City of Hamtramck

Receivership Transition Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

Hamtramck City Hall

Council Chambers - 2nd floor

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Hamtramck, Michigan 48212

RTAB MEMBERS PRESENT:

DEBORAH ROBERTS KAREN YOUNG PETER McINERNEY MARK STEMA

ALSO PRESENT:

PATRICK DOSTINE Michigan Department of Treasury

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1 Tuesday, May 23, 2017 2 Called to order at 1:00 p.m. 3 4 MS. ROBERTS: It is 1:00 on Tuesday, May 23, and 5 I am going to call the City of Hamtramck Receivership Transition Advisory Board meeting to order. Mr. Dostine, 6 7 could you take roll, please? MR. DOSTINE: Al Bogdan has asked to be excused. 8 9 Peter McInerney. 10 MR. McINERNEY: Here. 11 MR. DOSTINE: Karen Young. 12 MS. YOUNG: Here. 13 MR. DOSTINE: Mark Stema. 14 MR. STEMA: Here. MR. DOSTINE: Deborah Roberts. 15 16 MS. ROBERTS: Here. 17 MR. DOSTINE: You have quorum, Madam Chair. 18 MS. ROBERTS: Thank you. As a reminder, if anyone would like to speak, if 19 20 you could please sign up at the podium. Then we would 21 call on you during public comment time. 22 First item on the agenda is I would entertain a 23 motion to approve the agenda as presented. 24 MR. MCINERNEY: I'll move to approve the agenda. 25 MR. STEMA: Second it.

1 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion? 2 (No response) 3 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor 4 say aye. Aye. 5 MR. STEMA: Aye. 6 MS. YOUNG: Aye. 7 MR. McINERNEY: Aye. 8 MS. ROBERTS: Nay the same. 9 (No response.) 10 MS. ROBERTS: Motion passes. 11 Next on the agenda is the approval of the RTAB 12 minutes. I would entertain a motion to approve the April 13 25, 2017 RTAB meeting minutes as presented. 14 MS. YOUNG: Motion to approve. 15 MR. McINERNEY: Support. 16 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion? 17 (No response) 18 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor 19 say aye. Aye. 20 MR. STEMA: Aye. 21 MS. YOUNG: Aye. 22 MR. McINERNEY: Aye. 23 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed the same? Motion carries. 24 Next on the agenda is public comment. Mr. 25 Dostine, do we haves anyone signed up for public comment?

1 MR. DOSTINE: Madam Chair, we have some 2 requests. 3 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. 4 MR. DOSTINE: The first request comes from Mr. 5 Lem Sawyer. 6 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. 7 MR. SAWYER: Good afternoon. MS. ROBERTS: Good afternoon. 8 9 MS. ROBERTS: Just so everyone knows it is a two 10 minute public comment and Mr. Dostine will take care of that. 11 12 MR. SAWYER: Can I read something? 13 MS. ROBERTS: What was that? 14 MR. SAWYER: Can I read something. 15 MS. ROBERTS: You've got two minutes. 16 MR. SAWYER: Since council has lost confidence 17 in the city manager, when that happens we lose confidencet 18 in her lies to use the public. Her deception to all of us is not going to be tolerated by anyone. The mayor and the 19 20 council voted to change, the people supported the 21 The state has repeatedly -- the state has decision. repeatedly said -- the state has said repeatedly it 22 23 doesn't want to take over cities but wants to return them 24 -- to local control by local control back to local elected 25 officials. They've been here for four years. It's well

1 passed time that the power be reverted to local officials. 2 We feel that while the relationship with Powell is broken, it can't be fixed, there are qualified 3 4 candidates out there to change -- to bring us together a 5 community and offer a sound municipal management. We 6 won't find them if we don't look for them. The city 7 manager has pampered or prepared always the many systematic problems and painted a rosy picture while 8 9 hiding important information like the SAFER grant, 10 decrease that hid from council for months and violating 11 our rights. Have her department head talk to us -- talk 12 like we are beneath him watch -- under her watch there is 13 five more civil right violations lawsuits pending. This 14 not acceptable in Hamtramck. We need someone that can 15 work with elected officials, not just one that go along 16 I think it's time that the city can take care with them. 17 of itself. The mayor, city council can take care of their 18 I don't know why like this -- she sits on the board own. 19 of the NAACP. I don't understand that. You know, just a 20 lot of stuff that's going down that's kind of slick to me. 21 Never represented the people, you know. Could have made 22 some type of injunction with the --23 MS. ROBERTS: Okay, sir. Your time is up. 24 Okay, no problem. MR. SAWYER: 25 MR. DOSTINE: Thank you.

1 Madam Chair, the next request comes from Bob 2 Zwolak. Good afternoon. 3 MR. ZWOLAK: 4 MS. ROBERTS: Good afternoon. 5 MR. MCINERNEY: Good afternoon. MR. ZWOLAK: As I mentioned earlier, if I could 6 7 indulge and ask for some extra time if need be, especially if you have any questions. But the issue that I really am 8 9 concerned about and as I mentioned last month and even 10 previous months starting with December in the last six 11 months, I've always promoted and pushed the two options 12 that the city has, especially with respect to the city 13 And also since I've encouraged that, as you manager. know, I made that issue with the tabloid that you need to 14 15 either extend her contract and/or look for--begin to look 16 for that city manager. We're now at a point now where the 17 state has even acknowledged that there will be an 18 administrative crisis come July the 1st. 19 I looked at today's agenda, both yours and the 20 city council's. I know that alleged -- or supposedly it was planned that the city budget first reading would be --21 22 had been submitted tonight, the 23rd at the council 23 meeting. First reading. And the second reading would 24 have been proposed at the first meeting in June. Neither 25 one of them are -- I should say nothing has been proposed

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Now, if they're not going to ask for an extension for submitting the budget then the city has a problem and the state is definitely going to take note that we will now have a financial problem because the budget isn't presented on a timely basis. Let alone whether or not we had public input as to whether or not the budget was balanced.

