

City of Hamtramck

Receivership Transition Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday December 20th, 2016

Hamtramck City Hall

Council Chambers - 2nd Floor

3401 Evaline

Hamtramck, Michigan 48212

RTAB MEMBERS PRESENT:

AL BOGDAN

PETER McINERNEY

DEB ROBERTS

MARK STEMA

KAREN YOUNG

ALSO PRESENT:

DREW VAN de GRIFT, Michigan Department of Treasury

KATRINA POWELL, City Manager

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Called to order at 1:05 p.m.

MS. ROBERTS: It's a little after 1:00 on Tuesday, December 20th. I will call this City of Hamtramck Receivership Transition Advisory Board to order.

Mr. Van de Grift, could you do roll call, please?

MR. VAN de GRIFT: Albert Bogdan?

MR. BOGDAN: Here.

MR. VAN de GRIFT: Peter McInerney?

MR. McINERNEY: Here.

MR. VAN de GRIFT: Deborah Roberts?

MS. ROBERTS: Here.

MR. VAN de GRIFT: Mark Stema?

MR. STEMA: Here.

MR. VAN de GRIFT: Karen Young?

MS. YOUNG: Here.

MR. VAN de GRIFT: All present.

MS. ROBERTS: Thank you.

As a reminder, to anybody from the public, if you would like to speak, you need to sign up at the podium.

First item on the agenda is approval of the agenda. I would entertain a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MR. BOGDAN: So moved.

1 MR. McINERNEY: Support.

2 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion?

3 (No response)

4 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor say
5 aye.

6 MS. YOUNG: Aye.

7 MR. STEMA: Aye.

8 MR. McINERNEY: Aye.

9 MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

10 MS. ROBERTS: Aye.

11 Opposed, the same.

12 (No response)

13 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries.

14 Next on the agenda is approval of the minutes
15 from the November 29th, 2016 regular RTAB meeting. I
16 would entertain a motion to approve the minutes.

17 MR. McINERNEY: Move to approve.

18 MR. STEMA: Seconded.

19 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion?

20 (No response)

21 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor say
22 aye.

23 MS. YOUNG: Aye.

24 MR. STEMA: Aye.

25 MR. McINERNEY: Aye.

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MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

MS. ROBERTS: Aye.

Opposed, the same.

(No response)

MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries.

Next on the agenda is public comment. Mr. Van de Grift, do we have anyone signed up?

MR. VAN de GRIFT: We do. Would anyone like to add their name to the list?

Mr. Bob Zwolek, two minutes.

MR. ZWOLEK: I will say Merry Christmas to all.

MS. ROBERTS: Thank you, Merry Christmas.

MS. YOUNG: Merry Christmas.

MR. ZWOLEK: I'd briefly commented earlier that my concern is that having been involved in the situation for Hamtramck for at least the past five years in terms of our problems we've had since we had terminated the city manager, Bill Cooper, we've had nothing but a series of inconsistencies and non-continuities in Hamtramck.

We had six city managers, we had an emergency manager, and we have a city manager now. I hope that you would put on your priority list consideration of the timeframe of the city manager's contract. I think there's a need that we continue to maintain a degree of continuity that we are beginning to establish now.

1 I don't know if Ms. Powell has considered asking
2 for an extension of her contract, but I think because of
3 the timeframe if there is any change, that city manager's
4 review process is ending in three to four months. So I
5 would hope it would put you on your priority to consider
6 the position of city manager. I would hope Ms. Powell
7 might want to stay here, and I'd certainly recommend her
8 at this particular point in time, to maintain the
9 continuity that is beginning to establish here in the City
10 of Hamtramck.

11 Also, I am concerned because this coming year is
12 election year, and I think the political landscape will
13 continue to change considerably here in Hamtramck. I
14 know, by and large, that many, the majority, of, many of
15 the elected officials right now currently want to go back
16 to the strong mayor type of a government.

17 I'm not in favor of that, because I was part of
18 the charter revision commission, so I know how much it
19 took us to deliberate. We can't go back because so much
20 has now put in place. So, I would hope that you would
21 accelerate your evaluation and take care of the city
22 manager's position for next year. Those are my comments.

