CITY OF PONTIAC

RECEIVERSHIP TRANSITION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

1:00 P.M.

Meeting before the RTAB Board at
47450 Woodward Avenue, 2nd Floor, Council
Chambers, Pontiac, Michigan 48342, on Wednesday,
September 16, 2015.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Edward Korzyzno, Chairperson
Keith Sawdon, Member
Robert Burgess, Member
Louis Schimmel, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert Widigan (Department of Treasury)
Joseph Sobota (City Administrator).
Nevrus Nazarko (Director of Finance)
Mayor Deirdre Waterman (City of Pontiac)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE BOARD:

Billie Swazer
Doris Taylor Burks
Don Woodward
Denise Cobb
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1:03 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Good afternoon.
It's three minutes after 1:00, and I'll call the
Pontiac Receivership Transition Advisory Board to
order. Mr. Widigan, a roll call.

MR. WIDIGAN: Mr. Sawdon?
MEMBER SAWDON: Here.

MR. WIDIGAN: Mr. Burgess?
MEMBER BURGESS: Here.

MR. WIDIGAN: Mr. Schimmel?
MEMBER SCHIMMEL: Here.

MR. WIDIGAN: Mr. Koryzno?
CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Here.

MR. WIDIGAN: Quorum is present.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Thank you. I'll
remind the public that if you wish to speak during
the public comment portion of the meeting, it will
be necessary for you to be recognized, sign the
sign-up sheet on the table located at the rear of
the room with the agendas.

Next item is approval of agenda. I'll
entertain a motion to approve the agenda.

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: I'll move.

MEMBER SAWDON: Support.
CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Okay. Moved and supported to approve the agenda. Moved by Schimmel, supported by Sawdon.

I would like to amend the agenda, add two amendments to the agenda. One is under Item 1, under the Mayor's items, Deputy Mayor position, I'd like to remove "information only" and make that an action item.

And then the second item I wish to add is consideration of hiring employees to perform street sweeping. And that would be Item 10 under the Administrator's Report.

Is the Board comfortable with the addition of those two items?

MEMBER BURGESS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: All right. Then all in favor of the agenda with the two amendments say "aye."

(All ayes.)

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign. The Board agenda is approved, as amended.

Next item is Item C, approval of the minutes. I'll entertain a motion to approve the RTAB minutes of August 19th, 2015 with noted clarifications.
MEMBER BURGESS: Move to approve.

MEMBER SAWDON: Support.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: It's been moved and supported to approve the minutes. Any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of the motion say "aye."

(All ayes.)

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign. The motion is approved.

Item II is Old Business. (A) Resolutions 15-228 and 15-229. Adoption of Ordinance to permit the overpayment of COLA benefits.

Mr. Sobota, can you provide the Board with an update on this item, please.

MR. SOBOTA: Strange. I haven't provided an update here -- here it is. The last pack -- the last few pages of my report, I have provided a copy of a letter that I received from the attorney of the GERS Board, which indicates that the GERS Board adopted a policy in regards to approval of changes to pension benefits in respect to COLA payments only. And that resolution was passed unanimously by the Board on August 26th, 2015.

It appears as though, based on the
resolution, that there is a system of checks and
balances in place where at least decisions to
increase COLA will be presented to the GERS Board,
and actually will be taken on the public record.
There is also a review process in addition to GERS
staff, also reviewed by the attorney and the
actuary, with final action taken by the Board
through resolution.

So it appears as though most of the
internal control concerns that I had discussed in my
earlier report to the Board have been addressed.
Once again, it only is on point for that particular
issue. It doesn't speak to the future in the event
that these overpayments, if they're done in the
future, whether or not we're going to be going back
and seeking for permission after the fact.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Any questions
for Mr. Sobota from the Board? All right. Seeing
none, I'll entertain a motion.

MEMBER SAWDON: Motion to approve
15-228 and 15-229.

MEMBER BURGESS: Support.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by Sawdon,
approved by Burgess to approve Resolutions 15-228
and 15-229. Further discussion? Seeing none, all
in favor of the motion say "aye."

(All ayes.)

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign. The motion approved.

Item B, Resolution 15-249 appointment of Sheldon Albritton to the GERS Board. Mr. Sobota.

MR. SOBOTA: Mr. Albritton is not legally barred from serving. He meets all of the criteria as established by State law and by ordinance. He indicates his occupation is a territory sales manager. And other organizations that are pertinent include AGDC Section Leadership Council Metro Team and Community Outreach Team.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Any questions for Mr. Sobota from the Board? I'll entertain a motion.

MEMBER SAWDON: Motion to approve.

MEMBER BURGESS: Support.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by Sawdon, supported by Burgess. Discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of the motion say "aye."

(All ayes.)

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign. The motion is approved.

Item III, New Business. Item (A)
approval of resolutions and ordinance for City
Council meetings.

Number 1, August 13th, 2015 regular
meeting. Entertain a motion to approve all
ordinances and resolutions from the August 13, 2015
regular City Council meeting with the exception of
Resolution 15-254 Randolph V City of Pontiac appeal.

MEMBER BURGESS: Move to approve.

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: Support.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by
Burgess, supported by Schimmel. Mr. Widigan, could
you provide the update for the Board, please.

MR. WIDIGAN: Yeah. The Resolution
15-254, which is Randolph V Pontiac, was brought
forward to the Board at last month's meeting by Joe
Sobota in accordance with final order Section 1
(A)(t), which states that "The City administrator
shall complete decision-making authority on behalf
of the City subject to approval of the Board --"
which is the RTAB "-- on all matters of litigation
including the ability to settle or initiate
lawsuits."

And so the RTAB addressed this last
month, so that's why it's pulled separate this
month.
CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: All right.

Thank you.

MEMBER SAWDON: Motion to approve.

MEMBER BURGESS: Support.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by Sawdon, supported by Burgess.

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: You know, I don't think we really voted on the other one. I'm glad to vote "yes" twice if you'd like.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: A motion has been moved. Moved and supported. So that is correct.

So any further discussion on this? Seeing none, all in favor of the motion say "aye."

(All ayes.)

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign. The minutes of the August 13th, 2015 meeting are approved with the exception of the Randolph V Pontiac appeal.

Item 2, August 20, 2015 regular City Council meeting minutes.

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: I'll move approval.

MEMBER BURGESS: Support.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by Schimmel, supported by Burgess. Discussion? Seeing
none, all in favor of the motion say "aye."

(All ayes.)

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same

sign. The August 20th, 2015 meeting minutes are

approved.

Item 3, the August 27th, 2015 regular

meeting minutes.

