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CITY OF FLINT

RECEIVERSHIP TRANSITION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018

2:00 p.m.

Meeting before the RTAB Board at Flint  
City Hall, Flint, Michigan, on Wednesday, January 10,  
2018.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Frederick Headen - The Chairperson
- Joel Ferguson
- David Tarver (by phone)
- Paul Newman (by phone)

FROM THE CITY:

- Mayor Karen Weaver
- Councilman Santino J. Guerra

OTHERS PRESENT:

- R. Eric Cline

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1 Flint, Michigan

2 Wednesday, January 10, 2018

3 2:10 p.m.

4 THE CHAIRPERSON: The meeting will be in  
5 order, please. It's 2:09. Let the record reflect  
6 that there is a quorum present. Mr. Ferguson and I  
7 are here in person. On the phone participating are  
8 Mr. Newman and Mr. Tarver.

9 Next item of business is the approval of  
10 the agenda. Are there any additions to the agenda?

11 If not, without objection, the agenda will  
12 be considered approved as circulated.

13 Next item of business would be the  
14 approval of RTAB minutes of our December 20th  
15 meeting. Those are Attachment 1. Are there any  
16 corrections or additions to those proposed minutes?

17 If not, is there a motion that the minutes  
18 be approved as submitted?

19 MR. FERGUSON: So move.

20 MR. NEWMAN: So move.

21 MR. TARVER: So move.

22 MR. FERGUSON: Support.

23 MR. TARVER: Second.

24 THE CHAIRPERSON: Motion's been made and  
25 seconded several times.

1                   Those in favor of the motion, please say  
2                   "aye".

3                   BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

4                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

5                   Motion is adopted.

6                   Next item of business, there is no  
7                   Unfinished Business.

8                   New Business, there is proposed RTAB  
9                   Resolution 2018-1, which is Attachment 2. We will,  
10                  without objection, suspend the rules to have a  
11                  motion occur first and allow discussion to occur.

12                  This proposed resolution would make a  
13                  recommendation to the State Treasurer that the final  
14                  EM order be repealed. That particular EM order did  
15                  several things, most significant of which, for our  
16                  purposes, required all City Council resolutions to  
17                  be approved first by the RTAB before taking effect.

18                  Anyone who has followed our agendas over  
19                  the last year and a half or so would know that the  
20                  vast majority of the work that we have been  
21                  disposing of at RTAB meetings really have to do with  
22                  the resolutions proposed and approval by the City  
23                  Council for various reasons.

24                  That EM order also established various  
25                  lanes of responsibility for the Mayor, for Council

1 and for the City Administrator, which were  
2 appropriate back in April of 2015 when the order was  
3 issued.

4 Given the progress the City has made, both  
5 financially and operational since then, because of  
6 the Mayor, because of the City Council and because  
7 of various other city officials, now seemed an  
8 appropriate time to revisit that EM order and to  
9 decide whether or not it needs to remain in place.

10 If we approve the resolution today, we  
11 will be making a recommendation to the State  
12 Treasurer that it be repealed, we will not be  
13 repealing the resolution ourselves. I want to make  
14 that important distinction.

15 Under the Letter of Appointment the  
16 Governor issued establishing this RTAB on  
17 April 29th, 2015, one of the additional powers that  
18 he assigned in this RTAB was the ability to  
19 recommend to the State Treasurer modifications or  
20 repeal of existing EM orders. So that would be in  
21 this particular vein this afternoon.

22 One other caveat, before I open up the  
23 discussion or questions by our RTAB members, it's  
24 important to note what this resolution would not do.

25 This resolution would not affect any

1 statutory authority that the RTAB has. And so, if  
2 you review Section 23 of PA 436 of 2012, that lays  
3 out the various responsibilities and duties that a  
4 RTAB has by statute, such as approving the budget,  
5 approving collective bargaining agreements. None of  
6 those statutory powers would be affected by this  
7 proposed order, if it's approved this afternoon.

8 So, with that as a preface, gentlemen,  
9 Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Tarver and Mr. Newman, do any of  
10 you have any questions or observations before I ask  
11 for a motion regarding this particular proposed  
12 resolution?

13 MR. TARVER: I have no questions.

14 THE CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Newman?

15 MR. NEWMAN: No, I don't have any at this  
16 moment.

17 THE CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Ferguson?

18 MR. FERGUSON: No --

19 THE CHAIRPERSON: If not, then --

20 MR. FERGUSON: -- I don't. So you can hear  
21 me, no, no questions.

22 THE CHAIRPERSON: If not, then is there a  
23 motion --

24 MR. FERGUSON: I so move.

25 THE CHAIRPERSON: -- that Resolution 2018-1

1 be approved?