23 MS. ROBERTS: Thank you.

24 MR. ZWOLEK: Thank you.

25 MR. VAN de GRIFF: Thank you.

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Mr. Bill Meyer.

MR. MEYER: My name is Bill Meyer. I'm the director of One Hamtramck LLC, former chair of the Human Relations Commission here in Hamtramck for five years, and I just came by today just to introduce myself to you, and to meet the people who are actually running the government in Hamtramck, because I had never attended a meeting before. So I just wanted to see your faces, meet you, and get a sense of where the government's at right now. I haven't been to council meetings in quite a while. Our concern has always been the fair representation of the population of Hamtramck, which is majority Muslim population, which is the largest groups are Yemeni and Bangladeshi, and once again I don't see any representation of them, which is what our concern is, is employment in city hall, fair representation of the people who live here and pay the taxes, should be the people who are running the government, I feel.

So I just want you to keep that in mind, even though none of us are from those ethnic groups, they are the people who live here, the people are paying taxes, the people who are sustaining this city, the majority of them, and I think we should involve them as much as possible in the affairs of the city government, and I know you're trying, and unfortunately the city police and the city

1 fire departments have very, almost no representation of
2 the real cross-sections of the communities in Hamtramck.

3 We're trying to do work like that, to bring
4 attention to Islamophobia, racism, and discrimination;
5 that's our work. And if you ever would like to work with
6 us around those issues, we'd be glad to make ourselves
7 available. Thank you very much.

8 MS. ROBERTS: Thank you.

9 MR. VAN de GRIFT: That concludes public
10 comment.

11 MS. ROBERTS: Thank you.

12 We have no business under the old business, so
13 we'll move on to new business.

14 First on the agenda is to entertain a motion to
15 approve, postpone, or deny the 2017 meeting schedule. The
16 meeting schedule is in our packet. It pretty much stays
17 along the lines of what we did this year.

18 MR. McINERNEY: Except for December?

19 MS. ROBERTS: Except for December. We're -- and,
20 actually, it's moved to a Wednesday.

21 MR. McINERNEY: Oh, and because?

22 MS. ROBERTS: I think the secretary --

23 MR. McINERNEY: I have no objection to the
24 Wednesday, just curious.

25 MS. ROBERTS: It may be that they were moving it

1 around other RTABs that they have? I don't know. But
2 this is the schedule that they presented us.

3 MS. POWELL: If you don't mind, Madam Chair, I
4 would like to compare this to our schedules that we've got
5 going on here, too, to make sure that there's nothing
6 conflicting anywhere.

7 MS. ROBERTS: Okay.

8 MS. POWELL: Okay. Thank you.

9 MS. ROBERTS: I would entertain a motion to
10 approve, postpone, or deny the 2017 meeting schedule.

11 MS. YOUNG: Motion to approve.

12 MS. ROBERTS: Any second?

13 MR. STEMA: Support.

14 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion?

15 (No response)

16 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor say
17 aye.

18 MS. YOUNG: Aye.

19 MR. STEMA: Aye.

20 MR. McINERNEY: Aye.

21 MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

22 MS. ROBERTS: Aye.

23 Opposed, the same.

24 (No response)

25 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries.

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As we've done in the past, if we have to change the schedule, we can.

Next on the agenda is approval of resolutions and ordinances for city council meetings. First is resolutions from the regular city council meeting of November 15th, 2016. I would entertain a motion to approve all ordinances and resolutions from the November 15th, 2016 regular city council meeting.

MR. STEMA: Motion to approve.

MR. McINERNEY: Support.

MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion?

(No response)

MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor say aye.

MS. YOUNG: Aye.

MR. STEMA: Aye.

MR. McINERNEY: Aye.

MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

MS. ROBERTS: Aye.

Opposed, the same.

(No response)

MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries. Next on the agenda is the resolutions from the regular city council meeting of November 29th, 2016. I would entertain a motion to approve all ordinances and resolutions from the November

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29th, 2016 regular city council meeting.