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: I'll move approval.

MEMBER SAWDON: Support.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by

Schimmel, support by Sawdon. Discussion? Seeing

none, all in favor of the motion say "aye."

(All ayes.)

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same

sign. The August 27th, 2015 regular meeting minutes

are approved.

Item 4, September 3rd, 2015 regular

meeting minutes. Entertain a motion.

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: I'll move.

MEMBER BURGESS: Support.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Could you state

the motion, Mr. Schimmel, please.

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: Just as it reads

exactly on the piece of paper there, to approve the

regular meeting on September 3rd, 2015 with the
exception of 15-281, the EM order S-334 amendment.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Okay. Thank you. So moved by Schimmel, supported by Burgess. Discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of the motion say "aye."

(All ayes.)

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign. The motion is approved.

Item Resolution 15-281 EM order S-334 amendment. Mr. Sobota?

MR. SOBOTA: These are the fees, correct?

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: I believe so.

MR. SOBOTA: The City Council, back in June, adopted a budget with an assumption that the business license fees and a portion of the application fees for construction code permits would be reduced.

Council has finally acted on that recommendation. The contractor, Wade Trim, is in support of the resolution. In terms of business license fees, the City and Wade Trim have been trying to work for the past four years to find a way to reduce those fees. The business community is anxiously awaiting the reduction of these fees, and
we are hoping to have an implementation date of --
what month are we in -- of October the 1st, so the
State Treasurer can task his approval by that time
as well.

Now, there's another part of that
resolution that Council adopted, which does not
require an amendment to an EM order, because those
fees have been previously set by City Council
resolution, and never confirmed or changed by EM
order. So it's a two-parter, actually.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Any questions
for Mr. Sobota?

MEMBER SAWDON: Motion to recommend to
the State Treasurer the amendment to order EM order
S-338 be scheduled.

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: I'll support.

MR. WIDIGAN: Mr. Chairman, I believe
it's a typo. It should be 330.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: 330. The mover
and supporter --

MEMBER SAWDON: I'm okay with that
change.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: All right.
Moved by Sawdon, supported by Schimmel to approve
amendment of EM order S-330. Discussion? Seeing
none, all in favor of the motion say "aye."

    (All ayes.)

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same

sign. The motion is approved.

Item B, City Administrator items.

Item 1, Amendment of Order S-148. Mr. Sobota? And I believe that's EM order S-148.

MR. SOBOTA: Yes, it is. The City Clerk had advised me that after we elevated the position of election specialist to full time, the individual in question needed to access City Hall after business hours and did not have a key or an access card, to be specific.

    So I agree that based on the duties and responsibilities, that such a position does require an access card to City Hall.

    While reviewing the order, discovered that the old position of treasury analyst was still listed. Since that position has been eliminated, that position can be removed from the order. And then I've also recommended that the position of Deputy Mayor also be granted an access card. So, we're adding two, eliminating one for the after-hours access to City Hall.

    And I would also like to add that DPW
is presently in the process of conducting a security review of the building and still have security issues I had identified earlier in the year. They have been mitigated somewhat, but they still exist. So until such time that we have a system that we can consider full-proof and secure, we do need to maintain limited access to the building.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Any questions from the Board for Mr. Sobota?

MEMBER BURGESS: What's the difference in permission to an election specialist versus the councilmen?

MR. SOBOTA: Council members -- and I'm going to be speaking of the old council -- council members had habits of allowing residents into the building. There were meetings that were conducted in violation of the Open Meetings Act. So at the time that the order was originally initiated, it was done at that time.

Furthermore, we still have security issues in the building, and I do not want to take responsibility for having someone in the building without the Sheriff's Office knowing about them, that have a more -- a longer walk to get to their offices on another level.
Presently, Council members do have after-hours access to the building. They need to go to the Sheriff's Office, and the Sheriff's Office that way is aware when the person is here and when they leave. So at least there's that extra protection of safety to the members because their offices are located on the second floor off to your left, my right; whereas all of the other people have after-hours access are generally first floor by the front door, or have a -- what I'm going to call an official business need to be in City Hall after business hours because of the duties of their position.

MEMBER BURGESS: Wouldn't the election specialist have the same opportunity to go through the parole -- I mean the patrol office?

MR. SOBOTA: The election specialist, this is essentially mainly for election day, and when City Hall is open for the public on the Saturday before the election, that's when the issue came up where the clerk -- or the deputy clerk wasn't able to get here in time, the election specialist was the first person.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Any more questions, Mr. Burgess?
MEMBER BURGESS: My objection to the Council members is that I considered it unsafe to have someone in the building and patrol doesn't know about that. And I have the same concern with the election specialist or whomever.

MR. SOBOTA: I don't have any objection to having the election specialist added to the list to check in with the Sheriff's Office. I know for the Treasurer's Office, when they have -- when those staff members need to come to the building to respond to an alarm, they are required to go to the Sheriff's Office.

So if the Board feels more comfortable having the election specialist check in at the Sheriff's Office, I have no objections to that.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Any further questions? I'll entertain a motion.

MEMBER BURGESS: I move to deny S-148.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Is there support?

MEMBER SAWDON: Well, we're looking at two positions, right? Election specialist and Deputy Mayor?

MR. SOBOTA: Correct. I was being a little bit more proactive on the Deputy Mayor, and
advised the Mayor after we had talked about election specialist, that, oh, by the way, when I was writing the memo, I figured I better add the Deputy Mayor because I knew that request was going to be coming at some point in the near future, so she was satisfied with that as well.

MEMBER SAWDON: If the Deputy Mayor position moves forward later in the agenda, what would be the start date, roughly?

MR. SOBOTA: I think about a month.

MEMBER SAWDON: Would it be in time for another Board meeting, a TAB Board meeting?

MR. SOBOTA: I would say so.

MEMBER SAWDON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: There's a motion. Is there --

MEMBER SAWDON: Support.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by Burgess, support by Sawdon. Further discussion? And again, the motion is to deny amendment of EM order S-148. All in favor of the motion say "aye."

(All ayes.)

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign. The motion is approved and amendment of EM order S-148 has been denied.
Item 2 is Comcast versus the City of Pontiac. Mr. Sobota, could you provide the Board with an update on this item, please.

MR. SOBOTA: As you recall at the last meeting, I received authorization to move ahead in the Federal Court system with litigation along with $100,000 of potential costs to fight the dispute that Comcast initiated with the City of Pontiac in regards to the amount of pay fees charged to customers.

City Council approved a two percent rate. Comcast insisted that they're only required to pay a one percent rate. They filed a complaint before the Public Service Commission. They were not injured in that they had not been implementing a two percent rate.

