1	CITY OF PONTIAC
2	RECEIVERSHIP TRANSITION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
3	AUGUST 24, 2016
4	1:00 p.m.
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6	Meeting before the RTAB
7	Board at 47450 Woodward Avenue, Pontiac, Michigan, on
8	Wednesday, August 24, 2016.
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10	BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
11	Keith Sawdon - The Chairperson Robert Burgess
12	Douglas Bernstein
13	ABSENT: Edward Koryzno
14	OTHERS PRESENT:
15	Mayor Deirdre Waterman Deputy Mayor, Jane Bais-Disessa
16	Patrick Dostine Nevrus Nazarko
17	Brother El Lionel Hicks El
18	Sean Preston Denise Cobb
19	Kathy McInally Kathalee James
20	Kevin Smith Mark E. Holland
21	Linda Hasson Kermit Williams
22	Larry Hill Joseph Sinclair
23	Norbert Burrows Pastor Kevin Sanders
24	Billie Swazer

25 REPORTED BY: Mona Storm, CSR# 4460

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1 Pontiac, Michigan
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- 2 Wednesday, August 24, 2016
- 3 1:20 p.m.
- 4 THE CHAIRPERSON: Good afternoon, everyone.
- 5 Thank you for waiting. We still have not heard word
- from our recording secretary but we're going to go
- 7 ahead and get started.
- 8 Thank you for coming to our meeting today.
- 9 And with that, I'd like to go ahead and open up the
- 10 City of Pontiac Receivership Transition Advisory Board
- for its August 24th meeting, starting at 1:20.
- 12 With that, Patrick, will you take roll call,
- 13 please.
- MR. DOSTINE: Sure, Ed Koryzno has been asked
- to be excused.
- 16 Douglas Bernstein?
- 17 MR. BERNSTEIN: Here.
- 18 MR. DOSTINE: Robert Burgess?
- MR. BURGESS: Here.
- 20 MR. DOSTINE: Keith Sawdon?
- 21 THE CHAIRPERSON: Here.
- 22 MR. DOSTINE: You have a quorum, Mr. Chair.
- 23 THE CHAIRPERSON: Just a reminder to the
- 24 public: If you wish to speak before the Transition
- 25 Advisory Board, we have a sign-up sheet in the back.

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         And we will call your name during the public comment
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         section if you wish to speak at that time.
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                   With that, we'll move on to the agenda. I
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         have no changes to the agenda presented. Does any
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         other board members have a change?
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                   MR. BURGESS: No.
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                   MR. BERNSTEIN: No.
                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Seeing none, I would
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         entertain a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
                   MR. BURGESS: I'll make that motion.
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                   MR. BERNSTEIN: I'll second.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Motioned by Burgess,
         seconded by Bernstein that the agenda be approved as
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         presented. All in favor, say "aye".
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                   BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
                   THE CHAIRPERSON: All opposed, say "nay".
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                   Item is passed. Thank you.
                   Approval of minutes of our June 28th, 2016
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         meeting. I'll entertain a motion to approve or
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         discussion, if wish. Changes necessary?
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                   MR. BERNSTEIN: I'll make the motion to
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         approve.
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                   MR. BURGESS: Support.
                   THE CHAIRPERSON: All those in favor, say
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"aye".