MR. McINERNEY: Move to approve.

MS. YOUNG: Second.

MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion?

(No response)

MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor say
aye.

MS. YOUNG: Aye.

MR. STEMA: Aye.

MR. McINERNEY: Aye.

MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

MS. ROBERTS: Aye.

Opposed, the same.

(No response)

MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries. Next on the agenda
is the claims and accounts from the regular city council
meeting draft minutes of November (sic) 13th, 2016. Ms.
Powell handed those to us. I would entertain a motion to
approve, deny, or postpone the claims and accounts from
the regular city council meeting draft minutes, of
December 13th.

MR. STEMA: Motion to approve.

MS. ROBERTS: Any second?

MS. YOUNG: Second.

MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion?

1 (No response)

2 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor say
3 aye.

4 MS. YOUNG: Aye.

5 MR. STEMA: Aye.

6 MR. McINERNEY: Aye.

7 MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

8 MS. ROBERTS: Aye.

9 Opposed, the same.

10 (No response)

11 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries.

12 Next, we have the city administrator items. We
13 have already taken care of the city council minutes.

14 Next would be the approval of the budget to
15 actual and cash flow reports. Those were provided on the
16 tabletop. I would entertain a motion to approve, deny, or
17 postpone the budget to actual and cash flow reports.

18 MR. BOGDAN: Motion to approve.

19 MR. McINERNEY: Support.

20 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion?

21 I just have a question, Bhama, I don't know if
22 you can -- it seems like the revenues are running a little
23 bit behind.

24 MS. CAIRNS: Yes, that is correct. The revenues
25 are running a little behind. For example, the Wayne

1 County Pilot Program, which is payment in lieu of tax, we
2 just received about \$1.1 million dollars this December, so
3 that should push up the revenues.

4 MS. ROBERTS: That would make sense.

5 MS. CAIRNS: And the second one is state sales
6 tax, which is the CDT -- sorry -- the state constitution
7 and the statutory revenue. It runs about two months
8 behind.

9 MS. ROBERTS: Does anyone else have any further
10 questions?

11 (No response)

12 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. The motion before us is to
13 approve the budget to actual financial statements. All
14 those in favor, say aye.

15 MS. YOUNG: Aye.

16 MR. STEMA: Aye.

17 MR. McINERNEY: Aye.

18 MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

19 MS. ROBERTS: Aye.

20 Opposed, the same.

21 (No response)

22 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries.

23 Next on the agenda is approval of the invoice
24 register and preapproved expenditures. I would entertain
25 a motion to approve, deny, or postpone the invoice

1 register and preapproved expenditures.

2 MR. STEMA: Motion to approve.

3 MR. McINERNEY: Support.

4 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion?

5 (No response)

6 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor say

7 aye.

8 MS. YOUNG: Aye.

9 MR. STEMA: Aye.

10 MR. McINERNEY: Aye.

11 MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

12 MS. ROBERTS: Aye.

13 Opposed, the same.

14 (No response)

15 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries.

16 Next on the agenda is approval of ordinance

17 2016-08, repealing Title 11, general provisions. Section

18 13, medical marijuana.

19 No wait, did we address that in --

20 MR. STEMA: That was on one of the council --

21 MS. ROBERTS: Oh, that was one of the council's,

22 so we don't -- okay. So items four and five, we do not

23 need to take up; those were addressed.

24 MR. McINERNEY: Say it again; because why?

25 MS. ROBERTS: It was addressed under the

1 agendas, the city council meeting.

2 MR. STEMA: It was part of the handouts for, of
3 the one meeting.

4 MS. ROBERTS: So next is approval of
5 resolutions--

6 MR. McINERNEY: They were scheduling a public
7 hearing, and has the public hearing taken place yet?

8 MS. POWELL: Yes, sir. It took place on the
9 13th. It was actually passed on the minutes on the 13th.

10 MR. McINERNEY: Thank you.

11 MS. POWELL: You're welcome.

12 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. So next would be the
13 approval of Resolutions 2016-52, 53, and 54, the annual
14 Wayne County permits. While actions on this item occurred
15 during a council meeting outside the normal review period
16 for today's board meeting, the city manager is requesting
17 we bring this item forward for early review.