They filed a complaint before the Public Service Commission. I had a very difficult time first getting, I guess you could say "permission" from the Public Service Commission to hire an attorney; in other words, they wanted to schedule a meeting before I even had an attorney secured. And then I had another difficulty in getting the Public Service Commission to agree to allow the City to have time to consult with the
attorney that we just hired before the meeting in an informal mediation session.

So I was not very satisfied with the direction that this case was going. It appeared as though the decision had already been made. We did have an informal mediation. I can say that the event ended rather strangely. Found out afterwards why it ended strangely. Apparently the message that the City asked to be conveyed to Comcast was not conveyed properly, which in turn I guess you could say caused Comcast to walk out.

Comcast then filed a formal mediation complaint a few weeks ago. The State has 120 days to hear the case. They actually wanted me in Lansing today for this, within a couple of weeks' notice. They gave us an additional week. Filing is due tomorrow, with the formal mediation scheduled for a week from Wednesday. Once again, I am not comfortable and neither is our attorney, based on prior rulings from the Commission, that the City has any chance of prevailing before the Public Service Commission.

Comcast was fully aware of the City's ability and authority to file legal action in Federal Court. They even identified where they knew
that their case was weak in Federal Court. Since
the initial filings have been done with the State of
Michigan, Comcast has increased their position twice
for the City of Pontiac, going from one percent to
1.25 percent.

We're not going to win before the
Public Service Commission. It's going to be a waste
of money.

In terms of Federal Court, this could
be a very long and protracted legal battle, although
the last two and only two cases litigated with
Comcast in Federal Court have been successful for
the municipalities, and I believe that the City has
a very good chance of winning, the time that it
would take before the case comes for final closure,
and then if it's appealed to the Court of Appeals
and then to the Supreme Court, is probably too long.

So Comcast, late yesterday afternoon,
after close of business hours, has conveyed to the
City that they will -- they are willing to raise the
PEG fee to 1.25 percent with retroactivity back to
November of 2014. That would mean that the City of
Pontiac tends to gain an additional $25,000 per year
in PEG fees, each year for the next ten years, for a
total of $250,000, which can go a long way in
opening a public access studio in the City of Pontiac, as has been requested by the City Council. I believe that this is the best deal that we're going to get. The Public Service Commission would be under no legal requirements to award the City the 1.25 percent that Comcast is offering. I think they would stick at the 1 percent. So based on the information that I have today, and the chances of prevailing with the Public Service Commission, I think this is the best deal that the City of Pontiac has, and it will put this issue to closure.

So I am recommending that this Board accept the 1.25 percent with retroactivity to November of 2014 settlement proposal. And I will advise you that I did send an e-mail to City Council and the Mayor earlier this morning, and I did hear a response from one Council member who indicated that he was satisfied with the results; hoped that we could get more, but understands under the circumstances this is the best that we're going to get at the present time.

So my request is actually to approve a settlement in the Comcast dispute for 1.25 percent PEG fee with retroactivity to November of 2014.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Any questions
for Mr. Sobota from the Board?

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: I have just a question about procedure. Would we not -- it has to be approved by the City, right?

MR. SOBOTA: Actually by the Board. Because under the order, the Board has final authority in terms of all settlement, as Mr. Widigan had expressed earlier. My obligation was to advise Council, which I did.

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: So all you have to do is advise Council?

MR. SOBOTA: Correct. If they disagree, like they did with the Randolph case, I can make a different recommendation to the Board and the Board can act on my recommendation or choose to accept Council's in this matter.

And the reason I would like action today is it will prevent us from having to file our paperwork tomorrow and then appear before the Public Service Commission, incur all of those expenses next week and however long that case goes.

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: Okay. I'll move to approve.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Is there support?
MEMBER SAWDON: Support.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by
Schimmel, supported by Sawdon to approve the
settlement with Comcast for a PEG fee of 1.25
percent retroactive to 2014. Was there a month in
2014?

MR. SOBOTA: November.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: November 2014.

Further discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of
the motion say "aye."

(All ayes.)

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same
sign. Motion is approved.

Item 3, Approval of Professional
Services Agreement with Atwell-DCR Services and
Construction LLC. Mr. Sobota.

MR. SOBOTA: The City had received an
FDCVT grant from the Treasury Department about a
year ago for the purpose of blight management. The
proposal is to hire Atwell-DCR, which has done very
similar work in the City of Detroit, for blight
management. This service was recommended at the
time of grant application, knowing that the
individual who had been performing a lot of the work
was moving on to employment with another employer.
So therefore, we had a need to fill.

We have negotiated a very good agreement with Atwell to perform all of the work for blight management, and we anticipate that this grant will cover the administration for demolition services that will exhaust all CDBG 2014 and 2015 grant dollars. So it is a lump sum proposal. And that way, in the event if costs are higher or if we were able -- or I'm sorry, if costs are lower and if we have to tear down more houses, we have that ability and the flexibility without worrying about how we're going to pay the company on a house-by-house basis.

So the Mayor and I are both fully in support of this agreement, and Atwell is ready to go possibly as early as this week.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Thank you. Any questions from the Board for Mr. Sobota? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion.

MEMBER SAWDON: Motion to approve.

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: Support.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by Sawdon, support by Schimmel to approve. Further discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of the motion say "aye."

(All ayes.)
CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign. The motion is approved.

Item 4, Approval of Oakland Brownfield Consortium Grant application. Mr. Sobota?

MR. SOBOTA: About two years ago, the City of Pontiac joined a coalition with other communities in Oakland County to apply for the Environmental Protection Agency Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant.

In 2013, this Board approved an intergovernmental agreement under the Urban Cooperation Act for the City to participate in this particular grant.

The City received $60,000, an earmark in that grant, to perform phase one and phase two environmental investigations for businesses that were planning to open or had plans to open in Pontiac. That grant resulted in the funding of seven projects, creating a potential overall investment of over $58 million, and potentially creating over 300 jobs in Pontiac. That grant has been expended. So there is another grant application that Oakland County would like to make with the same Coalition. So this is a two-step process.
First, we approve the application. And if the application is approved, then we will do another Urban Cooperation Agreement probably in March.

So my recommendation is to authorize the approval of the grant application for the Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant, fiscal year 2016. There is no cost to the City, and there's no administration on behalf of the City either.

MEMBER SAWDON: Motion to approve.

MEMBER BURGESS: Support.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by Sawdon, supported by Burgess. Further discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of the motion say "aye."

(All ayes.)

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign. The motion is approved.

Item 5, Financially Distressed Cities, Villages and Townships Grants. Mr. Sobota.

