 MR. KOZUH: What I am worrying about is like
22 this contractor RJ&J because he's the one -- or let's say
23 his company is the one that I and all of the city count on
24 on a daily basis. Because we don't have the staffing.

25 MR. BONDS: And we don't want to have any public

1 safety or protection issues as a result of the actions of
2 the board. So to clarify my intent, I want to extract
3 those from blanket approval until we get clarification on
4 those respective contracts. Not to hold up payment so
5 that's where the chair was coming.

6 MR. KOZUH: Perfect. As far as I'm concerned in
7 providing that service and I know the city manager and I
8 have been conversing on better ways of doing it.

9 MS. THOMAS: Just out of curiosity, has there
10 ever been like a trend analysis just to see when those
11 upticks are and for maybe some of the others that are
12 there, has anyone looked at it to say okay, in the summer
13 months or in the winter months we're seeing a lot, is
14 anyone paying attention to that, just out of curiosity?

15 MR. KOZUH: Unfortunately yes. Actually by
16 virtue of my phone. I lived that 25 hours a day, 9 days a
17 week. Because if there's a water main break, if there's a
18 this, that, this or that, either through the police
19 department or city staff or the homeowners they will call.

20 MS. THOMAS: Right. So is there something
21 documented I guess in so many words, the month of May we
22 expect that there will be 20 more service calls or what
23 not. Is there some sort of monthly analysis?

24 MR. KOZUH: Monthly analysis, no. There's kind
25 of a rule of thumb in the water industry. In the colder

1 months and the drier months typically you could expect
2 more when "D" did this D -- or I should say the Great
3 Lakes Water Authority now, raises up the pressure. Or the
4 ground gets cold with frost and the ground starts to move
5 it will create more breaks. Luckily this year we haven't
6 seen that because we haven't had the cold weather.

7 MS. THOMAS: Right.

8 MR. KOZUH: But then the other part as far as
9 sanitary of as Mr. Coppler already said, we're going
10 through that SRF process. Both the sanitary and the water
11 are unfortunately are in very poor shape here in this
12 community. When are we going to have a sanitary collapse,
13 I have no idea. Typically your sanitary system is lower
14 in the ground, probably eight down to in this community 28
15 feet in depth. Typically you don't get frost down that
16 deep, it doesn't affect it. But what does affect it is a
17 rain event. The rain events do affect the volume of the
18 sanitary system. The other part that this community has
19 to do is they have make sure that they keep the system
20 functioning, cleaned and functioning. And Mr. Zech will
21 tell you because the community he used to work in sent
22 their sewage through our community to down to the Wayne
23 County system. And I used to just hate when his
24 community would send his waste product through to us.

25 MR. ZECH: Is that on you?

1 MR. KOZUH: Exactly. But I was going to say it
2 works.

3 MR. ZECH: We were west of you.

4 MR. BONDS: Thank you for your expertise. We
5 appreciate it very much. We have to clarify what we have
6 on the table.

7 With that we have a motion made and a second to
8 approve this for discussion and I will have to say this,
9 he needs to properly articulate his intent but his intent
10 is to friendly amend the motion to approve to extract
11 Rizzo, RJ&J and SafeBuilt from blanket approval only,
12 pending contractual information to be presented to us at
13 the next meeting by the city manager on the terms of those
14 contracts and transaction examples. We're not prohibiting
15 any payments to those three items, we're just preventing
16 them from being part of the blanket approval at this time.

17 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: And payroll.

18 MR. BONDS: And the addition of staff payroll to
19 the list.

20 MR. ZECH: Is that biweekly? That would fall
21 under being biweekly?

22 MR. KOZUH: Yes.

23 MR. BONDS: So that was the friendly amendment.
24 And I don't have my *Roberts Rules* a book in front of me
25 which I will have it at the next meeting but I think I

1 need to get someone to accept.

2 MR. ZECH: I'd be glad to make that friendly
3 amendment just as you stated it for you.

4 MR. BONDS: Perfect. Perfect.

5 MS. ALLEN: Didn't we have a motion to approve?

6 MR. BONDS: No. We were in discussion, still in
7 discussion, so we've got -- we have motion to approve the
8 item for discussion, that was seconded, we're in
9 discussion, I make a friendly amendment and actually the
10 chair should have let one of the board members make that
11 friendly amendment but Mr. Zech has stepped in to make
12 that on behalf of the chair. Now we need a second to the
13 friendly amendment.

14 MS. ALLEN: I second it.

15 MR. BONDS: It's been properly seconded so what
16 the action at hand is to approve this item as amended
17 extracting out Rizzo, RJ&J, SafeBuilt from this month's
18 only blanket approval adding staff payroll as an ongoing
19 blanket approval and so be it.