18 Ms. Powell, would you please provide a summary
19 of this for the board?

20 MS. POWELL: Yes, ma'am. These are annual
21 permits that we sign with Wayne County every year so that
22 we can work on their roads, so we can hang stuff on their
23 roads, so that we can do any kind of anything that we, you
24 know, need to do on their roads, with their approval, of
25 course. These permits are very generic so sometimes we

1 have to submit things to them for approval in addition to
2 these permits.

3 MS. ROBERTS: And these permits begin January
4 1st?

5 MS. POWELL: Yes, ma'am.

6 MR. STEMA: These are pretty much standardized
7 every year, right?

8 MS. POWELL: They are.

9 MS. ROBERTS: I would entertain a motion to
10 approve, deny, or postpone Resolutions 2016-52, 53, and
11 54.

12 MR. STEMA: Move to approve.

13 MS. YOUNG: Second.

14 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion?

15 (No response)

16 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor say
17 aye.

18 MS. YOUNG: Aye.

19 MR. STEMA: Aye.

20 MR. McINERNEY: Aye.

21 MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

22 MS. ROBERTS: Aye.

23 Opposed, the same.

24 (No response)

25 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries.

1 Next on the agenda is approval of the citywide
2 overtime report.

3 Ms. Powell, would you please provide a summary
4 of the progress the city is making in regards to this?

5 MS. POWELL: So this month's overtime report is
6 up considerably for a number of reasons, particularly in
7 the police and fire departments. Actually, our overtime
8 is up 523 hours just in November.

9 In the police department, we are in the process
10 of training new officers. We've lost officers to another
11 county, who has done a massive recruiting of our people.
12 Apparently we're a really good training ground for good
13 police officers, so people are coming after our officers.
14 So that's one of the reasons that you will see the police
15 department's overtime is up considerably.

16 And the fire department, we had mandatory
17 training that we did with the City of Detroit, and we also
18 had a high ranking firefighter in our department, a
19 lieutenant in our department, that went off to a school,
20 so we were very proud that he was able to go to that
21 school, and so he did that. But of course that incurred
22 overtime with us having to replace him while he was gone.

23 And we had a high amount of sick time in the
24 very beginning, at the end of October, the very beginning
25 of November. But that tapered off towards the end of the

1 month. So the majority of this overtime was in the very
2 beginning of November and it tapered off at the end.

3 Let me just preface next month's overtime. You
4 will probably see a larger increase in the local and major
5 roads fund because of snow plowing and that sort of thing.
6 Our guys are working around the clock to make sure that
7 all of our streets are salted and plowed, and so you'll
8 probably see an increase in that for this month's overtime
9 for next month. So I just kind of want to give you a
10 heads up so that you're not thrown off by that next month.

11 Our police department continues to have people
12 recruiting our officers, so this overtime is probably
13 going to be up for a little while until we can start
14 actively recruiting qualified officers to come to our
15 department. So, we're -- the HR director and our police
16 chief and I were discussing earlier today, you know, a
17 different strategy for trying to recruit police officers
18 to Hamtramck because the current way is not working. So
19 we're probably also going to need to address some of the
20 pay and insurance benefits package for these officers, as
21 well and the firefighters. If we want to continue to keep
22 good people here, we're going to have to kind of look at
23 that, because a lot of people are leaving because of those
24 things. So it costs more to bring people in and train
25 them, put them through, you know, everything that they

1 have to go through, and then to lose them, it costs us a
2 lot of money. So it may be more prudent for us to apply
3 money up front versus having to completely retrain the
4 majority of our department. So that's something that
5 we're going to be looking at over the next few months.