MR. SOBOTA: The Mayor and I were in discussions over possible eligible projects for the current year grant application, and three were identified. Two of the three are concentrating on streetlights. The first one is about $293,000 that would be used to replace streetlights that have been
torn down, and to fix those lights that are in constant need of repair on a regular basis. This project was identified and estimated by the DPW director. There is some conversion of lights in the downtown to LED, as well. So that's the first grant. We are prepared to supplement the project up to $100,000 in the next fiscal year, if necessary.

We anticipate a short-term annual savings of about $4,000 as a result of energy savings from the conversion, and over five years just under $20,000.

The second application is to convert the balance of the City-owned streetlights from mercury vapor and high-pressure sodium to LED. The estimated cost on that is approximately $651,000. If the City continues to own the streetlights, we see a General Fund annual savings of $69,750 for one year, and over five years of $348,000. So, this is something that we also have planned in future years' budgets, but if we can move it up, we'd be prepared to do that.

And since we still had another million dollars left for grant applications, the Mayor has identified that we need funding to demolish commercial buildings that are dangerous. So the
balance of the $1,050,000 would be targeted to
demolish dangerous commercial buildings.

So those are the three grant
applications that we have identified. There is no
requirement for City match. We will have some
ability to match some of these funds, if necessary,
in '16, '17 fiscal year. So we're requesting
approval to apply; applications due October the
15th.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Questions for
Mr. Sobota?

MEMBER SAWDON: Motion to approve.

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: Support.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by Sawdon,
support by Burgess. Further discussion? Seeing
none, all in favor of the motion say "aye."

(All ayes.)

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same
sign. The motion is approved.

Item 6, 2016 Childhood Obesity
Prevention Grant Application. Mr. Sobota.

MR. SOBOTA: The Mayor has presented a
proposed grant application from the U.S. Conference
of Mayors. What this grant would be used to do, is
to fund program expansions of the following
projects: To launch a Gleaners Community Fresh Food Share Initiative, have bike racks, fix-it stations and signage along the Flint River Trail, expand the Healthy Bites Program in schools, develop breastfeeding-friendly environments within community agencies, work with schools to increase healthy eating and physical activity, launch two additional weekly produce markets that offer affordable fresh produce and accept SNAP benefits, expand healthy eating options in local churches and create a non-motorized transportation plan to identify safe and accessible walking and bike routes that connect public parks and public transportation in neighborhoods.

So, that is what the grant would be used for, if it is obtained. I will say this, the grant documentation is silent as to whether or not the City will be required to do any sort of a match. It doesn't say that we have to, so one would assume that we don't. I'm sure they would indicate if there was a match required. There's nothing in the application that indicates how much the City is willing to commit in additional funds to this. So I think it's safe to assume, based on the information we have available at this time, that this is simply
a grant to launch new programs or to expand current
programs that are administered by another agency on
behalf of the City.

So both the Mayor and I are
recommending approval of submission of this grant
application which is due Friday.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Any questions
for Mr. Sobota?

MEMBER BURGESS: Move to support --
approve.

MEMBER SAWDON: Support.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by
Burgess, supported by Sawdon to approve the grant
application. Further discussion? Seeing none, all
in favor of the motion say "aye."

(All ayes.)

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same
sign. The motion is approved.

Item 7, Adoption of Ordinance to
authorize COLA Calculation for $400 payment was
addressed in Old Business.

Item 8, Council Appointment to the
GERS Board was also addressed in Old Business.

Item 9, Adoption of Zoning Amendment
to Re-Zone 660 West Huron. No Board action is
required at this time.

Number 10 is the additional item, one of the two additional amendments to the agenda, which is consideration of hiring employees to perform street sweeping. Mr. Sobota.

MR. SOBOTA: Per the Board's request, the City Council has passed a resolution directing -- it's a two-part resolution, actually, directing that we, in Administration, prepare cost studies and estimates on seasonal operations, including but not limited to snow removal, street patching, grass cutting and street sweeping; and that that information be considered at the same time that we are considering using private contractors. So that's the first part of the resolution.

The second part of the resolution is having the City essentially lease the equipment and hire five employees to sweep all of the streets in the City of Pontiac before the end of the year.

The DPW director, within I would say a 36-hour turnaround, performed diligently in identifying all of the direct costs that could be reasonably assumed for this particular process. Those costs are estimated at a total of $137,866.92 split between the major and the local street funds.
He also indicated that the bid that we had received for street sweeping was averaging about $120,000 per sweep; however, both he and I agree that it is not an apples-to-apples comparison, because we were unable to identify what the assumptions were by the private contractor in terms of the amount of tonnage that would be disposed of as a result of the street sweeping.

He has identified a company that would be able to lease us the equipment that we do not have in our possession. And those costs have been provided. And he has also identified two former Pontiac employees and one former Road Commission employee at this time that the City could potentially hire to perform this work. We are looking for two additional employees. He does not believe that we will have any difficulty in doing that.

The only cost that was not identified, and Council was advised, is that with the City performing the work, the City assumes 100 percent responsibility in the event of any litigation or lawsuits from anything that could go wrong during sweeping. And our exposure is $250,000 per claim. So that is costs that is a potential, not
necessarily realistic, but not notified in the
documentation.

The one concern that I have is the
actual motivation behind this particular resolution.
Both Mayor and the City Council have identified that
the goal is to improve workforce development in the
City, and to provide jobs to Pontiac residents so
that they can be trained and have potential for
employment in the future. Although that is
admirable, I don't believe that that is really the
job of the City, to provide jobs and training to
anyone. Our responsibility is to provide the best
service at the lowest cost to the taxpayers.

We are in a rather interesting dilemma
at this point, because the DPW director has provided
information that indicates that failure to sweep the
streets will put the City in violation of our MS4
permit. Because all of our storm drains, drain
directly into the Clinton River or other tributaries
of the State's water system, we could potentially be
subject to doing sampling of every stream, lake and
river in the City, have those samples tested, and in
the event there is any pollution, we would be
responsible for environmental cleanup. And in his
opinion, that delay is not worth the risk.
So that is the position that has been presented. The same issue with street sweeping, with the original bid, also relates with this one in terms of the finances. With the major streets, we have allocated in the Mayor's budget $150,000 for street sweeping. And this estimate is $42,901. We don't have a problem there.

However, on the local streets, the estimated cost is $94,965, and we have allocated $50,000 in our budget, meaning that there would be another $44,000 potentially that would need to be shifted from another program in order to do the street sweeping on the local streets.