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                   BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: All opposed, "nay".
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                   With that, it passes. Thank you.
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                   We have no Old Business in front of us today.
         But we do have some New Business.
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                   The first item in our New Business is the
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         approval of Resolution 16-214, the recreational millage
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         proposal. And, with that, I just want to remind the
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         audience -- or I'm sorry -- the public, in this case,
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         that, based on the State Treasurer has recommended --
         based on a recommendation of this Board that control be
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         returned to the City Council and the Mayor with some
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         certain exceptions, those exceptions require RTAB
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         approval and those exceptions include approval of an
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         annual budget and expenditures that may happen in
         excess of 500,000, which brings this item to our table,
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         I believe.
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                   And, with that, Mayor Waterman -- oh, okay,
         Jane, if you'd like to give us some background on the
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         item.
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                   MS. BAIS-DISESSA: Good afternoon, everyone.
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         I'm Jane Disessa, Deputy Mayor for the City of Pontiac.
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         The only thing that I wanted to, at least, bring to
         your attention, at this time, is -- I don't have a mic
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         here. Am I speaking loud enough for everybody to hear?
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                   No? The only item that I wanted to bring to
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         the Board's attention is that there was some
         clarification under the language of the resolution.
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         And I wanted just to make sure that it was correct. We
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         found out about a certain statement that was not
         included in the resolution. We did correct that matter
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         and I wanted to provide you with a copy of that
         resolution. And, basically, the only item that was
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         left out was the issue --
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                   Okay. Here we go. Thank you, everybody. I
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         don't have to scream here. Let me start again. Good
         afternoon and welcome. My name is Jane Disessa. I am
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         the Deputy Mayor for the City of Pontiac. The only
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         thing that I wanted to bring to the attention before we
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         began this discussion was to simply inform them that
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         there was a statement or a few words that were missing
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         from the original resolution.
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                   Now, this -- please know that the resolution,
         as passed by the City Council, did include this
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         statement. It's just, for whatever reason, when we
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         sent it to the State for placement on the ballot, it
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         was missing a portion of it.
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                   And, basically, the sentence was, "The
         issuance, pursuant to Public Act 179 of 1967." So
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         that's what was missing. I do have a copy of it here
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         for you. It has been corrected. It has also been
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         reviewed by our City Attorney as well. And this is
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         exactly what the City Council did pass at that meeting.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay.
                                            Thank you.
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                   MS. BAIS-DISESSA: Thank you, sir. I'll pass
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         it to you now. And I know that our Mayor wishes to
         have a few comments. I'll turn it over.
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                   Mayor Waterman?
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                   MAYOR WATERMAN: Yes.
                                          Gentlemen and the
         audience, I'm happy to address you on this particular
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         agenda item today. You see many people are here to
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         speak and many people probably are here to speak on
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         behalf of this particular agenda item. Because, when I
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         saw last week that it was going to be on your agenda, I
         did alert them to the fact that this matter would be
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         before you. Although, in the last few days we've had a
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         chance to clarify what the intent was that you have
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         explained here, that it is on the agenda because this
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         is a budgetary matter over a half million dollars.
                   So because public comment, as many of these
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         people have signed up to speak, won't occur until after
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         the vote is taken, I wanted to come to the microphone
         and speak on their behalf in terms of this issue.
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Because it is something that concerns the whole

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1	community,	particularly	the young	children,	and we	see
2	a number o	f them sitting	g right the	ere in the	front	row.

One of the things that Pontiac has lost under emergency manager and the crisis we went through was the loss of all four recreation centers; that has been a severe loss for our community, in terms of having activities and wholesome lifestyles for our children to engage in.

There has been a movement now to get these -at least some of those activities to restore, we've
done that through some ad hoc activities through
various groups, some of whom are here. But we want
some of the same kind of activities I want for the rest
of our children, City Council wants for our children,
as a whole, to restore some of those more organized
activities and to have a facility to do so.

I want them because my children had them growing in. Sean and Toussaint, many of you knew, who grew up playing T-ball right in our own fields. We have 28 beautiful, beautiful fields and parks that are restored and maintained by our DPW Department which does a wonderful job, in terms of our baseball fields and our soccer field, our new soccer field, and some of the other facilities we want restored.

25 So four months ago, you know, as we began to

1	consider this matter with Council, I advised getting a
2	taskforce together of community people so that we could
3	talk about having a facility and finding a way to
4	restore, in a facility, recreational activity for our
5	children. We weren't quite ready, in terms of Council,
6	to start then. But, again, we realize in order to get
7	on the ballot Council did meet the deadline to get on
8	the ballot for November to vote this issue.

So we are here to say that this should be something that the people of the community should be allowed to decide. We're here for this important matter. So I think some of them may express themselves in public comment after the vote but I'm here to assure them that there is concerted effort to make sure that we have some wholesome activities restored, and that now that this is on the ballot and it is voted by the people as a recreation millage, that it be my responsibility, the executive office's responsibility, to implement these budgetary changes.