20 MR. DUNLEAVY: If I could -- you actually have
21 to approve the amendment.

22 MR. ZECH: Right.

23 MR. DUNLEAVY: Actually the first vote is on
24 the amendment and then it's on the original motion.

25 MR. BONDS: I'll have my book next week.

1 Because we need to approve the first amendment. We've got
2 the motion, we have the second. We've had discussion.
3 All those in favor of approving the first motion signify
4 by saying aye?

5 (MEMBERS IN UNISON:) Aye.

6 MR. BONDS: Any opposed?

7 | (No response.)

8 MR. BONDS: No. Now the friendly amendment.

9 Mr. Zech has moved, Ms. Allen has seconded. Any further
10 discussion.

11 UNIDENTIFIED AUDIENCE SPEAKER: You're just
12 doing it backwards. You have to do the friendly amendment
13 first.

14 MR. BONDS: Which is what we just did.

15 MR. DUNLEAVY: We just did.

16 MR. BONDS: So any discussion? All those in
17 favor of the friendly amendment signify by stating aye.

18 | (MEMBERS IN UNISON:) Aye.

19 MR. BONDS: Any opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. BONDS: None. It's passed.

22 We will be a crash course on the *Roberts Rules*
23 by next month.

Okay. City administrator report. The look ahead memo. I like the title of that.

1 MR. COPPLER: I was trying to give you a little
2 bit of understanding of at least at that point in time of
3 why I wrote the memo, what to be expecting coming up and
4 then I'm picking the bigger items and within that the two
5 bigger items is one, the budget amendment we are working
6 on is going to council tonight. We kind of already talked
7 about that a little bit earlier on when we were talking
8 about the actuals and expenditures. That's something that
9 hopefully counsel will adopt as well tonight. We're
10 trying to catch up and again, there were some actions that
11 were taken prior to the E.M. leaving that for whatever
12 reason didn't get encapsulated into his budget amendment
13 for that for the current year. So we're trying to catch
14 up with that plus also looking at the rate of
15 expenditures, some of the different items.

16 Again, we're trying to do this once because if
17 we're coming back to you on a monthly basis there's the
18 process is so long potentially we may not have it until
19 next year. So we're trying to do it once. So there are
20 some items we were looking at and trying to estimate what
21 that number is going to be at the end of the year. So
22 that's coming. Again you'll see that as part of next
23 month's agenda. And then the second piece is that even
24 though the emergency manager did a two-year budget and the
25 two-year budget was the remainder of the current year and

1 then in fiscal year 2017. He didn't budget everything.
2 We have a number of funds that were not budgeted. So we
3 are going through that process with the staff and the city
4 council plus putting into play some of those changes that
5 are part of the budget amendment that we are doing now
6 since we have better numbers to potentially increase those
7 so we don't have to again make another budget amendment
8 midway through the year.

9 So those are the two big items that I think are
10 coming. I did mention earlier that not in this report but
11 you'll be seeing next month the approval of the awarded
12 bids for the sewer work.

13 MR. BONDS: Thank you.

14 Chair will accept a motion to accept the city
15 manager's report.

16 MR. ZECH: So moved.

17 MR. DUNLEAVY: Second.

18 MR. BONDS: Proper second. Any discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. BONDS: All those in favor signify by saying
21 aye.

22 (MEMBERS IN UNISON:) Aye.

23 MR. BONDS: Any opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. BONDS: None, motion passed.

1 Okay, we have found our way to public comments.
2 So let's open this up. For those who would like to speak
3 it's two minutes and please sign in.

4 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Your name?

5 MS. MILER: My name is Kathy Miller. I want to
6 ask a question about the pensions. I mean it's kind of
7 common consensus here in Lincoln Park that the 2004 early
8 pension buyout is what led us here today. In Mr.
9 Coulter's letter at the end of the year he states that the
10 pension contribution will be increased for the police and
11 fire from 5.6 to 8.6 million per year and at last time
12 city council meeting two weeks ago the quarterly payment
13 was approved for 1.399 million which if you make that 1.4
14 it total 5.6. So there was supposed to be \$3 million from
15 the cancellation of the retiree health care that was going
16 to be funneled back into the pensions and I'd like to know
17 what happened to that? If anyone could enlighten me
18 because the new budget says 3.425 million. For the police
19 and fire retirement which is 2 million -- or five million
20 less than Mr. Coulter stated in his year-end letter of
21 December 27 I think that was.