So that is the information that I have available. And the information that you were provided today, is the same information that the City Council was provided earlier by the DPW director.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Questions for Mr. Sobota? Mr. Sobota, do you have sufficient funds in the major street fund to transfer to the local street fund, or have you transferred the maximum allowed?

MR. SOBOTA: Please refresh my memory. Are we capped at 25 percent?
CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: I believe so.

MR. SOBOTA: We do have the flexibility to do a transfer from major into local for that amount.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: All right.

Second question. These would be permanent hires, not temporary?

MR. SOBOTA: No, this would be a temporary hire for reevaluation on a going forward basis. The assumptions are made that these are all part-time employees with no benefits.

MEMBER SAWDSON: Could you repeat the amount that the contractor would be for major local roads?

MR. SOBOTA: If you took the number of sweeps and divided the bid, it's about $120,000 per sweep. But it's not a fair comparison.

MEMBER SAWDSON: Fair as in number of streets covered?

MR. SOBOTA: No apples-to-apples in terms of the contractor was bidding on -- and making certain assumptions. We don't know the assumptions that the contractor was making, especially in terms of the tonnage of the material to be disposed of.

MEMBER SAWDSON: And what's the
deadline to maintain our MS4?

MR. SOBOTA: We need to do something by the end of the calendar year.

MEMBER SAHDON: And --

MR. SOBOTA: The process using two sweepers is expected to take up to eight weeks. So we're in September, give two weeks, it's all the months of October and November.

CHAIRPERSON KORZNO: So there is some time-sensitivity to this issue?

MR. SOBOTA: Unless we have a Hawaii December, we definitely have some time-sensitive issues. Then again, if winter comes early, well, we did something.

CHAIRPERSON KORZNO: Mayor Waterman, did you want to speak?

MAYOR WATERMAN: Yes. Yes, I would like to lend some information to that. In all deference to you, Mr. Burgess, who likes to hear that the City Administrator and I agree on everything, in this instance I would like to just state one difference. As opposed to the fact that this is just a workforce development issue, the City Administrator stated, that is not the case for me. The case for me, bottom line, is that we get the
streets swept in the City of Pontiac. That's what I want, and that's what the citizens want in terms of cleaning up the streets. We did not have the April or spring street sweep, so this is the last opportunity to get our streets swept for the year.

Workforce development is, of course, important for me, that's high on my agenda. And to the extent that this brings back in this capacity and we could hire Pontiac workers, that's also important, but it's really five seasonal workers working 40 hours over 6 to 8 weeks.

So, you know, it's something to be said for workforce development, but that's not the way -- the criteria for which to make this decision.

For me, one of the things that is important for getting our streets swept, is even though there may be a difference in the amount for the street sweeping if we had done the contract, versus bringing it in-house and doing it, is a difference of maybe $12,000. But there's a $25,000 fee out there if we don't comply. And it's also protection for the City. You know, when we had the big floods last year and all of the communities south of us flooded, Pontiac did not flood and people's basements did not flood because of the fact
that our storm drains had been cleaned, and we
didn't have that fall-out. So we need that to
happen this time too, this year. I was proud to say
we did have clean storm drains in Pontiac and we
want to continue to do that. Workforce development
is important too. The capacity to do that within
Pontiac's grounds is important as we begin to bring
that in. But more importantly, we just need the
function performed.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Mr. Schimmel.

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: Could both of you or
either of you tell me, you want the function
performed, as I assume all of us do. Is this
either/or? I mean, would it get performed either
way?

MAYOR WATERMAN: Well, there's been an
impasse for the past number of months. When the
street sweeping contract was first brought forward
to Council by our City Administrator, Council has
refused to -- I think they actually turned down the
street sweeping contract, and the contractors are no
longer available at this time to do another
contract, even if we wanted to do that, because
they're all out engaged right now, and probably not
willing to go back in at the same offer they had
given us before.

So we need to have it done, and we could have the capacity to bring it in-house, as has been outlined. And our DPW director is here to do that. You know, he has been working on that for about a month now to see how we could line up the capacity to still do this using Pontiac employees and bringing this in-house.

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: So, Mayor, at this point there really is no choice, is there? I mean, it's either this or the streets don't get swept.

MAYOR WATERMAN: It's limited at this point, yes.

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: Thank you.

MEMBER SAWDON: Did we just start late in the process and now we're up against the wall?

MAYOR WATERMAN: No. The street sweeping contract was not voted on by Council, because they wanted first to have some projections of what it would be to bring it in-house. It's been kind of -- those projections were never brought to Council up until we enlisted the DPW director to do that just within the past couple of weeks.

MEMBER SAWDON: And they requested that back when, City Council?
MAYOR WATERMAN: A while.

MEMBER SAWDON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: So, Mr. Sobota, the motion by the Board would be to approve the resolution approved by the City Council at their meetings -- special meeting?

MR. SOBOTA: That's my understanding.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: And do you have that resolution number available?

MR. SOBOTA: No, I do not.

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: May I ask a question?

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Yes.

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: May I assume that this is, at the moment, a one-time situation and that this is going to be revisited next year?

MR. SOBOTA: Well, what the -- it's a two-part resolution. So, the first part, as identified, was --

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Cost estimates.

MR. SOBOTA: -- to look at -- for services in particular, I guess you could say every time a contract comes up, to see what the possibilities would be. And then the second part of the resolution is to actually request the in-house
operation for immediate street sweeping.

Now, if the Board isn't comfortable acting on this resolution today because of the two-part nature of this and wants additional time to examine that, what the Board can do under the final order, is to authorize me to hire up to five additional employees, part-time basis, and you can put whatever limits you want on that, and also to lease the street sweepers for an amount not to exceed, let's say $40,000 -- I forgot the loader -- $45,000. And that would cover the lease of the equipment that's needed, and then that would also cover the cost of the -- authorize the hiring of the personnel.

So those are two options that you would have. The resolution number is 15.287.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: All right. Thank you. But because it's bifurcated, I think your suggestion may be a better one.

But I'm confused because you said authorize you to hire five people and lease the necessary equipment on a total cost of $45,000.

MR. SOBOTA: That's for the equipment rental.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: That's just the
equipment.

MR. SOBOTA: The equipment rental is about 45.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Oh, okay. I thought it was both.

MR. SOBOTA: No. Personnel costs are $20 an hour, five people at $20 an hour, five days a week, eight weeks maximum. And we know that we're not going to use five people for eight weeks.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: So then, the motion would be to approve the City Administrator to hire five part-time employees and lease street sweeping equipment at a cost not to exceed $45,000 for the equipment.

MR. SOBOTA: For the equipment and then the --

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: For an eight-week period.