And they have set forth to be able to find a facility to be able to -- at least, one, to be able to house this because money that you passed -- and people understand this, I think -- the millage would only cover operations and programs, that it does not cover capital improvements or buying a facility. So I think

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         that's clearly understood and we want to make sure
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         people understand that, as they vote on that in
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         November -- and we do ask you for aberrance and
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         understanding. I'm here to explain that on behalf of
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         others, who may put it in their own words, that at
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         least I would get that to you as you decide on this
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         agenda item. Thank you.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.
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                   Any questions from the Board?
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                   MR. BERNSTEIN: Mayor, the question, if
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         passed, is there funding for staffing?
                   MAYOR WATERMAN: Well, the 1.5 mills could
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         cover any operating expenses. The 1.5 mills would
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        bring about $900,000 minus what would be taken from
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         TIFA funds. We know, by looking at past budgets,
         whereas we've studied this issue, we've looked at
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         budgets for recreation over the past -- well, eight
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         years prior to this, for the last ten years. And we
         see that, to run the recreational centers was about
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         1.5 million. So 900,000 covers a part of that. And,
         in today's funds, maybe it's even more than that.
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                   But the operational part of it is something
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         that we'll have to factor in. And it is good that we
         can have some City funds and recreational funds. We
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         had a Parks and Recreation Department before. But
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        that's something we'll have to factor in. The 1.5
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        mills is up to 1.5 mills. Now, that doesn't mean
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         that's the only means we can use for securing funds for
        recreation and cultural activities.
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                   There are other kinds of partners that we're
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         looking at, other kinds of grant resources we're
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         looking at. So that's where the executive office kicks
         into action as we look for other means to fund, not
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        necessarily just from the City budget but the millage
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        would be a good part of that.
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                   MR. BERNSTEIN: Thank you. You answered my
         follow-up question --
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                   MAYOR WATERMAN: All right.
                   MR. BERNSTEIN: -- about alternative courses.
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                   MAYOR WATERMAN: Thank you.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Any other questions from
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        the Board?
                   With that, I would entertain a motion to
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         approve, deny or postpone Resolution 16-214, the
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         recreational millage proposal.
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                   MR. BURGESS: I move to approve.
                   MR. BERNSTEIN: I second.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: All in favor, say "aye".
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BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

THE CHAIRPERSON: All opposed, say "nay".

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1	That motion carries unanimously. Thank you.
2	Moving on to our second New Business item,
3	approval of Resolution 16-193, Approval of Ordinance
4	2337, OPEB.
5	Mayor Waterman, do you have any comments
6	related to that item?
7	MAYOR WATERMAN: No additional comments.
8	This is a repeat of the time you have passed this two
9	other times. It is done with the timeliness and the
10	fact that getting this notice to the OPEB, the GERS
11	Administration will allow them to continue the checks
12	that the retirees receive uninterrupted.
13	THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. I do have one
14	question while you're at the podium. I know that we've
15	been moving forward with a resolution of the situation
16	for OPEB. And one thing that raises some questions for
17	my mind is, should we not have a safety valve in that
18	resolution so, if we were to reach a conclusion to the
19	OPEB question, that we have a mechanism to make an
20	adjustment one way or the other related to the
21	supplemental payment for healthcare?
22	MAYOR WATERMAN: Absolutely; that should be
23	automatically considered.
24	THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay.

MAYOR WATERMAN: Because that would

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         discontinue if there were a settlement to be reached by
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         that time. I do have a further reporting on that
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        particular litigation during my Mayor's report.
                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay.
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                   MAYOR WATERMAN: Okay.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Thank you.
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                   MAYOR WATERMAN: All right.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Any other comments from the
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        Board members?
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                   With that said, I do have a sample motion
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         that I'd like to present to the Board that provides a
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         safety valve if we should happen to reach some
         settlement prior to the lapse of this timeframe.
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                   MAYOR WATERMAN: All right.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: And, if you'll bear with
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         me, I'd like to go ahead and read it.
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                   In effect, I would like to entertain a motion
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         to approve Resolution 16-193, contingent on language
         being added to Ordinance 2337, Section 17-6, which
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         states, should the City of Pontiac as a result of
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         litigation or settlement thereto, provide a
         compensation that is understood as an alternative
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         healthcare benefit, the monthly allowance of $400 per
        month ends or at least it is adjusted.
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And I would suggest that the board members

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consider that safety valve within that resolution so
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         that, if a settlement is reached, we have an adjustment
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         ability to that stipend.
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                   MAYOR WATERMAN: I do concur. I like the
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         spirit of optimism that the resolution is rendered in
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         as well.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.
                   This would also allow the Board to act timely
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         so that there is no disruption of payments to the
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         retirees. And so, with that stipulation that,
         eventually, that 2337 be adjusted to reflect that
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         potential for settlement, that I'm -- I think we can
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        move forward with this and not -- not disrupt those
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        payments.
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                   MAYOR WATERMAN: All right.
                   MR. BERNSTEIN: I would say just so along as
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         it's clear that it's the sooner of a resolution, a
         settlement or the one-year expiration, I think.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Oh, I see what you're
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         saying.
                   MR. BERNSTEIN: So it would be the sooner of
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         one of the two events, either the expiration in 2017 or
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         the settlement that -- or resolution of the litigation.
                   MAYOR WATERMAN: Right, a settlement that is
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approved by both the CPREA plaintiff as well as the