9 I do recommend, contrary to what I disagreed 10 with last month my own opinion relative to emergency city 11 manager, I think at this particular junction we would 12 need, I would recommend that the state review the 13 situation, look at the possibility of having a temporary emergency city manager come in here. I would recommend in 14 15 light of the situation and the person who is knowledgeable 16 and also who has presented to you a five-year capital 17 improvement plan, working with all departments, Mr. John 18 Gabor, our city treasurer. I think he's capable, I have 19 worked with him for the past two years. I think he can be 20 an excellent candidate temporarily and I know speaking to them he would only be available four or five months in 21 22 that acting capacity. 23 MS. ROBERTS: All right.

MR. ZWOLAK: I highly recommend that, that the city consider Mr. Gabor as acting emergency city manager,

1 knowing the situation, having a good financial background 2 and having industrial experience with him on that. MS. ROBERTS: Thank you, Mr. Zwolak. 3 4 MR. ZWOLAK: All right. Thank you. I would hope you would take my suggestion as 5 6 very serious advice. 7 Thank you. 8 MS. ROBERTS: Thank you. 9 MR. DOSTINE: Madam Chair, the next request 10 comes from Mr. Roger Lewis. 11 MR. LEWIS: Good afternoon. My name is Mr. 12 I was born in this building. Roger Lewis. 13 I have two concerns and that's number 8 and number 9, resolution 2017-29 and 2017-33. 14 15 I'm one of the plaintiffs of that 1967 lawsuit, 16 Gear vs. City of Hamtramck. And I just want to make sure 17 that this property that they are trying to use for Wayne 18 County Bank is not one of those 30 lots that are involved. 19 I haven't had time to do my research but this property 20 that they are talking about I hoped is not one of those 30 properties that are still -- lots that are still left from 21 the 2007 lawsuit. So would ask the board -- I would ask 22 23 the receivership transition advisory board to review that 24 and somebody take a close look at that, make sure that we 25 are not discriminated a second or third time.

1 Thank you very much. You have a wonderful 2 I gotta work to do so I must be leaving. afternoon. 3 MS. ROBERTS: Thank you. MR. DOSTINE: 4 Madam chair, next request comes 5 from Mr. Bill Meyer. 6 MR. MEYER: Hello, my name is Bill Meyer. Ι 7 with a Hamtramck organization. Thank you for letting me 8 I'm just going to address in general the concept speak. 9 of emergency management. 10 There was a house bill that was introduced a few 11 months ago in Lansing to repeal the Michigan's Emergency 12 Financial Management law. I feel that it's -- an 13 emergency financial manager is an unelected official who is not accountable to residents. And that is simply 14 15 undemocratic. The creation of a TAB board, Transition 16 Advisory Board is undemocratic. You are doing a job and I 17 appreciate your volunteering your time for doing this. 18 However, you are not elected by the people who live here. 19 And it's the people who live here who should rule this 20 city. We want our power back, we want the council and the mayor to have power, the authority that was vested in them 21 22 in our charter. And I know you are trying to help us get 23 back to that but when you constantly hold this Damocles' 24 sword over us that if we don't do exactly what somebody 25 says and what one person says then we're going to be

punished.

2	I think we need more the city needs more
3	funding from the state. We are the poorest city in
4	Michigan. You should know that. It's the lowest per
5	income per capita income in the state so I think that
6	should be accounted for and we should probably be treated
7	a little differently than people who live in Bloomfield
8	Hills or Birmingham. And that fact that I don't want to
9	address anything else on the agenda, just that fact that
10	the city manager we have here is also unelected, appointed
11	and undemocratically put into position. Not talking about
12	her performance or anything, just that she doesn't have a
13	right to be here. This whole law is illegal. That's
14	basically what I'm trying to say. So the sooner you guys
15	can go back to your normal life the better it's for us.
16	Thank you very much.
17	MS. ROBERTS: You're welcome.
18	MR. DOSTINE: The next request from Ms. Kathy
19	Gordon.
20	MS. GORDON: Good afternoon.
21	MS. ROBERTS: Good afternoon.
22	MR. MCINERNEY: Good afternoon.
23	MS. GORDON: It's Kathy Gordon. Norwalk Street
24	in Hamtramck.
25	I see the agenda and I see after the happenings

of this week and last week, I see nothing on this agenda that addresses the crucial situation that our city is in. As a former councilwoman I know the innards of this city and I have to say to you we are in financial disarray at this point. I see no presentation of the budget. I know the deadlines for the state, I don't know how this is going to get accomplished. There's nothing on the agenda tonight for a presentation of the budget. With the loss of our treasurer now, I have come to you and say to you I don't see anything on the budget on this agenda addressing the fact that as of Friday we will have no control over it, no treasurer. What's happening to us?

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13 We need some reassurances, residents of this city, we're scared. We don't want to lose our city. We 14 15 don't like all this chaos. We've gotten no statements 16 from the mayor. I don't see the mayor here. We've had no 17 statements from the city manager to reassure us that we're 18 going to be okay. So the next step is you. Can you give 19 us some reassurance that we will be a stable city as of 20 Friday and that we will be in the right position that we 21 were in years ago. This is horrendous and how you can sit 22 there and let this happen and not even allow it to be --23 not even demand that it be put on the agenda is appalling. 24 We need this on the agenda. I'm sure you've observed that 25 there are a lot of people in this room and that's not

1 normal for these meetings. So that should speak volumes 2 to you. 3 Thank you so much. 4 MS. ROBERTS: Thank you. 5 MR. MCINERNEY: Thank you. 6 MR. DOSTINE: The next request comes from 7 Councilman Almasmari. 8 COUNCILMAN ALMASMARI: Good evening everyone. 9 MS. ROBERTS: Good evening. 10 COUNCILMAN ALMASMARI: Thank you for letting me stand here. 11 12 I have three points to mention regarding the 13 contract of the current city manager. 14 When it comes to us as a councilmember as 15 elected officials we have the options to say yes or no. We're not forced to say "yes" or "no". So based on the 16 17 information as I worked with Ms. Powell I was very 18 satisfied to say no. Because I was elected by people and 19 I have to protect those people, I have to protect their 20 rights. And I have to work for them. So the state going 21 to go different direction, they're going to have their own 22 responsibilities and we're all free of all responsibility 23 since we know the disaster city manager that we have here. 24 That's the first point. 25 Second point, I think she's hiding a lot of

information from the council and from you guys regarding the budget, regarding the major issues in Hamtramck. I encourage you to ask for more information. She won't give you information she's supposed to. She hides a lot. Last two days explain everything happened. Somebody just made a comment. She doesn't like, she -- and she told me I expected myself to be fired by Monday. That's what happened. I did not imagine she will do it but she fired him because she did not like his comment which he is uncovered her and told us everything.

