

City of Ecorse
Receivership Transition Advisory Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 9, 2014
9:00 a.m.

APPROVED – OCTOBER 14, 2014

Ecorse City Hall
Council Chambers
Albert B Buday Civic Center
3869 West Jefferson
Ecorse, MI 48229

I. Called to order at 9:07 a.m.

A. Roll Call

- a. Robert Bovitz PRESENT
- b. Edward Koryzno PRESENT
- c. Joyce Parker PRESENT

B. Approval of Agenda

*Motion made by Bovitz to APPROVE Agenda

*Second by Parker

No discussion

Yeas--Bovitz, Koryzno, Parker

Nays--None

***Agenda approved as printed**

C. Approval of August 12, 2014, RTAB Minutes with noted amendments

*Motion made by Parker to APPROVE Minutes

*Second by Bovitz

No discussion

Yeas--Bovitz, Koryzno, Parker

Nays--None

***Minutes approved**

D. Approval of August 27th RTAB Special Meeting Minutes

*Motion made by Bovitz to approve

*Second by Parker

No discussion

Yeas--Bovitz, Parker, Koryzno

Nays--None

***Special Meeting Minutes approved**

II. New Business

A. 1. Approval of resolutions and ordinances from regular City Council meeting of July 22, 2014

*Motion made by Bovitz to approve, with exception of Resolution 248.14

*Second by Parker

No discussion

Yeas--Bovitz, Parker, Koryzno

Nays--None

***Regular City Council meeting approved**

2. Resolutions from regular City Council meeting, August 6th, 2014

*Motion made by Bovitz to approve, with exception of Resolution 279.14

*Second by Parker

Discussion:

Parker: Question regarding 265.14, addressed by Mr.Charles Wycoff. Issues regarding:

I. Food pantry

II. Communication tower

III. Recreation

IV. Changes to assignment of trash contract

Yeas--Bovitz, Parker, Koryzno
Nays--None

***Motion to approve resolutions approved**

I. Resolution 279.14, expedite payment to poll workers

Addressed by Mr. Van de Grift

Discussion:

Bovitz: Question regarding paying poll workers night of the election. Mr. Van de Grift advises it is inconsistent with normal policy.

Parker: Questions regarding practice prior to RTAB, addressed by Mr. Tim McCurly.

*Motion made by Parker to approve

Bovitz questions if approving, denying, or tabling.

Parker advises to approve paying election workers the night of the elections.

*Second by Bovitz.

Further Discussion:

Bovitz: Regarding Mr. McCurly's statement of the inconvenience of checks being pre-issued. Addressed by Mr. Van de Grift regarding individuals being paid same night or as pre-approved.

Bovitz: Raises issue regarding walk-on new vendor

Yeas--Bovitz, Parker, Koryzno
Nays--None

***Motion approved**

3. Resolutions from special City Council meeting, August 7th, 2014

*Motion made by Bovitz to approve

*Second by Parker

Discussion: Bovitz questions if this is the meeting that new city administrator was to be hired. Koryzno advises August 12th was the meeting he was referring to. Confirms August 7th meeting was interviews.

Yeas--Bovitz, Parker, Koryzno

Nays--None

***Resolutions approved**

4. Resolutions from special City Council meeting, August 12th, 2014

*Motion made by Bovitz to approve, with exception of Resolution 289.14 (Resolution to hire Timothy Sydowski as City Administrator)

*Second by Parker

No discussion

Yeas--Bovitz, Parker, Koryzno

Nays--None

***Motion approved, with exception of Resolution 289.14**

I. Resolution 289.14, resolution to hire Timothy Sydowski as City Administrator. Addressed by Mr. Van de Grift, regarding Emergency Manager Order 82, incorporating job description for interim City Administrator. Advises minimum qualifications are not met by Mr. Sydowski.

Koryzno entertains motion; Bovitz inquiring as to whether this is to deny Resolution 289.14. Koryzno states this is for the Board to decide.

*Motion by Bovitz to deny Resolution 289.14

*Second by Parker

Koryzno states that he wants to reiterate that they are reinforcing the EM's order by denying this, if vote is to deny.

Yeas--Bovitz, Parker, Koryzno
Nays--None

***Motion to deny resolution is confirmed**

5. Claims and Accounts from Regular City Council meeting draft minutes of August 19th, 2014

*Motion by Parker

*Second by Bovitz

No discussion

Yeas--Bovitz, Parker, Koryzno
Nays--None

***Motion approved**

B. Letter from City Administrator dated September 9, 2014

1. Approval of City Council minutes
2. Approval of Budget to Actual Report, Attachment 8A, addressed by Mr. Van de Grift. Advises it has been reviewed and recommends approval.

*Motion by Bovitz

*Second by Parker

No discussion

Yeas--Bovitz, Parker, Koryzno
Nays--None

***Motion approved to approve monthly Budget to Actual Report**

3. City Administrator update/information only.
4. Checks released/information only.

5. Late fee payments, addressed by Mr. Van de Grift. Advises he and fiscal health specialist met with the City to discuss ways to eliminate late payments and other fines. Concluded that there are two circumstances that cause late payments. One is scheduling of City Council meetings and a later TAB meeting taking longer to issue a check. Other area is setting up the processing of bills timely. Mr. McCurly also addresses; advises the checks be provided on a weekly basis, with a report after the fact.

6. Approval of part time police officers, addressed by Mr. Van de Grift. Specific request is to be able to hire part time police officers on the police side of public safety.

*Motion by Bovitz to approve Resolution 318.14

*Second by Parker

Yeas--Bovitz, Parker, Koryzno

Nays--None

***Motion to approve Resolution 318.14 is passed**

III. Public Comment

Richard Mannausa, attorney representing Timothy Sydowski. Addressing Mr. Sydowski's qualifications for City Administrator, and requesting that the board reconsider its position in denying him that position.

IV. Board Comments

V. Adjournment 9:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Shankleton-Novess

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