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       City.
                  MR. BERNSTEIN: Yeah.
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                  MAYOR WATERMAN: As well as the TAB.
                  MR. BERNSTEIN: I would want to make that
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        clear.
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                  MAYOR WATERMAN: Right.
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                  THE CHAIRPERSON: With that said, do we have
        a motion?
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                  MR. BURGESS: I'll make that motion.
                  MR. BERNSTEIN: Second.
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                  MR. DOSTINE: Mr. Chair, may I ask a
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       question?
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                  THE CHAIRPERSON: Yes.
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                  MR. DOSTINE: So you anticipate that the City
    Council will take -- take this back and vote on --
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                  THE CHAIRPERSON: Yes. And make a
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       modification.
                  MR. DOSTINE: -- revising --
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                  THE CHAIRPERSON: -- to that --
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                  MR. DOSTINE: -- the ordinance?
                  THE CHAIRPERSON: -- resolution.
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                  MR. DOSTINE: Okay.
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                  THE CHAIRPERSON: And, as long as that
       resolution contains the modification, we can move
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                   MR. DOSTINE: Thank you.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: With that said, would you
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         like me to read that motion again or are you okay
         with --
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                  MR. BERNSTEIN: I'm fine. It's a question of
         whether or not anybody else wants it --
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                   MR. BURGESS: I'm fine.
                   MR. BERNSTEIN: -- for clarification.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay. With that said, I'll
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         entertain a motion to approve the motion, as read. And
         all in favor, say "aye".
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                   BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: All against, "nay".
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                   Again, there were no "nays". That approved
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         unanimously.
                   Next item before the Board is approval of
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         EM Order 325 Amendment.
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                  Mayor Waterman -- oh, I'm sorry. Jane, in
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         this case.
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                  MS. BAIS-DISESSA: That's okay.
                   THE CHAIRPERSON: A comment about the item?
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                  MS. BAIS-DISESSA: This is something very
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         simple. It's an administrative item. We're just
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         simply asking to remove the administrators title from
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there and add the Deputy Mayor and the Treasurer

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        to that language.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: So the updates are banking
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         signatories, if you will, to the current staffing --
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                   MS. BAIS-DISESSA: Right.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: -- at City Hall?
                   MS. BAIS-DISESSA: Correct.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.
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                   MS. BAIS-DISESSA: Thank you, sir.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: With that said, I'll
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         entertain a motion to approve, deny or postpone.
                   MR. BERNSTEIN: I'll so move.
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                   MR. BURGESS: I'll support.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: All in favor, say "aye".
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                   BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: All against, say "nay".
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                   That item passes. Thank you.
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                   The next items are really nonaction items.
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         The first one is a Budget to Actual Report from the
         Finance Director. Do you have any additional comments
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         you'd like to add to the report?
                   MR. NAZARKO: No. Other than what's
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         presented on the reports, I do not have any additional
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         comments.
                   THE CHAIRPERSON: I do have one comment. I
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want to just tell you that I think the report looks

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         really great and I think we're moving in a very strong
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        position and I -- I've been here since the beginning
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         and I've seen a lot of great progress and thank you.
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                  MR. NAZARKO: Thank you.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: With that said, we're at
         the section, Patrick, for public comment. Do we have
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        public comments?
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                   MR. DOSTINE: Mr. Chair, we have several
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         requests for public comment.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay. If you would like to
         go ahead and call the first up.
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                   MR. DOSTINE: Sure. Brother El.
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                   Okay. Moving along, Lionel Hicks.
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                   UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Here you go, there's
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         Brother El.
                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Public comments are limited
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         to two minutes, just so you're -- and we have a clock.
                   BROTHER EL: Well, that's fine. I'm not
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         going to be that long, anyway. Good afternoon,
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         everybody. It's a pleasure being here in front of the
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         people. It's a pleasure feeling the power in the
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        presence of the people. So let me get that out first.
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                   I just want to say you guys made a great
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         decision today. The people made a great decision in
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coming out and supporting the millage. This is the