6 Plus, we're waiting for the police study to come
7 back from our consultants. They've done all of the
8 legwork, and they told us that we should be receiving that
9 study in January. Per the final orders of the emergency
10 manager, we have to implement everything that's spelled
11 out in that study. It doesn't say you can; it says you
12 shall. So we'll need to implement whatever's in that
13 study as well. So we're kind of gearing up for that; we
14 don't know what that's going to say. So, just be
15 prepared, you know, early next year we're going to be
16 making some changes, I'm sure, so.

17 MR. McINERNEY: I have a question about that,
18 about all of the resources that go into training an
19 officer. And I know it's not just obviously Hamtramck,
20 but I mean other cities are trying to figure out how to
21 recoup all or some of that. Is there any progress in that
22 area?

23 MS. POWELL: Well, you know, we were discussing
24 earlier today that it's really hard to recruit police
25 officers right now, because it's not a -- you know, with

1 all of the negative media and whatnot that's going on in
2 our country with regards to law enforcement, it's really
3 difficult to recruit. And there's a lot of people that
4 just are not willing to do this. They'd rather get into
5 cyber security and that sort of thing that's a little more
6 out of the public eye. So there are communities that when
7 they pay for schools, they do make you sign something that
8 says you will be here two to five years or something, and
9 if you leave before then, you need to pay us back.

10 Unfortunately, we're not paying for the academy
11 and stuff like that. The majority of our costs are with
12 overtime during FTO, the field training operation side, in
13 the very beginning when a police officer comes on board.
14 You know, that's the majority of our costs, and any kind
15 of you know, range, or anything like that --

16 MR. McINERNEY: So it's more of the impact costs
17 of a new hire, more than the cost of themselves?

18 MS. POWELL: Correct. Correct. I mean, we're
19 spending a lot of money on overtime to train people and
20 get them, you know, up to snuff so that we can put them on
21 the street by themselves, and there's really no way to
22 recoup that. But it's certainly something that we've got
23 to address.

24 MR. McINERNEY: I think others -- I mean, I'm
25 sure other cities, you know --

1 MS. POWELL: Everyone has the same issues. I
2 know when I was talking to the chief earlier today,
3 there's a department that lost 520 -- Dallas, lost 523
4 officers. So you know, it's across the nation. It's just
5 not a career that's in the positive light right now, so
6 you know, your young people that are looking for a career
7 move are not necessarily leaning towards law enforcement
8 on the street, unfortunately.

9 So it's something that we're not the only ones
10 that are having to deal with it, but you've got
11 communities like Oakland County, that have a lot of money
12 that they can throw at our officers that are already
13 trained, you know, have been with the department for
14 several years. They can almost double their pay without
15 them having to work any overtime.

16 So, it's really difficult for other communities
17 similar to Hamtramck to compete with that. We can't.
18 There's no way we can compete with that. But we're
19 certainly looking at every option.

20 MR. McINERNEY: I'm just speculating now, but I
21 mean, it seems like if they went to another public entity
22 there'd be some lien on those costs that, you know, but
23 that would probably be a restraint that would not be
24 acceptable, so, good luck with it.

25 MS. POWELL: Thank you.

1 MR. McINERNEY: I don't know what to tell you.

2 MR. BOGDAN: At the same time, is there anything
3 being done to recruit minority officers? Folks in the
4 community?

5 MS. POWELL: We are, and currently, we were just
6 addressing -- thank you sir, for that question. We were
7 just, actually the HR director and I -- I don't think
8 she's here -- were, with the police chief, were just kind
9 of talking about, you know, our recruiting strategies,
10 because right now we use something called MCOLES, which
11 does all of the pre-screening and all of that, and
12 actually put people in the system, and people that are
13 looking for law enforcement jobs actually get to check the
14 community that they want to work in. And so if they don't
15 check that they want to work in Hamtramck, we never see
16 them.