2 MR. FERGUSON: I so move.

3 THE CHAIRPERSON: Is there support?

4 MR. TARVER: Support.

5 THE CHAIRPERSON: The motion having been  
6 made and seconded, is there any discussion now?

7 Hearing none, those in favor of the  
8 motion, please say "aye".

9 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

10 THE CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

11 Motion is adopted.

12 Did we lose someone?

13 MR. NEWMAN: Not me. I'm here.

14 THE CHAIRPERSON: Sounds like we lost  
15 Mr. Tarver, then.

16 Next item of business would be public  
17 comment.

18 Mr. Cline, did anyone sign in for public  
19 comment this afternoon?

20 MR. CLINE: I do not know.

21 No, sir.

22 THE CHAIRPERSON: If not, but given the  
23 fact that a number of folks have traveled up here  
24 from Flint this afternoon --

25 MR. TARVER: I'm sorry. My phone just --

1 my call just dropped right after the vote.

2 THE CHAIRPERSON: That's okay. We're just  
3 moving on to public comment.

4 We do have, this afternoon with us, the  
5 Mayor and members of her -- her staff.

6 So, Madam Mayor, if you do want to offer  
7 any comment, we're more than happy to have you do  
8 that now.

9 MAYOR WEAVER: Well, I guess I would like  
10 to say thank you to you, Mr. Headen, and to members  
11 of the RTAB. And I'm coming before you -- we are  
12 so thankful. I'm speaking on behalf of proud, great  
13 City of Flint, Michigan.

14 And, you know, RTAB has been in place for  
15 several years now and one of the things that did  
16 represent was a City that was in turmoil and  
17 financial distress. And I know over the last two  
18 years we have been able to show that we have been  
19 fiscally responsible. And so we thank you for the  
20 support that you've shown us.

21 One of the things I have to add to this  
22 is, I don't pat myself on the back very often. I am  
23 going to, as far as our selection of Chief Financial  
24 Officers, Hughey Newsome on board because we know  
25 one of the things he's going to do is keep us on



1 track as far as finances of the City go. So I'm  
2 excited to have him as part of the team and we're  
3 looking forward to moving the City of Flint together.

4 The other thing I wanted to say is I'm  
5 glad to have support of Council. And having a new  
6 Council in place has brought an added level of unity  
7 and commitment to the City of Flint.

8 And so I think it's absolutely time. I  
9 know it's time for the local elected official to run  
10 the City. We have been anxiously awaiting to do so.  
11 And so we appreciate and we thank you for giving us  
12 a divorce. That's what we've been asking for. We  
13 wanted this arranged marriage to be dissolved. And  
14 we are ready to handle the business of the City. So  
15 I wanted to just say thank you for that.

16 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.

17 If not a divorce, at least a first step in  
18 a separation.

19 MAYOR WEAVER: That's right. We know we  
20 will continue to do some work together and we look  
21 forward to working together on other things for the  
22 City of Flint.

23 MR. FERGUSON: Any Council members here  
24 today?

25 MAYOR WEAVER: We do have a council member.

1 And that's one of the things that I was talking  
2 about. We have a councilman, who can introduce  
3 himself, Guerra, with us. And he represents the  
4 2nd --

5 MR. GUERRA: 3rd.

6 MAYOR WEAVER: -- 3rd Ward.

7 MR. GUERRA: Hi, I'm Councilman Guerra,  
8 Santino Guerra from 3rd Ward in the City of Flint.

9 I just wanted to thank you guys for making  
10 this decision as well. I know when we read the  
11 article this morning that you guys were possibly  
12 going to be voting on it, I thought that that was a  
13 great step forward because the Administration is  
14 working very well with Council. And I know that we  
15 can stay fiscally and financially stable, now that  
16 we have a working relationship. And I'm looking  
17 forward to a future together in this first step in  
18 the process of starting to move forward in the right  
19 direction. So I thank you guys for that.

20 MR. FERGUSON: We need a change in Council.  
21 Your TV ratings are going to go down.

22 MR. GUERRA: That's fine. I will be  
23 content with that.

24 MR. FERGUSON: So Stephen Colbert will not  
25 be following you guys around.

1                   MR. GUERRA: No, I was looking forward to  
2 going on a show, eventually, Monday.

3                   MAYOR WEAVER: We had a reality show for a  
4 while.

5                   MR. GUERRA: But thank you guys, very much.

6                   MR. FERGUSON: Thank you.

7                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. Since there  
8 is no public comment and if there is no further  
9 business before this board, is there a motion that  
10 we adjourn?

11                   MR. FERGUSON: So move.

12                   MR. TARVER: So move.

13                   MR. NEWMAN: So move.

14                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Is there support?

15                   MR. NEWMAN: Support.

16                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Without objection, we are  
17 adjourned.

18                   (Meeting was concluded at 2:20 p.m.)

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