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first battle of many. And so we got to come out,
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         continue to come out and pay attention to what's going
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            We're going to hold everybody accountable. Excuse
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         me.
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                   I talked to one of the residents earlier and
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         she talked about a plan. So we have a plan in place.
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         We have a short-term plan and a long-term plan in
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         regards to the Pontiac Youth Recreational Center and --
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         and, in that piece, it would reveal some form of
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         indication that we have the ability to create
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         sustainability, so that we won't have to repeatedly
         come to the people, needing to levy taxes.
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                   However, we know how important it is at this
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         point in time in our community that we have something
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         constructive for the children to do every day. I'm one
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         of the people that creates those youth services for our
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         children in the City of Pontiac. I have one of the
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         only programs in the community that takes babies all
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         over the country for ten months out of a year.
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                   Imagine what we can do with this collective
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         effort here today. We can do so much more. And so my
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         message is to the people, stay together, work together,
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         let's solve problems, let's not dwell on it because you
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         are, in fact, the government. Everybody else is the
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representative government.

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                   So let's take this relevant, political issue
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         and let's galvanize, let's continue to organize, let's
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         continue to plan and strategize. Let's fix our own
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         problems. And, with that being said, I'm going to say
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        peace. Thank you.
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                   MR. DOSTINE: I'm assuming that was
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         Brother El. Okay. Sorry.
                   Lionel Hicks.
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                   MR. HICKS EL: I'm sorry, sir, your name
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         is -- oh, hi. How are you all doing, everybody?
                   Your name is Patrick?
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                   MR. DOSTINE: Patrick Dostine.
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                   MR. HICKS EL: Okay. My name is Lionel Hicks
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         El. I just wanted to let you know that's my last name.
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                   MR. DOSTINE: My apologies.
                   MR. HICKS EL: I want to thank everybody for
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         coming out here today also. And, to piggy-back on what
         Brother El said, I want to address you guys because I
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         know a lot of people have complaints about councilmen
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         and agendas that they push but they wouldn't push any
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         agenda if we didn't put those guys in office, along
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         with this young lady right here, the Mayor.
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                   We put these people in office. So, when they
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         get there, we can't complain about things that they do
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when we put them there.

Τ	Just like Brother El said we got to take our
2	community back because we are the government and they
3	are representatives. So everything that happens from
4	here on should be on us because we should we should
5	want to get involved in community efforts and come out
6	here and vote these people in.
7	And councilmen, future councilmen, you guys
8	need to get out here and get to these community events
9	in the community. Because there's places where you can
10	go and reach a large number of residents in the City.
11	I'm in a basketball league called the MBS,
12	it's an Oakland league right behind Red Lobster. It's
13	at least between 3- to 500 residents of Pontiac there
14	every Sunday. I've never seen a councilman there. I'r
15	close with Kermit Williams. I've never seen Kerm
16	nowhere, any of these Councilmen. I'm not familiar
17	with you guys, I'm not familiar with this mayor or you
18	guys. You guys aren't out in the community. And I
19	don't blame you, I blame us because we put you there.
20	So put somebody in office who has a
21	connection with you in this community. If they don't
22	live here, they ain't from here, how can they relate to
23	us? We got to put people in office that relate to us

and got the same problems as we have for our kids and

for the youth because that's who this is for; they're

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        our future. But I just really wanted to tell
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         everybody, put who you want in office so they can make
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        the decisions for us and not them.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.
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                  MR. HICKS EL: Thank you.
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                  MR. DOSTINE: Mr. Chair, the next request
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         comes from Sean Preston.
                  MR. PRESTON: Just wanted to piggy-back on
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         what my brother was saying. Now that everything has
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        been settled, Pontiac, we got to get out and we got to
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        vote. So I want to encourage everybody to get
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        registered to vote. If you know any young people
        that's over the age of 18, get them registered to vote.
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         I love you all. God bless.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.
                  MR. DOSTINE: Adrian Bass or is it Boss?
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                   UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I think he's gone.
                  MR. DOSTINE: Okay. Thank you.
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                  Denise Cobb.
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                  MS. COBB: Good afternoon, everybody.
                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Good afternoon.
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                   MS. COBB: Panel. I'd like to say, great
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         news, having that we're going to have a center for the
         children in the City of Pontiac. I'd also like to say
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that other concerns, I hope other concerns can be

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        brought to the center for the community relating to
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        children because I have to tell you, the Boards I've
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        spoken in front of, trying to get my point across, I
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       have to tell you, three minutes -- or even two minutes
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        is not long enough to have a serious conversation when
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        it relates to children, even if I was told to gather up
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        parents and come down to certain boards and each parent
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        would have three minutes.
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I hope this facility will also help with what I've been trying to push, tutoring for children. And, with different people coming to the center, children will learn from different age people, grandmothers, older people, younger people get their point of view across. So as children grow academically and socially and physically and athletically, they can grow together as a group.