17 So, you know, we're going to need to look at
18 that entire process to figure out if there's a way for us
19 to get to these people before they put the check in the
20 box; to say, "Hey, you want to come to Hamtramck; this is
21 a great place for you to come; we've really got low crime
22 here. It's a great, great place to work. You work with
23 good people," you know, whatever the case may be. Because
24 we really need to just figure out a way to do that. But
25 if they don't check the box, we don't get to know about

1 them. So whether they're minorities or not, we have no
2 idea. So we need more promotion in the community to, you
3 know, say, "Hey, this is a career that we want our
4 children to go into." And when I go out into the
5 community and I talk to various groups, I say that. I
6 say, "I know you all want more, you know, representation
7 on our police department and our fire department, but
8 guess what? You have to go to the police academy, and you
9 have to go to the fire academy, and you have to want to do
10 those jobs and you have to apply. You know, unfortunately
11 in this country I'm unable to go into your home and steal
12 your children and make them go to school."

13 So, you know, in order for those positions to be
14 filled, we need people to apply, and people to go to those
15 schools. And unfortunately, we don't have the resources
16 to pay for people to go to school; they'll need to do that
17 on their own. You know, until we get to a point that we
18 can actually put something like that in place to pay, you
19 know, to sponsor, you know, someone to go to those
20 academies and those schools, this is the situation that
21 we're in. But we really need the promotion out in the
22 community.

23 I know people want their children to be
24 engineers and doctors and IT specialists and that sort of
25 thing, but we also need police officers and firefighters.

1 And those are good careers if you can get into it. So
2 those are our challenges.

3 MS. ROBERTS: Okay.

4 MR. STEMA: Quick comment, then a question.

5 POLICE CHIEF MOISE: A quick note on to that.

6 THE COURT REPORTER: I need you to step up to
7 the microphone.

8 POLICE CHIEF MOISE: Yeah, I was just going to
9 ask if I can just step up and speak? Because I just
10 actually recently went to a Middle Eastern Law Enforcement
11 Council training session, and I met with a woman who is in
12 charge of the Middle Eastern Law Enforcement organization,
13 and she -- we exchanged information, and they actually
14 have a scholarship program. So she would like to reach
15 out. She had really never been to Hamtramck. She's from
16 Washington, D.C., and asked about reaching out to our
17 students and coordinating it through myself and the school
18 district. And what they do is they bring the students in,
19 and they show them all the different aspects, whether it
20 be federal, local, state, of law enforcement. And then
21 they, as they go through the process and teach them about
22 things, and they offer them a scholarship at the end to
23 attend a college and start working on a criminal justice
24 degree.

25 So I thought that was a really good way to

1 connect with the community in Hamtramck. So her and I are
2 hopefully going to get that ball rolling after the New
3 Year as graduation approaches to get some students in that
4 are interested.

5 MS. ROBERTS: Great. Thank you.

6 MR. BOGDAN: Perfect.

7 MS. YOUNG: Excellent. Excellent.

8 POLICE CHIEF MOISE: I'm looking forward to
9 working with them. So thank you.

10 MS. YOUNG: Thank you.

11 MR. STEMA: To the first comment, tell Mark
12 great job on the roads, as a resident. That everything
13 was plowed and so much better than it used to be done a
14 few years ago, so.

15 MS. POWELL: Thank you.

16 MR. STEMA: And my street and everything looked
17 great.

18 Now for my question: obviously, based on
19 overtime budget versus actuals, you're going to be
20 obviously going over. When are we going to be ready for
21 some type of adjustments, and that, maybe you'll
22 understand some other accounts that are going to come over
23 and under, to be -- make those adjustments?

24 MS. POWELL: Bhama and I were just talking about
25 that earlier. I think last week we were talking about

1 when we wanted to do another budget amendment, because we
2 have some changes coming in other things.

3 MR. STEMA: Okay.

4 MS. POWELL: And we really kind of wanted to see
5 where our revenues were shaking out. Particularly the \$1
6 million dollars that just came in; that's huge.

7 MR. STEMA: Yeah.

8 MS. POWELL: So we kind of wanted to see, we
9 wanted that to kind of stabilize a little bit so we know,
10 you know, exactly what we're working with to make those
11 adjustments. So you should be seeing that in the next
12 month or so.

13 MR. STEMA: Okay. Great, thank you.

14 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. The motion before us is to
15 approve the citywide overtime report. All those in favor
16 say aye.