22 So I'm just wondering if you guys as a board
23 will look into the contents. I mean he states an Order 60
24 that it has to be 60 percent funded 20 years from now.
25 Those of us who will still be here 20 years from now in

1 Lincoln Park I have no idea how that's going to be
2 accomplished. So. That's my statement I guess if you
3 could look at that.

4 MR. BONDS: Thank you very much.

5 MS. MILLER: Thank you.

6 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Mr. Larry Kelsey.

7 MR. KELSEY: Thank you. First of all, I'd like
8 to say thank you for putting the RTAB onto the cable
9 channel. The other two compadres did not do that, Ecorse
10 or Allen Park so thank you very much. I think it's very
11 innovative as far as doing that for the citizens that
12 can't make it here.

13 One of the other things I'd like to say is I was
14 one of the newly elected officials that came on board when
15 everything went south. So I'm a little bit flustered
16 about some of the stuff that I heard. I know that one of
17 the problems is that I see is that an Order 60 was signed
18 right at the end of the year. It says, and I'll quote,
19 "The city shall -- " not will but shall, it's on page
20 seven, sorry. It's number 27. And we just talked about,
21 just talked about this at your RTAB.

22 "The City shall place the 3.4591 mill Police
23 and Fire millage and charter amendment on the ballot
24 sometime between August 2016 and February 2017 for a three
25 year renewal as this millage expires in June 2017. If the

1 millage fails to renew, the City will place an alternate
2 millage back on the ballot, with or without a term limit,
3 as soon as legally possible, preferably by May 2017. If
4 after two attempts the millage does not pass, the City
5 must approach the Board with an alternative financing or
6 budget arrangement."

7 As a citizen also as an elected office I've got
8 a problem with that. I mean I've got no problem with the
9 fact that if you're going to run my city then you should
10 be elected in my city. Because with all due respect you
11 were appointed by the governor. You're not elected by the
12 electorate. Now I understand how the homeroom rules and I
13 can't get into that and you're all aware of that, too,
14 because I'm sure you're up there, you're well aware. The
15 problem I've got is that if you're going to run the city,
16 then you need to run the city. And I don't think one time
17 a month is not much to be here to run this city if you're
18 going to do the finances for the city. This is not a one
19 month organization to run. We meet twice to run this
20 city. And as it is it's not enough. So I'd like to make
21 in consideration that you consider arguably what marks on
22 that fact and then also the fact that when you tell the
23 citizens that are populace of the voters that they shall,
24 not will but if they turn it down you're going to come
25 right back in. Be careful what you're asking for.

1 Because what you're telling people is their vote doesn't
2 count and it's not that the millage isn't important, I
3 want to make that quite clear. It's very important and it
4 should be that. But when you start telling people what
5 they got to do and not what they will do and you pretend
6 to give them the option and then you take it away from
7 them that's not good democratic government.

8 Thank you.

9 MR. BONDS: Thank you.

10 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Mr. Goslin.

11 MR. GOSLIN: Yeah, I listened to a lot of you
12 questioning our staff up here and I hope that over time
13 that you recognize what a lot of us already know; is that
14 we've got some really good people working for us here.
15 And that I hope that over time that you'll start to trust
16 them a little bit more, too. You know, call the daily
17 shots. I understand that you have a job right now. What
18 Mr. Kozuh is top at his job. Ms. Griggs, no better
19 finance person around. Matt who just got here; every
20 confidence in the world that he's going to do a great job.
21 I hope that very shortly you feel that same way.

22 I wanted to talk -- I was driving down one of
23 our roads the other day and I hit a pothole and it was so
24 hard I had to get a front end alignment. Cost me \$400 for
25 a front end alignment. Wasn't that long ago the citizens

1 of Lincoln Park approved a road millage, some bonding to
2 go out and start fixing our roads. The emergency manager
3 was unwilling to issue those bonds. I would encourage
4 this city council to take the actions to issue those bonds
5 so that this body can review some of those because my
6 payment of my share of those bonds is a fraction of what
7 it cost me on my front end alignment which was over \$400.
8 It's ridiculous that we continue not to fix our roads
9 here. I implore the council to take some action so that
10 this board can take some action.

11 Finally, on the city budget, under the emergency
12 manager as time goes by you will find that that budget is
13 one of the great works of fiction ever produced. That
14 there is absolutely no basis in reality for many of the
15 assumptions. This young man is going to fix those things.
16 But do not be shocked when the overtime starts running
17 over, when the material costs start going over because
18 frankly, it was not done correctly. The emergency manager
19 was more interested in producing a budget that got him out
20 the door than reflective reality.

21 That's all I have.

22 MR. BONDS: Thank you.

23 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Mr. Richard Krudow
24 (phonetic).