And I would like for parents to maybe sometimes use the center to express our concerns as it relates to children and not be told and whittled down and boiled down to a fine dust of three minutes or two minutes and you have -- I have an important issue about children, it's going to take me longer than three minutes. That sounds like labor, every three minutes, you know.

25 So the thing about it is they're too

important to whittle down our concerns and our comments

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         to three minutes. I can't express what my
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         seven-year-old grandson was going through at a school
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        he was in in three minutes. I need people to hear me.
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                   It's not me. Don't attack me for bringing it
             The children will tell you what's going on in
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         their environment, in their area. And we, as parents,
         need to support the concern of the children's. I'd
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         like to use that building for us to get together and do
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        that. Thank you.
                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.
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                   MR. DOSTINE: Mr. Chair, the next request is
         from Traciee Hirsch.
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                   UNIDENTIFIED MALE: She's gone.
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                   MR. DOSTINE: Okay. Thank you.
                   The next request is from Kathy McLully?
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                   MS. McINALLY: McInally.
                   MR. DOSTINE: I'm sorry, McInally.
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                   MS. McINALLY: Hi, I'm Kathy McInally. I'm
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         Chairperson with Pontiac General Hospital Retirees
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         Group who make up approximately 40 percent of the GERS
         system. Hospital employees did put five percent of our
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         wages after taxes in from the time of hire until 1993
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when we went private, not-for-profit.

I do appreciate the fact that you have

1	approved the \$400 extension. You do need to know that
2	the CPREA case does not include hospital retirees. And
3	when the \$400 was put out, it was identified it was not
4	for healthcare benefits. The hospital retirees do not
5	approve of the proposal to move overfunding to the City
6	coffers to be used for healthcare expenses or other
7	things as they come up.

I do have a copy of a legal opinion from the GERS team in 2005 when a previous CEO from the hospital tried to get extra funding from the hospital side of the plan, which is what the overfunding is from. And they basically were advised that the funding in the system could not be used for anything other than pensions or annuities and it was not to be used for healthcare benefits.

There was also a statement on reversion which states that none of the income or principal shall revert to or be returned to the City prior to the satisfaction of all liabilities to members and beneficiaries.

I also have an Attorney General ruling from 1990, which states that Public Act 28 authorized a Municipal Retirement System to use not more than 50 percent of the interest earned on any reserved fund for medical, hospital and nursing care, if he finds the

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         reverse fund is monies contributed by the city, village
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         or township, none of which has been made by the City in
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         quite a number of years. It does not authorize a
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         municipal retirement estimate to use funds to establish
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         a trust fund for medical benefits. It states financial
        benefits arising on account of services rendered in
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         each fiscal year are to be funded during that year and
         the funding shall not be used to fund under-financed
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         accrued liabilities.
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                   And the Attorney General opinion at the time
         stated that under MCL38-571 and MSA 533771, it does not
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         authorize a Municipal Retirement System to use any of
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        the funds available under that account to establish a
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         trust fund to pay for medical benefits for persons
        receiving --
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. You've used
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         your time.
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                   MS. McINALLY: Thank you.
                   MR. DOSTINE: Kathleen (sic) James.
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                   MS. JAMES: Good evening. First of all, I'd
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         like to say thank you for your vote. And I thank all
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         of those who have come out today in support of the
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         youth millage. I think, as a community, we have come
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         to say we want to exercise our right to prioritize in
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our community and we have set, as a priority, our

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1 children, our young families, single-parent families.
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- 2 We need to look at our own demographics. We have
- 3 single parents who are raising children and they need
- 4 centers. They need places where their children can go
- 5 and have safe activities.
- I appreciate the Mayor's comments before your
- 7 vote. I think she did a beautiful job of stating as,
- 8 you know, the concern of the community.
- 9 But I appreciate your vote. And I'd like to
- 10 say to everyone else, we need -- now the work is ahead
- of us. Before we vote, there has to be a coming
- 12 together so that we come up with a plan. You know,
- 13 when Mr. Williams brought this at the Council, he
- 14 acknowledged the whole plan is not there. And we have
- 15 to come together as a community to put that plan
- 16 together so that, when the vote comes up, our community
- has a clear, concise plan they can vote on. And so the
- 18 work is ahead of us.
- 19 But, as everybody said, it's our work. It's
- our work. It's our community and we will commit to
- 21 doing it. We have to work together. And so we have
- 22 that commitment to do it. And I'm just so glad to see
- all of you out today and I want to, again, thank the
- Board for their vote. Thank you.
- THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.