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11 The budget that she gave us Saturday was not 12 A lot of information are false in that budget. true. Ι 13 opened the book for the budget, I found a lot of things that didn't come to us. It's your decision right now to 14 15 either keep the responsibility for the council who has 16 decided to hire somebody else. We don't have no specific 17 person that we are working for or trying to bring. We're 18 going to have a lot of candidates and we're going to 19 choose one of those candidates of the best resume and 20 qualified person. 21 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. Thank you. 22 MR. ALMASMARI: You have the option. Thank you. 23 MS. ROBERTS: Thank you. 24 The next request comes from MR. DOSTINE: 25 Councilwoman Andrea Karpinski.

1 MS. KARPINSKI: Good afternoon. 2 MS. ROBERTS: Good afternoon. MS. KARPINSKI: I guess I'd just make a comment. 3 4 A lot of this disarray that is going on between 5 councilmembers I think is just because some councilmembers 6 aren't understanding what the charter -- how the charter 7 And don't understand the responsibilities of the qoes. city manager as -- in general. They don't understand that 8 9 what our power is as a city council member and what the 10 city manager has the right to do. 11 We hired her I know maybe we didn't hire her, 12 the emergency manager did but I mean we interviewed her to 13 And that's a job that none of us are qualified do a job. to do. There's been a lot of allegations, many of which 14 15 don't have any factual backing. There were allegations 16 that this, you know, abrupt meeting that was called on 17 Friday that was not shared with any -- four of the 18 councilmembers knew exactly what was going on at that 19 meeting and two of us had no idea what was coming at us. 20 They ask for transparency but they presented the 21 resolution at that meeting that we had no idea where it 22 came from. There was no factual backing on it. Which I 23 think will end up in a slander lawsuit because of all the 24 allegations that were made on that. 25 I don't know if you guys are voting on anything

1 tonight. I just think it's just not financially 2 responsible to terminate the city manager's contract because of the possibility of us having to pay back this 3 4 \$2 million loan. Personally, I call Katrina and she 5 answers the phone. She gives me whatever information I'm 6 asking for. So I'm not sure what the relationship or 7 dynamic is between all the other council people and her 8 but I personally do not have any issues. I think she's 9 moving this city forward. And I would hope that the facts 10 are shown to you guys and you see that, you know, the 11 facts are actually there. 12 MS. ROBERTS: Thank you. 13 MR. STEMA: Thank you. 14 MR. DOSTINE: The next request comes from 15 Councilman Ian Perrotta. 16 COUNCILMAN PERROTTA: Hello. 17 MS. ROBERTS: Hello. 18 COUNCILMAN PERROTTA: Thank you for letting me 19 address you. I actually did not have any prepared 20 statements. I just felt the need to counter some of the 21 assertions that were made. 22 I personally agree with Ms. Karpinski and I've 23 found Ms. Powell to be very amenable to being worked with. 24 She's always been very open and seems to have a very good 25 understanding of this community and the problems and the

ways to solve many of the issues that have plagued it for a number of years.

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I just -- I also disagree that -- excuse me. I don't feel that she is being treated fairly and has been evaluated fairly. I feel that many of the issues that are problems that some of the other councilmembers have with her are personal and do not involve any -- do not have any professional basis for the scrutiny and grief that she has been given.

To address the meeting of last week, it was -we were not informed of what the resolution was. I was told by Councilman Almasmari that he did have the resolution and he did not want to give it to me because he was scared that I would put it on Facebook for the public to see and I would talk bad about it.

16 I did admit that I probably would have done that 17 but I believe that government should be done openly and in 18 front of everyone as we make decisions that affect 19 everyone. Furthermore, I encourage you to scrutinize 20 Council Almasmari's statements as I have personally been a -- on the receiving end of some libelous statements that 21 22 have been made by him and I do not believe he's 23 trustworthy and I don't really think that he has the best 24 interests of this city in mind. And I'm not trying to 25 come here and gossip or stir up any dust. I'm just

1 speaking my mind and being honest and forthcoming with you 2 about matters of which I am aware of. 3 MS. ROBERTS: Thank you. 4 MR. MCINERNEY: Thank you. 5 MR. DOSTINE: The next request is from Ms. 6 Loretta Nesbitt. 7 MS. NESBITT: Good afternoon. Good afternoon. 8 MS. ROBERTS: 9 MS. NESBITT: I'm here from the organization 10 DavBo. We are the new homes, built homes here in the city 11 of Hamtramck. And I would like to speak on behalf of the 12 organization. I read the article in the paper that was 13 about the city manager which I fully disagree with. However, I also wanted to mention at the last city council 14 15 meeting it was brought up about the rodents here in 16 They actually run down the street. The people Hamtramck. 17 next door cut their grass. We cut our grass and the 18 people next door grass and there actually was a whole 19 family living in the grass. And it's like that 20 constantly. The city manager says don't do -- it's 21 brought up to the city manager. She says close the top on 22 the garbage containers. Well, we keep our garbage 23 containers in our yard. And so naturally you don't always 24 keep them closed. However, that's not the answer. 25 Apparently she's not aware of how to get rid of rodents.

