

Ecorse Receivership Transition Advisory Board (TAB)
Minutes
October 8, 2013
9:00 AM

Ecorse City Hall
2nd Floor Council Chambers
Albert B. Buday Civic Center
3869 West Jefferson
Ecorse, MI 48229
(Approved on November 12, 2013)

Members Present:

Robert Bovitz
Edward Koryzno
Joyce Parker

Members Absent:

None

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call – Mr. Koryzno called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM. Let the record show that all Board members are in attendance.
- B. Approval of Agenda – By motion made (Bovitz) and supported (Parker), the Board unanimously voted to approve the agenda.
- C. Approval of September 17, 2013 minutes – By motion made (Parker) and supported (Bovitz), the Board unanimously voted to approve the September 17, 2013 TAB Regular Board meeting minutes as presented.

II. BOARD ACTION

- A. Approval of Ecorse City Council Resolutions (TAB requested additional information from meeting of September 17, 2013).
 - 1. Item #187.13 – Claims and Expenses \$847,791.44
 - 2. Item #195.13 – James Hill Contract
 - 3. Item #2.13Sp – Payroll Claims and Expenses \$2,347,038.87

Koryzno – These items were questioned at the 9/17/13 TAB meeting. Satisfactory information has been received from the City.

Koryzno – I would entertain a motion that the Board approves Item #187.13, Item #195.13, and Item #2.13 Sp.

By motion made (Bovitz) and supported (Parker), the Board unanimously approved the motion.

4. Item #193.13 – Randal v. Ecorse (Judgment Levy) NOT APPROVED

It is still unclear whether the Plaintiff or the City is requesting the judgment levy in the matter of Randal v Ecorse.

Koryzno – I would entertain a motion that the Board requires the City to furnish the TAB with the legal authority relied upon for the planned judgment levy in the matter of Randal v. Ecorse.

By motion made (Bovitz) and supported (Parker) the Board unanimously approved the motion. Item #193.13 is NOT APPROVED at this time.

B. Approval of Ecorse City Council Resolutions and Ordinances

Resolutions from Regular City Council meeting of September 3, 2013 and a Special City Council meeting of September 9, 2013.

Koryzno – I would entertain a motion that the Board approves all resolutions and ordinances enacted at the Regular City Council meeting September 3, 2013 and the Special City Council meeting of September 9, 2013.

By motion made (Parker) and supported (Bovitz) the Board unanimously approved the motion.

C. 5-Year Operating Budget

Koryzno – I would entertain a motion that the Board directs the City to begin producing a 5-year budget which will reflect realistic budgetary concerns such as the prospective loss of Personal Property Tax revenue. EM Order 094(4)(a)(11) requires the City to develop this 5-year budget.

By motion made (Parker) and supported (Bovitz) the Board unanimously approved the motion.

D. Approval of Payments

Koryzno – I would entertain a motion that the Board grants preapproval for regular payroll expenses, not to exceed 125% of the mean payroll expense. ($95,000 \times 1.25 = \$118,750.00$). In exchange for this preapproval, the City must make a monthly communication to the TAB reporting the payroll as paid, including a percentage of current payrolls as compared to the historic mean. In addition, the Board would request a list from the City of all payments that absolutely cannot be paid after the monthly TAB approval; it would be requested that all other expenses be structured for one monthly payment following TAB review.

Van de Griff – The City presented the Board with Options A and B for approval of payments. Neither of these options is satisfactory. The City should plan to restructure what can be paid monthly and provide the Board with a list of what absolutely cannot be paid monthly as the motion suggests.

Parker – Does this mean the City can pay up to 125% of its expenses?

Koryzno – No. They are preapproved to only pay up to 125% of the mean payroll expense. All other invoices will be approved by the TAB. Ideally, the Board will be provided a list from the City of what absolutely cannot be restructured to a monthly payment and the Board can make a determination at that time.

By motion made (Parker) and supported (Bovitz) the Board unanimously approved the motion.

E. Letter from City Administrator dated September 27, 2013

1. Paragraphs 1,4,5, and 6 have been addressed above.

2. Paragraph 2 – August 2013 monthly budget to actual financial report

Koryzno – I would entertain a motion that the Board approves the August 2013 budget to actual report as presented by the City.

By motion made (Bovitz) and supported (Parker) the Board unanimously approved the motion.

3. Tidwell et al court case release of funds approval

Koryzno – I would entertain a motion that the Board approve the September 17, 2013 City Council Item #223.13 which concerns the settlement matter of Tidwell v. Ecorse.

By motion made (Parker) and supported (Bovitz) the Board unanimously approved the motion.

4. Majestic Contractors – sidewalk construction contract

Koryzno – I would entertain a motion that the Board approve the June 11, 2013 - Item #120.13, which concerns the award of a \$17,825.00 sidewalk repair contract to Majestic Contractors, LLC.

By motion made (Bovitz) and supported (Parker) the Board unanimously approved the motion.

5. Majestic Contractors – sewer repair contract.

Koryzno – I would entertain a motion that the Board approves the September 3, 2013 - Item #210.13 which concerns the award of a \$46,925.00 sewer repair contract to Majestic Contractors, LLC.

By motion made (Bovitz) and supported (Parker) the Board unanimously approved the motion.

6. Fiore Enterprises – street reconstruction and repair contract

Koryzno – I would entertain a motion that the Board approves the September 3, 2013 – Item #210.13 which concerns the award of a \$222,577.50 street repair contract to Fiore Enterprises, LLC.

By motion made (Parker) and supported (Bovitz) the Board unanimously approved the motion.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Magnolia Jenkins of Ecorse, Michigan expressed her concern for the citizens in her neighborhood as there are many thefts in the City. She would like to see more officers assigned to patrol. She also presented the Board with a picture of the back of her house which shows the blight right in her own backyard. She requested State funding to help with the blight in the City.
2. Mary Jordan of Ecorse, Michigan expressed her concern regarding the thefts in the City. She is requested State funding for more law enforcement.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Parker – Can the City explore any options to eliminate thefts similar to what Detroit is doing? Can the City Administrator or Treasury help come up with ideas/options that may help the citizens of Ecorse?

Bovitz – Is the City working with police on this issue?

Openlander – Yes.

V. MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, and without objection, Mr. Koryzno adjourned the meeting at 9:33 AM.

Approved - November 12, 2013