MR. SOBOTA: For an eight-week period. And to hire the employees at a rate of $20 an hour for up to eight weeks.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Now, will this require a recommendation to the Treasurer as well?

MR. SOBOTA: No. There is nothing that this action would take that would go against
any official EM order.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: All right. So I will entertain a motion to approve the City Administrator -- allowing the City Administrator to hire five part-time employees for an eight-week period at a rate of $20 per hour, and also allow him to lease street sweeping equipment at a cost of not to exceed $45,000.

MEMBER BURGESS: I move to approve.

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: I support.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by Burgess, supported by Schimmel.

MEMBER SAWDON: Can I make a motion to -- can I recommend an amendment to that motion? I think what we're missing also is disposal cost. So I think what I'd like to do is amend the resolution to read to authorize the City Administrator, for the 2015 season, to hire five additional employees at $20 an hour part-time, and that we authorize up to 138,000 which would include disposal costs and rental of equipment.

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: I'll withdraw my motion and all of that just to have that be a nice, new, fresh motion as he made it, if that will help.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: What's that
dollar amount?

MEMBER SAWDON: $138,000, which was
the estimate.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Mr. Burgess,
would you.

MEMBER BURGESS: Yes, I'll withdraw
my --

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Is there support
for Mr. Sawdon's motion?

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: I support.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by Sawdon,
supported by Schimmel, to approve allowing the City
Administrator, for the 2015 season, to hire five
part-time employees and lease the necessary street
sweeping equipment at a cost not to exceed $138,000.

MEMBER SAWDON: That's correct.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: All right.

Further discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of
the motion say "aye."

(All ayes.)

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same
sign. The motion is approved. Next item, Item C,
Mayor's Items. Deputy Mayor Position. Mayor
Waterman.

Thank you, Mr. Sobota.
MAYOR WATERMAN: I am very pleased to present to this Board for their consideration, finally, a candidate for deputy mayor for the City of Pontiac. Her name is Jane Bais-DiSessa. She comes with the highest qualifications. Her bio is in front of you right now.

To let you know where this process has gone, of course you've been aware of the pretty long, convoluted process not only to rewrite this position for the City of Pontiac, but also to do the search to find someone of the caliber and qualifications that we have rewritten for this position. And I'm very proud to say that Jane Bais-DiSessa certainly represents the highest of those criteria.

As you see from the bio in front of you, she is currently serving as the City Manager for Berkley, Michigan. She has been there for 14 years. And she has previously served in an administrative capacity also in Franklin Village, Oakland Woods -- Grosse Pointe Woods, rather, as well as in Holly, Michigan. She hails from San Antonio, Texas. And in addition to her background of course, in all of these positions in terms of municipal finance and administrative capacity, she
also brings another capacity, she's also very highly
regarded in her own professional circles. And
that's all before you, I won't belabor that. But I
would be very much happy to bring her to the City of
Pontiac.

In addition to that, she's bilingual,
and has agreed to help me with my Spanish, amongst
other things. But she has already gone through the
process in terms of selection. I did present her to
City Council, and they did vote to affirm my
nomination Monday, and it is now before you for your
affirmation. I look very much forward to bringing
her to the City of Pontiac to work with me as a
team, to work with the revitalization of Pontiac, as
well as with reviving some of the home rule
capabilities of this City. And that is before you
now.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Okay. Thank
you.

MAYOR WATERMAN: If you want, also,
there are a few other items I can bring just in
terms of the Mayor's report, the things that
particularly you want me to report on, one of which
is the whole Phoenix Center litigation. Of course I
don't discuss that --
CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Mayor, let me interrupt you.

MAYOR WATERMAN: Want me to do that?

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Let us take action on this.

MAYOR WATERMAN: Action on this?

Okay. Then I can go forward. I just didn't see another point on the agenda where there was a Mayor's report.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: We'll keep you up there for a minute.

MAYOR WATERMAN: Okay. Great.

MR. SOBOTA: Mr. Chairman, if I may?

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Yes, Mr. Sobota.

MR. SOBOTA: Mr. Widigan asked me to convey the official action of Council. I also indicated that there would need to be a change in the salary amount authorized as well for this position, because there's a change from what the Board had previously approved.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: I was going to ask about approval of the contract.

MR. SOBOTA: I don't have a contract, but we do have a salary, so --

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: All right.
Thank you. And that amount is?

MAYOR WATERMAN: That is correct. The amount is $107,000.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: 107.

MAYOR WATERMAN: With the benefits that have already been approved and written into this approval.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Are there any questions for Mayor Waterman from the Board? If not, I'll entertain a motion to approve hiring Jane Bais-Disessa as Deputy Mayor of the City of Pontiac in the amount of $107,000 and appropriate benefits.

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: I will move.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Approval?

MEMBER BURGESS: Support.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by Schimmel, support by Burgess. Further discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of the motion say "aye."

(All ayes.)

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign. Motion is approved. Congratulations. Mayor, now you may continue with your --

MAYOR WATERMAN: All right. Well, let me take a big, deep breath. That is wonderful. I do also commend Council for standing behind this
nomination. I know this is a different tenor to take in this position for Council. I know a number of them had to stand strong in terms of standing behind this, because it is new for the City of Pontiac, and any new change comes hard. And I know a number of them were under pressure particularly with the salary that was considered here. But this is a salary, which for this caliber, as you well know, gentlemen, from your experience, municipal experience, is very reasonable for this person. It's only because Jane Bais-DiSessa wanted to come to Pontiac and to work on the agenda that she was willing to come at really a little less than she's getting at Berkley, and I do thank her for that.

So the fact that it's more than the Mayor makes, hey, I just tell them, "Well, I made my peace with that, and it's not so much we're paying her too much, we're maybe paying the Mayor too little." So let's just get that point in.

But moving on, some of you received this in the e-mails. And this is a flyer, and you have a copy up here, TAB Board members, entitled "Future." And it's an open house at Ottawa Towers. And it talks about a seminar that goes on from 10 to 1 this coming Saturday, which talks about the future
of work and play in the City of Pontiac. And it mentions a number of factors including making Ottawa Towers an innovation zone and having a STEAM school brought to Pontiac, and also the future of the eight schools that were bought by the owners of Ottawa Towers that were vacant schools in the City of Pontiac.

Now, I had a number of calls asking me did I know anything about this. I do not. And I do want to do that disclaimer. I had no part in applying this. I don't know who the Monica is who staged this. I had no idea, anything to talk about in terms of STEAM schools.