1 Rodents live underground. Everyone knows that, I thought. 2 And closing the top on the garage (sic), you have squirrel's droppings, bird's dropping, other animal's 3 4 dropping, all over so that's what the rodents live on and 5 if you have pets they live off of that. However, I don't 6 know if she was trying to be facetious or what, after the 7 gentleman got finished speaking she said get a cat. Can 8 you imagine everybody getting a cat? Or two cats? And 9 that would keep down the rodents.

10 Warren had this problem. They got poison and dropped it in the sewer. That's where they live. 11 12 Underground in the sewers. So if you dropped the poison 13 in the sewer you don't have to worry about the animals but they got rid of it there. All it takes is a little 14 15 research and you can find out how to get rid of them. 16 MS. ROBERTS: Thank you, ma'am. 17 MS. NESBITT: But it's really bad. 18 MS. ROBERTS: Your time is up. Thank you. 19 MR. MCINERNEY: Thank you. 20 MR. DOSTINE: The next request, Madam Chair, 21 comes from Ms. Lateece Sanders. 22 MS. SANDERS: Hi, I'm Lateece Sanders. Minister 23 I'm here today, I was just listening to some --Sanders. 24 I just came in and me and the city manager has had 25 numerous communications. If you guys are making a

1 decision today I'm asking that you do not reinstate her 2 in. One, is I'm a part of the lawsuit. And all it takes is reading. When you make an agreement and you make a 3 4 settlement you are supposed to keep that. To jack our 5 taxes up to be \$4,000 -- almost \$4,000 to evict us from 6 our home and you don't look at the settlement when we can 7 go downtown and pull the settlement you tell us it's tons 8 of boxes, you cannot go through it? Do you know those 200 9 homes that were supposed to be built? You're going to be 10 -- where are we supposed to go? We came back here because 11 our family was displaced. You gonna displace us again? 12 It is five different lawsuits that the city has to face. 13 How much more money do the city need to lose before 14 somebody says or do something? Me and Katrina has had 15 this conversation over and over again. For you to tell me 16 you don't know, you don't know, why are you sitting at 17 that seat? That's like somebody asking you about when it 18 -- you -- the city manager is supposed to know these 19 things and be honest. Where's your integrity? This -- these things that she -- like taking a

This -- these things that she -- like taking a handicap sign for my mother. You know, taking a handicap sign. She needs that. You all see her standing here. That is hooked to her heart. To tell her to walk blocks to get to our home and then we have to go down to the civil rights to make a complaint when all you could do is

1 just sit down with us to say look, let's go back to the 2 agreement. These homes that are on Dyer that these people stay in, they not -- they up under -- we are all up under 3 4 a cap. Our taxes is not supposed to be on land -- one is 5 for the land, one for the house. You just make it any reason to kick us out of our homes and then what do the 6 7 homes go back to? Back to the city? So what did we get 8 from the lawsuit? What did we get from it? This is abuse 9 that Katrina allowing them to do. 10 MS. ROBERTS: Thank you for your time, ma'am. 11 Your time is up. 12 MR. DOSTINE: You get two minutes. 13 MS. SANDERS: Thank you. 14 MR. DOSTINE: Madam Chair, the last request is 15 from Katrina Powell. 16 Thank you, Madam Chair. MS. POWELL: 17 While I certainly wasn't prepared to speak 18 today, I did have some stuff in my file that I want to 19 discuss. 20 I'm just really just going to address some of 21 the public comments and set the record straight on those. 22 So, the fact that I was not democratically 23 selected to be the city manager, I would like to read an 24 article that was written while I was under a negotiation 25 with the emergency manager for my contract. And it says

here that, "Powell appeared to be the top choice among city council members who interviewed her and three other contenders for the job last month." So I was selected by a majority of the city council who then let their information be known to the emergency manager that they wanted to select me to be the city manager.

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The next thing is the budget was prepared by the city controller. The numbers were put in by my office but that is the city controller's budget. I present the budget. There is nothing hidden in the budget. You can't hide anything in a bunch of numbers. Numbers don't lie. People lie. Numbers don't lie.

13 The next thing is the deputy treasurer who was in the treasurer's office has been there for five years. 14 15 She is well capable of providing that service. If you 16 will recall, there was never a deputy city manager or city 17 treasurer budgeted in the original budget that was 18 approved by the city manager or the governor's office or 19 the state treasury. When I arrived here, the city 20 controller and I had to amend the budget in order to put 21 that position in the budget because it wasn't there 22 originally.

The fact that anyone would imply that we are in a financial situation clearly hasn't looked at our budget or our fund balance. We are posting at our last audit a

1 \$5.8 million fund balance and Plante Moran will be filling 2 in for the city controller when she leaves. And the city 3 -- the deputy city manager/treasurer wasn't fired. He was 4 placed on paid administrative leave. He's still receiving 5 all of his benefits and all of his pay. 6 Thank you, ma'am. 7 MS. ROBERTS: Thank you. 8 MR. MCINERNEY: Thank you. 9 MR. DOSTINE: That concludes public comments, 10 Madam Chair. 11 MS. ROBERTS: Thank you. 12 Back to the agenda. 13 We have no old business. So the first thing 14 under new business is approval of resolutions and 15 ordinances from the city council meeting. Resolutions from 16 regular city council meeting of April 11, 2107, are our 17 first item on the agenda. 18 Please note that resolution 27, 28 and 29 were 19 approved at our last meeting. Therefore, I would 20 entertain a motion to approve the remaining ordinances and 21 resolutions from the April 11, 2017 regular city council 22 meeting. 23 Motion to approve. MR. STEMA: 24 MR. MCINERNEY: Support. MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion? 25

1 (No response.) 2 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor 3 say aye? 4 Aye. 5 MR. McINERNEY: Aye. 6 MR. STEMA: Aye. 7 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed the same. 8 (No response.) 9 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries. 10 Now, on number three, or? 11 MS. ROBERTS: Next on the agenda is resolutions from the regular city council meeting of April 25, 2017. 12 13 I would entertain a motion to approve all the 14 ordinances and resolutions, from the April 25, 2017 15 regular city council meeting. 16 MR. McINERNEY: Move to approve. 17 MR. STEMA: Second it. 18 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion? 19 (No response) 20 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor 21 say aye. Aye. 22 MR. McINERNEY: Aye. 23 MR. STEMA: Aye. 24 MS. YOUNG: Aye. 25 MR. McINERNEY: Aye.