17 MS. YOUNG: Aye.

18 MR. STEMA: Aye.

19 MR. McINERNEY: Aye.

20 MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

21 MS. ROBERTS: Aye.

22 Opposed, the same.

23 (No response)

24 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries. Next on the agenda
25 is an update on the building of the final two homes.

1 MS. POWELL: I'm going to defer to our city
2 attorney, Travis Mihelick.

3 MS. ROBERTS: Okay.

4 MR. MIHELICK: We, just as a real brief update,
5 we've engaged a developer and a construction manager here.
6 We're very, very close to getting a signed contract and
7 dirt in the shovel. Both of the construction agreement
8 and final development agreement are in the hands of
9 plaintiff's attorney, as well as the attorney who's
10 advising Corinthian Developments, who represents many of
11 the plaintiffs and who the late Reverend Jordan was a part
12 of. Once we get that approval, we'll get all the
13 signatures and hopefully, you know, we can put this to
14 bed.

15 MR. STEMA: So is the goal to -- you guys
16 obviously haven't broken ground yet?

17 MR. MIHELICK: Nope.

18 MR. STEMA: Is the goal to have them done this
19 year?

20 MR. MIHELICK: The goal was to have them done
21 five years ago.

22 MR. STEMA: I understand what the overall goal
23 is; the goal for these too.

24 MR. MIHELICK: Yes.

25 MR. STEMA: Out-dates, all that.

1 MR. MIHELICK: We -- the goal is still to have -
2 - as long as we can get this done before the deep freeze
3 comes --

4 MR. STEMA: Yeah.

5 MR. MIHELICK: -- we can do that. We can even
6 get a basement poured yet still this year.

7 MR. STEMA: Yeah.

8 MR. MIHELICK: If not, we can start after the
9 frost laws.

10 MR. STEMA: Okay.

11 MR. MIHELICK: So, I think worst case scenario
12 is we get them done this year.

13 MR. STEMA: Okay.

14 MR. BOGDAN: You're going to be doing them by
15 the church then?

16 MR. MIHELICK: I'm --

17 MS. POWELL: Grand Haven.

18 MR. MIHELICK: That's preliminarily the
19 understanding that we have; it's not finalized yet. And
20 there's a couple different variables that could change
21 things, but the goal is to do them in the Grand Haven
22 development area. It's two houses and a park.

23 MS. ROBERTS: Okay, thank you.

24 MR. MIHELICK: You're welcome.

25 MR. STEMA: Great, thank you.

1 MS. ROBERTS: Then we have the 31st District
2 Court revenues. This is for information only. I don't
3 know if anybody has any questions?
4 (No response)
5 MS. ROBERTS: No?
6 Okay, next on the agenda is board comment.
7 (No response)
8 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, next I would
9 entertain a motion to adjourn.
10 Oh, wait. Wait.
11 MR. BOGDAN: One more thing. I just wanted to
12 wish everybody a very, very Merry Christmas and a Happy
13 New Year.
14 MS. YOUNG: Thank you.
15 MR. STEMA: Thank you.
16 MR. McINERNEY: Thank you.
17 MR. BOGDAN: Thank you.
18 MS. ROBERTS: Thank you.
19 MS. YOUNG: Happy New Year.
20 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. Can I get a motion to
21 adjourn?
22 MR. STEMA: Motion.
23 MS. YOUNG: Second.
24 MS. ROBERTS: All those in favor say aye.
25 MS. YOUNG: Aye.

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MR. STEMA: Aye.

MR. McINERNEY: Aye.

MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

MS. ROBERTS: Aye.

Opposed, the same.

(No response)

MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries.

Thank you, everyone. Please enjoy your
holidays.

(Proceedings adjourned at 1:30 p.m.)

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I certify that this transcript is a complete, true, and correct transcript to the best of my ability of the RTAB meeting held on December 20th, 2016, City of Hamtramck. I also certify that I am not a relative or employee of the parties involved and have no financial interest in this case.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

December 28, 2016

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