So just to clarify that, I wanted to put that out. I had no part in planning this. I don't really know what the agenda is. I won't even be here. I will be at the MML conference. So it will be interesting to see what this discussion is about. Certainly we're interested in anybody who wants to utilize the creative ideas, particularly for use of our structures that need to be rehabbed. So anybody who is there, please bring back information. But this is not me. I did get a very irate call from this school superintendent wanting to know if I had been behind this, and I said "In no
way." So I don't know, and I just want to make sure
everybody is clear on that focus.

What is going on with Phoenix Center,
as I've said, it's in litigation right now so I
don't talk about much in open session, but I do keep
Treasury advised on the movement forward in that
regard.

As far as the other mediation
regarding the GERS settlement, I'm hopeful that we
will have another meeting, and I'll leave that
alone. The appeal of the City to see whether the
Supreme Court would take the case that had been
decided by the Michigan Court of Appeals regarding
the $3.4 million payment to the police and fire
VEBA, which was due in 2012, we still don't know if
the Supreme Court is going to take that appeal, and
it may be, according to the attorneys who are
working with that, it may be some months before we
even know what the status of that is.

And then blight management. I'll just
touch on a couple of these things pretty briefly
here with the time. Blight management, the contract
that you have considered and approved, that will
certainly help us to continue forward and continue
the movement with blight removal in Pontiac.
One thing that the Administrator said I wanted to catch, this blight management contract, this company will not do all of the work concerned with blight. We are still, as a City, bound of certain functions of Oakland County, they hold our feet over the fire to make sure we were going to continue to do that as a City. Number one, we still have to do the contracting process. Oakland County, because they are the administrators and fiduciaries of these HUD funds, wanted to make sure we were doing that, as well as some of the functions of -- the labor functions associated with getting the process started. But because we have no person in this position right now, as I've told you about, we're trying to eek along until we can get this management contract in place to make sure we're staying on a time frame, to make sure we are utilizing these funds on a timely basis, as Oakland County is making sure that we want to do.

So that is just that correction. And you also talked about the access after hours for certain people in the City. I just wanted to add to that, that we are working on a revised security system for the building, City Hall. I am very attune to the need for security controls within the
building. There are a number of employees and I have had an experience with after hours. So we don't want that to be at risk -- anybody to be at risk here. So it's important to rethink that. The system that our DPW director is working on will allow there to be modification either through buzzer or through card access that will notify and be recorded at the Sheriff's Department. So that may alleviate the need for people to go physically and get a key. But we do want to make sure we have a security system that is top-notch and that puts nobody at risk, either property or life.

So, that is forthcoming, and I think when we get that in, as well as anybody who would have access to that system would have to sign off on being weary and abiding by the security controls and protocols that we put in place. So that issue will come up as that system is investigated and we would get the implementation of that.

And that concludes my report.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Thank you, Mayor. Next item is Non-Action Items, Financial Report for August 2015. Mr. Nazarko.

MR. NAZARKO: Good afternoon, Mr.

Chair and Board.
CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Good afternoon.

MR. NAZARCO: As I begin to read my
50 pages' worth of report -- I'm just kidding.
The only item that I would like to add
in addition to the report is that, yesterday, for
the first time, we invested in a bond. We decided
to buy a bond in the Allendale Public School
District. Three-year bond -- actually not even
three years. It's 2 years 7 months' maturity date.
1.8 coupon, 1.2 APY, and I'm happy, again, we are in
our quest to diversify and maximize our investment
earnings. This was the right step that we have been
preparing for a while. We looked at various bonds,
because this not just only meets our investment
ordinance requirements, which investment grade and
this as well above the investment grade, but
maturity as well. So we had the money aside to
invest, and this is going to add already to our
healthy earnings on our investments. We have
already now five institutions that we are
diversified and earning money, and a lot more than
what was last year, which was zero.

So that concludes my reports, unless
you have any questions.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Any questions
for Mr. Nazarko? Thank you.

Mr. Sobota, do you have anything to report to the Board on?

MR. SOBOTA: I was approached by one of the employees who has requested that the City reexamine its cell phone policy. As you are aware, the City does not issue cell phones, nor do we reimburse employees for personal use of cell phones.

I advised the employee that this issue would need State Treasurer approval, as it requires an EM order amendment.

So yesterday, I think I started a little hornet's nest out amongst the Oakland County City Manager's Association. I sent a survey to my colleagues to ask them three simple questions: Number one, do you issue cell phones to your employees? Number two, if so, how do you handle personal calls? And number three, if you don't issue cell phones, do you have a stipend that is paid?

I will say this, I've had some interesting questions and comments because I guess people haven't looked at their cell phone policy in a while. But my intention is to provide just the Oakland County scope of cell phone policies and make
a recommendation to the Board next month to then be presented to the State Treasurer.

Is there any other information that the Board believes would be helpful in evaluating as to whether or not we wish to change our cell phone policy other than finding out what our neighbors are doing?

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Mr. Schimmel?

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: One, two and three. Joe, again, number one was?

MR. SOBOTA: Do you issue cell phones to your employees, yes or no? Number two, if you do, how do you handle personal calls? And then number three, if you don't issue cell phones, do you offer a stipend?

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: So your question is, is there anything further we need to know?

MR. SOBOTA: Exactly. Or if you want me to spread the survey out amongst the State, Michigan Local Government Management Association, will I have enough information to provide you in terms of --

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: I can give you the answer to one, two and three, but I won't go there. And the other is, no, I think that -- I'm speaking
for me. Let the others speak for themselves. But
that sounds good to me, to keep it to Oakland
County. Let's see what our neighbors are doing.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: I agree with Mr.
Schimmel. Board members?

MR. SOBOTA: Okay. Then I'm shorter
than Mr. Nazarko today. That concludes my report.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: All right.

Thank you, Mr. Sobota.

Next item on the agenda is Public
Comment. Per Board rules, you'll have two minutes
for comments, and Mr. Widigan will call your name
and at that time please approach the podium and
state your name for the record.

MR. WIDIGAN: Billie Swazer.

MS. SWAZER: Hi. As you know, I'm
Billie Swazer. I had a whole list of stuff to say
to you, but since you have passed --

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Hold on, Ms.
Swazer. I missed the last meeting, so I forgot how
to operate this.

MS. SWAZER: I'm not going to be that
long, so you can save it for the next person.

I just want to say thank you for
passing 15-228 and 15-229, as well as 15-249. The
retirees would appreciate it. It's a relief. Maybe I can sleep at night now. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Thank you, Ms. Swazer.

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: Would you have Mr. Burgess show him how to do that.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Okay. Mr. Widigan.

MR. WIDIGAN: Robert Best.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Say the name again. He's gone? Okay.