1 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed the same. 2 (No response) 3 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries. 4 Next on the agenda are the claim and accounts 5 from the regular city council meeting draft minutes of May 9. I would entertain a motion to approve, deny, or 6 7 postpone claims and accounts from the regular city council meeting draft minutes, of May 9th. 8 9 MS. YOUNG: Motion to approve. 10 MR. STEMA: Support. 11 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion? 12 (No response) 13 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor 14 say aye. Aye. 15 MR. STEMA: Aye. 16 MS. YOUNG: Aye. 17 MR. McINERNEY: Aye. 18 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed the same. 19 (No response) 20 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries. 21 Next on the agenda is approval of the budget to actual and cash flow reports. 22 23 Ms. Powell, do you or Ms. Cairns want to give a 24 report on that? MS. POWELL: Ms. Cairns is here. 25

1 MS. ROBERTS: I think she would like to give her 2 last report on that one. 3 MS. POWELL: She would like to give her last 4 She's been looking forward to this all day. report. 5 MS. CAIRNS: Beginning with the general fund. 6 We -- I think you would have gotten a copy of the amended 7 budget. MS. ROBERTS: Uh-huh. 8 9 MS. CAIRNS: This is worst case scenario. We 10 will dip into our fund balance about \$400,000 was worst 11 case scenario but I have to put that in the budget because 12 as of June 30 we have to have -- that we cannot exceed 13 spending whatever is in the budget. 14 MS. ROBERTS: Uh-huh. 15 MS. CAIRNS: That's a violation of state law, 16 That's what -- and also the fund 264, fund number 1968. 264 which is the 911 emergency fund. What we had budget 17 18 was \$120,000 in revenues. Let me give you the page 19 number. It's the 264 which is on page 11. That \$468,000 20 --or that I have in the -- what we have to transfer in the 21 general fund also. We -- in that \$100,000 is included to 22 cover the cost of the 911 which is the 911 emergency fund. 23 That, again, was worst case scenario. Anything specific 24 questions you have? 25 MS. ROBERTS: I just have one question.

1 MS. CAIRNS: Yes. 2 MS. ROBERTS: In the revenues group we've collected about 75 percent. 3 4 MS. CAIRNS: We have. 5 MS. ROBERTS: Do we think we're going to collect 6 that additional 25 percent? 7 MS. CAIRNS: We may or may not. For example, 8 the revenues what we have reported here is as of April 9 30th. 10 MS. ROBERTS: Uh-huh. The state share revenue which is 11 MS. CAIRNS: 12 the second largest and the property taxes, which is the 13 largest. We wouldn't know about the state share revenues. 14 We know what the constitution amount is. But we know what 15 the statutory amount is. 16 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. 17 MS. CAIRNS: So that -- we don't get the last 18 payment until August. The property tax settlement so we 19 have collected about 88 percent. The 12 percent is turned 20 over to the county. And the county, based on our past 21 experience when we told some a little bit of money it can 22 vary from 8 percent to 15 percent. So I don't know how 23 much we are. And that -- they make the settlement closer 24 to the last day of June 30th. So those are the 25 uncertainties involved in with this budget.

1 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. Thank you. 2 Does anyone else have any other questions? 3 Thank you. MS. CAIRNS: You're welcome. 4 5 MS. ROBERTS: Enjoy your next job. We'll miss 6 you. 7 MS. YOUNG: Yes. 8 MR. STEMA: Good luck. 9 MS. CAIRNS: Thank you. 10 MS. ROBERTS: Okay, I would entertain a motion to approve, deny, or postpone the budget to actual cash 11 12 flow reports. 13 MR. STEMA: Motion to approve. 14 MS. YOUNG: Second. 15 MS. ROBERTS: Any further discussion? 16 (No response.) 17 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor, 18 say aye. Aye. 19 MR. STEMA: Aye. 20 MS. YOUNG: Aye. 21 MR. McINERNEY: Aye. 22 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed the same? 23 (No response.) 24 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries. 25 Next on the agenda is approval of the invoice

1 register and pre-approved expenditures I would entertain 2 a motion to approve, deny or postpone the invoice register and pre-approved expenditures. 3 4 Motion to approve. MR. STEMA: 5 MR. MCINERNEY: Support. 6 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion? 7 (No response.) 8 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor, 9 say aye. Aye. 10 MR. STEMA: Aye. 11 MS. YOUNG: Aye. 12 MR. McINERNEY: Aye. 13 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed the same? 14 (No response.) MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries. 15 16 Next on the agenda is approval of Resolution The second budget amendment for FY 16/17. While 17 2017-35. 18 action on this item occurred during a council meeting 19 outside the normal review period for today's board 20 meeting, the city manager is requesting to bring these 21 items forward for early review. This item was approved by 22 city council on May 9, 2017. Ms. Powell, would you like 23 to provide a summary of this item for the board. 24 MS. POWELL: Yes, ma'am. So the biggest thing 25 here, I believe, it was addressed by one our council

1 members is the issue of our SAFER grant. And as you are 2 well aware, federal grants are distributed by the federal government and all criteria has to be met in order for 3 4 them to distribute those funds. In this particular case, 5 the city of Hamtramck had requested to be able to hire 14 6 firefighters in order to receive the SAFER grant. At the 7 time of the distribution we had only hired -- we only had 8 12 firefighters. So we have been continuously hiring or 9 interviewing firefighters so that we can fill those other 10 two spots so that we can eventually get all of our money. 11 As you know in grants the money comes in as you spend it, 12 so as soon as we're able to provide documentation that 13 we've filled those two spaces we will get the full funding 14 that we applied for and received. And that's really the 15 biggest issue with the budget amendment. The rest of it 16 is training for city council. That needed to be addressed 17 in salaries and income tax because we moved -- allowed one 18 gentleman from the city controller's office down to income 19 The rest of it is small potatoes compared to the tax. 20 SAFER grant. That's the biggest issue. 21 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. Okay. 22 Just one thing I want to be sure of is our next 23 RTAB we will have the new budget? 24 MS. POWELL: Yes, you will. 25 Okay. Does anyone else have any MS. ROBERTS:

1 other questions? 2 We would entertain a motion to approve, deny or 3 postpone Resolution 2017-35, second budget amendment for FY 16/17. 4 5 MS. YOUNG: Motion to approve. 6 MR. McINERNEY: Support. 7 MS. ROBERTS: Any further discussion? 8 (No response) 9 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor 10 say aye. Aye. 11 MR. STEMA: Aye. 12 MS. YOUNG: Aye. 13 MR. McINERNEY: Aye. 14 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed the same. 15 (No response) MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries. 16 17 Items 5 and 6 were addressed in new business. 18 So item 7, approval of 2017-34. Contract extension for 19 Hutch Paving for 2017 Asphalt Resurfacing Program. While 20 action of this item occurred during a council meeting 21 outside the normal review period for today, the city 22 manager is requesting to bring this item forward for early 23 review. This item was approved by city council on May 9, 2017. 24 25 Ms. Powell, would you provide a summary of this

item for the board?

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2 MS. POWELL: Yes, ma'am, thank you very much. This is an extension of the current contract 3 4 they've agreed to provide asphalt at the same price that 5 they've provided it previously. As you know we have a 6 very aggressive resurfacing and road repair program that 7 we're in the middle of and so this particular year we will be resurfacing four streets. We'll be resurfacing Charest 8 9 from Holbrook to Evaline, the full width of that. Lehman 10 from Conant to Joseph Campau, the travel lane only. 11 Lumpkin Street from Caniff to Commor, the travel lane only 12 and Pulaski from Mackay to Joseph Campau, the full width. 13 We may be changing that street but this is our schedule so far for this construction season. We're excited that 14 15 Hutch Paving was able to extend those prices to us. We've 16 had a very good relationship with them and our engineers 17 and people in the field enjoy working with them so we 18 would just like to extend their contract. 19 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. Thank you. I would entertain a motion to approve, deny, or postpone

20 entertain a motion to approve, deny, or postpone 21 Resolution 2017-34, Contract Extension for Hutch Paving. 22 MR. BOGDAN: Move to approve. 23 MR. STEMA: Support. 24 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion? 25 (No response.)

1 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor of 2 say aye. Aye. 3 MR. McINERNEY: Aye. 4 MR. STEMA: Aye. MS. YOUNG: 5 Aye. 6 MR. MCINERNEY: Aye. 7 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed the same. 8 (No response) 9 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries. 10 So items eight was addressed in new business. 11 Item 9, Resolution 2017-33 Approval of Resolution #2017-33 12 (Memorandum of Understanding Between Wayne County, Habitat 13 for Humanity, Samaritas, Wayne County Land Bank and the 14 City of Hamtramck to Provide Refugee Resettlement Housing. 15 While action on this item occurred during a council 16 meeting outside the normal review period for today's board 17 meeting, the city manager is requesting to bring this item 18 forward for early review. This item was approved by city 19 council on May 9, 2017. 20 Ms. Powell, would you like to provide a summary 21 of this item for the board, please? 22 MS. POWELL: Yes, ma'am. Thank you very much. 23 This is a memorandum of understanding between 24 the city of Hamtramck, Wayne County Habitat for Humanity, 25 Samaritas and the Wayne County Land Bank. We were so

1 excited about this program. We were approached about our 2 right of first refusal homes that were given to us by the county treasurer by Wayne County. We all kind of sat down 3 4 and started you know, talking about what we would do with 5 these properties. And it was brought up during that 6 discussion that they were looking to do a refugee 7 resettlement program. So we brought all the players to 8 the table and had a huge discussion and so moving forward 9 they are going to be taking on our right of first refusal 10 homes from the county treasurer's office, paying whatever 11 it is we owe for those properties. If you remember we 12 were in the middle of trying to do a pilot project to 13 redevelop those properties. Instead, Habitat for Humanity will take those homes and the properties and either build 14 15 new homes or redo the existing homes and put refugee 16 resettlement people in those homes and they will be owned 17 by Samaritas. So Samaritas will be responsible for 18 providing all the lawn maintenance, all the care of the 19 home and it will be essentially an owner occupied piece of 20 property. So we'll be receiving taxes on that and it will also spruce up the neighborhoods and we'll have refugees 21 22 settling in our community where they can feel like they're 23 at home and they can shop where they're used to, you know, 24 in shops where they are familiar with the items. And 25 they will be completely welcomed into our community. So

1 hopefully mving forward this will be a program that all 2 of the entities will be able to continue for years to come as long as we are able to bring in refugees and help them 3 4 get out of war torn countries. So that's what this is. Thank you. 5 MS. ROBERTS: 6 I would entertain a motion to approve, deny, or 7 postpone Resolution 2017-33, Memorandum of Understanding Between Wayne County, Habitat for Humanity, Samaritas, 8 9 Wayne County Land Bank and the City of Hamtramck. 10 MR. McINERNEY: I'd like to move to approve it 11 with a comment. 12 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. 13 MR. McINERNEY: If there's a second. 14 MS. YOUNG: Yes. 15 MR. STEMA: Second. 16 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion? 17 MR. McINERNEY: I just want to commend the city 18 on this. I mean I have followed this law for the 18 years 19 it's been in existence and it's now entering obviously 20 this non-profit phase which appears to be a great thing 21 kind of in general and for the city. Keep up the good 22 work with that. 23 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. The motion before us is to 24 approve Resolution 2017-33. All those in favor say aye. 25 Aye.