25 MR. KRUDOW: Good afternoon, folks.

1 MR. BONDS: Good afternoon.

2 MR. KRUDOW: We're here to talk about finances,
3 emergency manger was talking about finances and then I
4 look at emergency order 48. Charter amendments. I don't
5 think the governor or the emergency manger or this board
6 should really be concerned about how do we fill a vacancy
7 on the city council. As far as I'm concerned emergency
8 order 48 is just a piece of garbage. Emergency order
9 number 60, page number one, "The city Manager shall be
10 seated to the immediate right of the Mayor at all City
11 Council meetings." Are you kidding me? What's that got
12 to do with finances? I think in several instances the
13 emergency manager overstepped his authority.

14 On page 7: "The City shall renew the special
15 street lighting assessment in an amount sufficient to
16 cover all costs and future equipment upgrades necessary
17 for the provision of street lighting." This is one of my
18 pet peeves. I call the resolution 2013-379 illegal. That
19 was the one for street lighting in Detroit in the DTE
20 area. (sic) I call it illegal but it's not in compliance
21 with the act. Act 188 says, "The township board has the
22 power to make an improvement named in this act to provide
23 for the payment of an improvement by the issuance of bonds
24 as provided in Section 15 and to determine that the whole
25 or any part of the cost of an improvement shall be

1 defrayed by special assessment against the property
2 especially benefited by the improvement." It doesn't say
3 that if you live six miles away from the new lights in the
4 DTE area that we have improved your property value so
5 we're going to increase your property taxes. The city
6 accepted this. This was put forward by Plante Moran as
7 just a scam to get more money for the city. I understand
8 all that. But it specifically says in the Act.
9 "Especially befitting..." that means: I've done some
10 research on this. Do not raise my property values if it
11 did not raise my property values it did not especially
12 benefit me and my property taxes should not have been
13 raised for this. And in the emergency manager order he
14 wants a renewal of this.

15 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: That's two minutes.

16 MR. KUDROW: Okay. Thank you so much.

17 MR. BONDS: Thank you.

18 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: That concludes public
19 comment.

20 MR. BONDS: Okay. We're down to board comment
21 and the only thing I have is I want to make sure that we
22 inform the public that they can access all of our key RTAB
23 information from either the city's website or the Michigan
24 Department of Treasury's website. So I want to make sure
25 they want to know how to get to that information.

1 Anything else from the board?

2 MR. DUNLEAVY: Just --

3 MR. BONDS: Yes, sir.

4 MR. DUNLEAVY: Just for information I will be
5 out of town next board meeting. I can try and see if we
6 can phone conference in.

7 MR. BONDS: Okay. We'll work together on that.

8 Thank you for that notice.

9 Hearing none--

10 MR. DUNLEAVY: I do have one comment. I just
11 wanted to make sure that the people in the room here and
12 the residents of Lincoln Park understand that the city of
13 Wayne in no way caused any problems for the Lincoln Park
14 sanitary sewer system. It -- while I was working for the
15 city of Wayne we constructed a two and a half million
16 gallon retention tank so that when we had rain events we
17 actually stockpiled or impounded our sanitary sewage and
18 stormwater from going into the system and causing problems
19 for our neighbors downriver, downstream from us. And we
20 were completed with that project by 1999. It's been in
21 effect for now a number of years and it's worked very,
22 very well. It eliminated flooding in our own community as
23 well as creating any difficulties for our friends to the
24 east of us. So I just wanted to make that comment so that
25 my friendship with John stays intact. As well as my

1 respect for the people of Lincoln Park.

2 MR. BONDS: Thank you very much.

3 Chair will accept a motion for adjournment,
4 we're at that stage.

5 MR. ZECH: Motion to adjourn.

6 MR. BONDS: So made. Is there a second?

7 (Second inaudible)

8 MR. BONDS: Any discussion? All those in favor
9 of adjourning signify by saying aye.

10 (MEMBERS IN UNISON:) Aye.

11 MR. BONDS: The motion passed.

12 Thank you for a thoughtful meeting.

13 (At 3:00 p.m. meeting adjourned.)

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2 STATE OF MICHIGAN
3 COUNTY OF WASHTENAW) ss.

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6 I certify that this transcript is a complete, true, and
7 correct transcript to the best of my ability of the RTAB
8 meeting held on February 16, 2016 at the city of Lincoln Park.
9 I also certify that I am not a relative or employee of the
10 parties involved and have no financial interest in this case.

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12 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: February 24, 2016

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15 *s/Amy Shankleton-Novess*

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17 Amy Shankleton-Novess (CER 0838)
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