MR. WIDIGAN: Denise Cobb.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Good afternoon.

MS. COBB: Good afternoon. My name is Denise Cobb. When I talked to my neighbors on my street, and other people in the communities in Pontiac, other citizens and residents, they don't feel like they're being helped. I know what it's like to be helped. When I walked to my first job and came to this building, I was helped by a lot of people. In 1976, first lady I saw was Lori Allen. That was a long time ago.

As far as street sweeping, we want our streets plowed in the winter. We can't get off our street. I brought this up the last time. There's
parking on both sides of our street, and this is how I got to meet a lot of my neighbors. This is kind of a -- miscellaneous, you know, comments because I talked to different people and they just kind of throw things at me. We have kids on school buses that are getting stuck in the snow, which is dangerous. I also brought up there's the intersection Elizabeth Lake, State, Johnson, that area is just -- needs to be -- the streets should be painted. The sign is misleading.

You know, when I'm being helped, I'm looking for a result. I don't feel results are being helped. Even when I have to call and talk to people in Oakland County, it seems -- the consistent (sic) seems to be that we can talk to Pontiac citizens any old kind of way because we're nothing. We're not being respected. And these are things that I talk to other citizens about.

And I made a few little miscellaneous notes here, because there's really no rhyme or reason. I mean, if you're going to help me, don't have me stand on a chair and kick it from under me with the rope around my neck and tell me "Oh, I'm going to help you. I'm going to pick the chair up for you." You know, this is not helping us.
Also, there's signs in Pontiac.

There's areas in Pontiac, Liberty Street by the Seminole Hills Apartments, there's no signage there by that abandoned apartment building. We don't feel like we're being helped when we can't even come to our City Hall and pay our bills, and go into other buildings. Is that really helping going to liquor stores? Is that really helping us pay our bills inside the street and you can't get off your street in the winter? Thank you. I've got more.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: You're welcome.

MS. COBB: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Thank you.

MR. WIDIGAN: Doris Taylor Burks.

MS. TAYLOR BURKS: Good evening --

afternoon.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Good afternoon.

MS. TAYLOR BURKS: I'm Councilwoman Doris Taylor Burks representing District 6. And well now I'm here to say thank you for your vote on the street sweeping, because our words were totally twisted. Today, I'm glad that I came so that the truth was finally wiggled out, because we know what we said at the Council meeting, and what we voted for. And I want to say thank you for -- for
listening, and for voting so that our streets can
get swept and the signage can get on the streets.
And thank Mr. King for his hard work and for
listening to us in our Subcommittee meeting, and the
fact that they are willing to look at some of our
citizens that are -- that once work here and now
they are retired, and they can come back and be a
help to us. Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Thank you very
much, Council member Taylor Burks.

MR. WIDIGAN: Don Woodward.

MR. WOODWARD: Thank you for the
privilege to be able to address you. I also want to
thank you for helping us with the street sweeping.
It will be only a one-time deal. It kind of is a
stopgap measure. We certainly will address this and
try to get our ducks in a row before April. I'm not
going to point any fingers. We just didn't get all
of the information, and we felt to be good stewards,
we needed to have the complete information. So
that's why it drug on so long. But thank you for
that. And I'll pay for my own cell phone. Thank
you.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Thank you,
Council member.
MR. WIDIGAN: Mike McGuinness.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Good afternoon.

MR. McGUINNESS: Good afternoon. Mike McGuinness. I'm a resident of our City. I wanted to point out when we were having a conversation about street sweeping, which is a critically important City service that us residents have been calling for many months, Mr. King did a very thorough job and a great presentation to the City Council, it was an excellent exchange of information, and he pointed out that the $138,000 figure is the worst case scenario; if it was excessively raining, if it had to go the full eight-week period. And so I'm mildly frustrated that that wasn't communicated, conveyed when this very important decision, almost at the last possible moment, is before you; because if it was pushed back to next month's TAB Board meeting, it might have been for naught. It was very helpful, the information he presented to City Council and the questions that the Mayor and Council asked that came to the conclusion that, by far, it was the more cost-effective solution and would, by and far, lead to a stronger City service being delivered to us residents. It's something that -- in every part of
the City, we have a very unique topography with
sometimes hilly neighborhoods, it's very critically
important, and it can have very disastrous
consequences not only with what the Environmental
Protection Agency or the State might fine us with if
we didn't sweep the streets, but also just the
day-to-day inconvenience and the severe consequences
that could happen for taxpayers and residents.
So I'm disappointed that that
information wasn't fully conveyed and wasn't a good
representation about what a solid choice -- policy
choice that was before you. So thank you for
ultimately approving that and providing that service
to the residents. Obviously we're doing a bang up
job paying our taxes. We're helping the City take
the express train to a stronger financial situation
by a higher rate of payment both for property and
income taxes. So at the very least, having
passable, clean streets is just a bare requirement
and necessity for our City to live in. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Thank you, Mr.
McGuinness.

MR. WIDIGAN: That's it for public
comment.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: All right. Next
item on the agenda is Board Comment. Any comment from the Board members? Mr. Burgess?

MEMBER BURGESS: I'm happy to continue to see the cooperation between the Mayor and the City Manager. We don't require that you agree on everything. We do like to see you discussing all of the items. And I think we have seen that, the last three times. So very good.

CHAIRPERSON KORZYNO: Any other comments? Mr. Schimmel?

MEMBER SCHIMMEL: Two very quick ones. I just want to compliment the Mayor on her hire of a deputy and bringing in a professional manager-type person. I think that's really a great thing. And I also want to compliment Mr. Nazarko on his investment thing. He's been sort of plugging away at that, and we've been listening to it, but it's really nice to see it turn into something producing more dollars for the City. That's all I have.

CHAIRPERSON KORZYNO: All right. I would say I would like to congratulate the Mayor as well on the hire of Ms. Bais-DiSessa. I've known her for over 20 years and she's an ultimate professional.

Seeing no further comments, entertain
a motion to adjourn.

MEMBER SAWDON: So moved.

MR. SCHIMMEL: Support.

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by Sawdon, supported by Schimmel. All in favor of the motion, say "aye."

(All ayes.)

CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: The Pontiac Receivership Transition Advisory Board is adjourned at 2:19 p.m. Thank you.

(Proceedings concluded at or about the hour of 2:19 p.m.)
CERTIFICATE

I, Quintina Rochelle Snowden, do hereby certify that I have recorded stenographically the proceedings had and public comment taken in the meeting, at the time and place hereinbefore set forth, and I do further certify that the foregoing transcript, consisting of (67) pages, is a true and correct transcript of my said stenographic notes.

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