1 MR. McINERNEY: Aye. 2 MR. STEMA: Aye. 3 MS. YOUNG: Aye. 4 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed the same. 5 (No response) Motion carries. 6 MS. ROBERTS: 7 Next on the agenda is approval to hire a part time code enforcement officer. Ms. Powell, would you 8 9 provide a summary of this item for the Board? 10 MS. POWELL: Yes, ma'am. Thank you. 11 So as you are aware I've been looking to 12 increase our code enforcement force. I would like to 13 have five part-timers working and these positions are 14 paid for with CDBG funds that we received from Wayne 15 County. In this particular case this is a young lady who 16 lives in our community who works part time somewhere else 17 and is excited about being able to come onto our teams 18 hodrsothat you know, are not normal for most of us. She 19 enjoys working in the afternoons and on the weekend. When 20 we have code violators that think no one is here so now 21 we'll actually have someone on staff -- we'll have several people on staff that will be able to be able to curb that 22 23 type of activity. This is Ella Schneider and she will be 24 part-time with no benefits. And she will be our first 25 hire, actually.

1 MS. ROBERTS: I actually looked over her resume. 2 What code enforcement experience does she have? How is the candidate qualified for the position? 3 4 So you -- most code enforcement MS. POWELL: 5 officers aren't walking in the door with code enforcement 6 experience, particularly in our community. She will be 7 sent to school to learn how to write tickets. The most 8 important thing is that she's not afraid to walk up on a 9 porch and knock on a door and educate someone about the 10 fact that their grass is 12 inches tall and it can only be 11 six. She's not afraid to talk to people and you know, as 12 a last resort issue a ticket. For us it's not about code 13 It's about code compliance and so I'm enforcement. 14 looking for people who are already engrained in our 15 community, that care about the way it looks and want to 16 clean it up. We can teach them what they don't know. 17 However, you just need to know how to talk to people, how 18 to read, how to understand the code and she's able to do 19 all of those things. 20 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. This is part time? How 21 many hours are we talking? 22 Less than 29 hours. MS. POWELL: 23 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. And it's budgeted? 24 MS. POWELL: Yes, ma'am. 25 MS. ROBERTS: Anyone else have any questions?

1	MR. McINERNEY: I move to approve.
2	MS. ROBERTS: Okay.
3	MR. STEMA: Support.
4	MS. ROBERTS: Okay, all those in favor say aye.
5	Aye.
6	MR. STEMA: Aye.
7	MS. YOUNG: Aye.
8	MR. McINERNEY: Aye.
9	MS. ROBERTS: Aye. Opposed the same.
10	(No response)
11	MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries.
12	Next on the agenda is approval of contract
13	addendums for directors and essential personnel. Ms.
14	Powell will you provide us with
15	MR. McINERNEY: What happened to police?
16	MS. ROBERTS: Oh, did I miss
17	MR. STEMA: You missed the police officer.
18	MS. ROBERTS: We're skipping an officer. Sorry.
19	If you're here.
20	Next on the agenda is approval to hire full-time
21	police officer. Ms. Powell, would you please provide a
22	summary of this item for the board?
23	MS. POWELL: Yes, ma'am.
24	As you are aware, we are having to replace
25	police officers that have gone to work for other agencies

1 that typically are paid more and have better benefits but 2 we are addressing that. We now have options for benefits. 3 Moving forward. So, hopefully we'll be able to keep these 4 people and actually this is a new police officer that we 5 would have lost had we not had options now for families to be covered by our help. So we're excited about filling 6 7 this position and bringing this young man on very quickly and getting him trained and up to snuff. 8 MS. ROBERTS: And this officer -- this position 9 10 is budgeted? 11 MS. POWELL: Yes, ma'am. 12 I'm assuming it's also going to help MR. STEMA: 13 bringing down the "O.T."? 14 MS. POWELL: I hope so. Or increase it until he 15 is fully trained. 16 MS. ROBERTS: I would entertain a motion to 17 approve, deny, or postpone hiring a full-time police 18 officer. 19 MR. STEMA: Motion to approve. 20 MS. YOUNG: Second. 21 MS. ROBERTS: Any further discussion? 22 (No response) 23 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor 24 say aye. Aye. 25 MR. STEMA: Aye.

1 MS. YOUNG: Aye. 2 MR. McINERNEY: Aye. 3 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed the same. 4 (No response) 5 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries. 6 Next on the agenda is approval of contract 7 addendums for directors and essential personal. 8 Ms. Powell, will you provide a summary of this 9 item for the Board? 10 MS. POWELL: Yes, ma'am. So this has been an 11 issue for us for the last couple of years. And it 12 involves our directors are given "X" number of weeks to 13 use for vacation and unfortunately given that we have such a very small staff there's not anyone to really take their 14 15 place. So a lot of times they're not able to take their 16 vacations or if they are they're all taking them at the 17 same time in December before they lose them. 18 This request is to allow them to at least carry 19 over another week. Because a lot of times they are able 20 to take it earlier in the year than they are later in the year. Depending on the work load. This will allow them 21 22 to at least have an option. Currently they have no 23 If they choose to leave they will only be able to option. 24 take -- if they have less than 40 hours they will only be 25 able to take that time. This really came to light

1 recently with some of our directors leaving. They had all 2 this vacation that they were waiting to take later on and 3 they would have lost it had they left. So they took the 4 vacation, took the time off. It put added 5 responsibilities on those people that were in the office that weren't expecting to not have that help and it's just 6 7 been an issue. And it's been an issue but now it's an 8 even bigger issue. So this is just a request to allow 9 them to at least carry over, you know, 40 hours until the next year to be able to use them then. 10 MS. ROBERTS: I have a lot of questions on this 11 12 And I'm really going to ask for this one to be one. 13 tabled. 14 MS. POWELL: Okay. 15 MS. ROBERTS: But I'm going to let you know what 16 my questions are. 17 MS. POWELL: Okay. 18 MS. ROBERTS: And then we'll see if the board 19 agrees with me to table it. 20 MS. POWELL: Okay. 21 Okay. First there is a typo in a MS. ROBERTS: 22 lot of these. All but one of them actually in the second 23 paragraph of A it says the contribution to MERS is 10 24 percent and then in a parenthesis it says 15 percent? 25 MS. POWELL: Oh. Uh-huh.

1 MS. ROBERTS: So from that it's incorrect and 2 inconsistent. There's only one of them that has the same percentage and it's both of them are 15 percent on the 3 4 last one. So, if you'd correct that. I don't know what 5 this is replacing. And since this doesn't go to council 6 I'd like to see the language it replaces. 7 MS. POWELL: I actually have it on the memo. MS. ROBERTS: But I don't have the actual 8 9 contract to see. 10 MS. POWELL: The contract. Okay. No problem. 11 MS. ROBERTS: To see, so I'd like to see that. 12 MS. POWELL: Okay. 13 MS. ROBERTS: And then I wonder what the budget 14 impact is. Because you don't typically pay out this money 15 as a lump sum check. So I'd like to see what the budget 16 impact is. 17 MS. POWELL: For each one or collectively. 18 MS.Roberts: PITTMAN: Or collectively. I don't care how 19 but what is the budget impact. 20 MS. POWELL: Okay. 21 MS. ROBERTS: And then what is the impact on 22 employees. Like, you know, are they going to see this as 23 I should keep a week of time left versus take my time? We 24 want that fine line of you know, do I not take vacation 25 because I might get some money instead? So if you can

1 kind of --2 MS. POWELL: Well, we hope they're not leaving, 3 We hope they're staying. ma'am. 4 MS. ROBERTS: But those are my questions and I 5 don't know if the members have other questions. That covers what I have. 6 MR. STEMA: 7 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. So I'm going to --8 MR. McINERNEY: I move to table. 9 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. Thank you. 10 MR. STEMA: Support. 11 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. This item is tabled. Ιt 12 can be brought back to us next month. 13 MS. POWELL: Yes, ma'am. 14 MS. ROBERTS: Next on the agenda is approval of 15 the citywide overtime report. Ms. Powell, would you 16 please provide a summary of the progress the city is 17 making in regards to this issue? 18 MS. POWELL: Did you vote on that? 19 MS. ROBERTS: Oh. No, I didn't. 20 MR. McINERNEY: I think --21 MS. ROBERTS: I don't know if you have to table. 22 All those in favor of tabling item 12 of which -- let's 23 see is that item 12? Yes. 24 MS. YOUNG: 25 MR. McINERNEY: Yes.

1 MS. ROBERTS: All those in favor of tabling item 2 12 say aye. 3 MR. STEMA: Aye. 4 MS. YOUNG: Aye. 5 MR. McINERNEY: Aye. 6 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed the same. 7 (No response) MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries. 8 9 Okay, now the citywide overtime report. 10 MS. POWELL: So I'm scared to say this because 11 the last time I said this it came back to bite me. But 12 our overtime is down. It's not down by a whole lot but 13 it's down. It's down by \$2700. So hopefully it will 14 continue to go down. I want it to be much larger going down but it's down. 15 16 MS. ROBERTS: Any questions? 17 MS. ROBERTS: I would entertain a motion to 18 approve, deny, or postpone the citywide overtime report. 19 MR. McINERNEY: Motion to approve. MS. YOUNG: Second. 20 21 MS. ROBERTS: Any further discussion? 22 (No response.) 23 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor 24 say aye. Aye. 25 MR. STEMA: Aye.

1 MS. YOUNG: Aye. 2 MR. McINERNEY: Aye. 3 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed the same? 4 (No response.) MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries. 5 6 Next on the agenda is district court revenues. 7 This is for information only. Do any board members have 8 any comments or questions? 9 MR. STEMA: No. 10 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none we'll move on. 11 Next is board comment. Do any RTAB members have 12 any board comment? 13 I have a question for Ms. Powell. MR. STEMA: 14 About a month and a half ago I think it was, there was a 15 resolution that passed to go out and find a recruitment to 16 replace you on July 1st. Can you give us an update on 17 where that is? 18 MS. POWELL: Yes, sir. 19 I actually can. 20 So, you did -- it was put out on MTN on April It was due on May 1st and it was closed. 21 11. The --22 first of all, let me state that that the city manager is 23 not involved in anything related to purchasing. I have a 24 purchasing agent which you all are aware of because we 25 hired her. This is completely her job. I don't get

1 involved in this as well as I don't get involved in any 2 other bids or any of that. For any reason nor should I. My purchasing agent gave me an update this morning that 3 4 said -- because I wanted to know because it's been on our 5 agenda for tonight -- and she said that she's created the 6 bid sheet, the recommendation memo and she's working on 7 the bilateral agreement. So as she dos with every other 8 bid, she goes out and she talks to their references to 9 find out if indeed what they've put in their bid, bid 10 document is correct, that they are easy to work with, that 11 they do produce a good product, you know, those types of 12 She is really adamant about doing her due things. 13 diligence which we appreciate. So she has said that it will be on the first meeting, the city council meeting of 14 15 June. 16 MR. McINERNEY: I'm sorry, did you say the 17 responses have been received already or did the --18 Yes, we received the responses. MS. POWELL: Ιt 19 closed on May 1st. 20 MR. MCINERNEY: Okay. 21 MS. POWELL: So I believe -- I don't know, I 22 think we have five people who bid. So. 23 MR. MCINERNEY: Thank you. 24 So we'll see them in June as well. MS. POWELL: 25 MR. McINERNEY: Thank you.

1 MR. STEMA: Thank you. 2 MS. ROBERTS: Any other board comment? 3 (No response.) 4 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, I would entertain a 5 motion to adjourn. 6 MR. McINERNEY: So moved. 7 MR. STEMA: Support. 8 MS. ROBERTS: All those in favor say aye. Aye. 9 MR. STEMA: Aye. 10 MS. YOUNG: Aye. 11 MR. McINERNEY: Aye. 12 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed the same. 13 (No response) 14 MS. ROBERTS: This meeting is adjourned. Thank 15 It is approximately 1:50. you. 16 (Proceedings adjourned at 1:50) 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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