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                   MR. DOSTINE: Kevin Smith.
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                   MR. SMITH: Good evening -- good afternoon.
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         My name is Kevin Smith, one of the pastors in the City
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         of Pontiac. It's so wonderful to see everybody out.
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         Like I say, everybody, at the end of the day, we had to
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         get out in these streets. I've been a resident of
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         Pontiac my whole life, 51 years. I've been in these
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         streets 51 years, half my life. So God -- I see a
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         change.
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                   I've seen my nephew go to the NFL. I've seen
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         my cousin, Jonas Gray, go to the NFL and get a Super
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         Bowl ring. So we have our youth at hand at us. So
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         we've got to get back out in the streets. Some of our
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         friends, we done came up with the name Street Sweeper
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         to get these streets clean, get our youth out of here.
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         I have grandchildren now. So I know I have to get out
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         here in these streets, beat them like I was beaten when
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         I was in the streets and get these -- you got young
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         girls having babies, they need healthcare. We got
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         people that are from Pontiac that's a dentist now. We
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         got Dentist Haynes. We got people in this community
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         that can help us.
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                   So we, as young men, need to get on Board,
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         beat these streets, knock on these doors, get our
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         people organized, come together. We got Pastor
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1 Solomon Smith, a new pastor at New Bethel, Bethlehem.
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- 2 So we got places. We got churches. Welcome New
- 3 Bethel, all these places where you can play basketball,
- 4 everything; we have it right here in our own city.
- I went to a gas station and I seen there they
- 6 had "Help us with Detroit" on it. Detroit isn't the
- 7 only one that is in need. Pontiac is in need. You
- 8 know, we in need. They had a street race and all I
- 9 kept hearing the guy announcing on the street drag
- 10 thing was "Detroit". He didn't realize he was in
- 11 Pontiac.
- 12 So we have to come together, get out here in
- 13 these streets. We need to organize ourselves. We're
- 14 capable. We have a wonderful Mayor. I even did work
- 15 at her house before. She allowed me in her door. So
- she tangible. So we need to get out here, get in these
- 17 streets, come together, organize, see who going to run.
- 18 Vote to see who going to be in office; we need to get
- 19 that together. So it's some planning. But I think all
- things are possible.
- 21 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you for your time.
- We appreciate it.
- MR. SMITH: Amen. All right.
- MR. DOSTINE: Mark Holland.
- 25 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: He just stepped out.

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                  MR. DOSTINE: Okay. John Wellon X.
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                  MR. HOLLAND: Did you call me?
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                  MR. DOSTINE: Excuse me. Mark?
                  MR. HOLLAND: Yeah.
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                  MR. DOSTINE: Okay. Mark Holland.
                   MR. HOLLAND: Yeah. First, I'd like to thank
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         these people here for coming out. You guys are the
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         power of us. It's good to see some faces out here. I
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         remember some of these faces when you all had black
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         hair. A lot of us now got gray in our beards.
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                   But you guys are the bosses of us, as far as
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         the public serving. So, to continue this, we need you
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         guys down here all the time. And you see what happens.
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         When it was time for the vote to happen, they saw the
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         power of you guys and got scared because they know next
         year it's election year.
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                   But I came down here to ask this TAB, what
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         are we going to do with the 64 pensioners that's been
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         crying, begging, pleading for their money? The Mayor
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         said that it's at your table. They said you guys
                                 They need an answer. That's
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         tabled the pensioners.
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         just unfair to let them just drift out there and for
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         them not to know whether you guys are going to approve
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         them to get their pension benefits of the early
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         retirement system. It was done for others through the
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Emergency Manager so it's only fair that you guys do it
for these guys as well.

The Mayor said she did approve it, Council
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approved it, and as well as the Pension Board approved
these pensioners, to get their money. They need their
money now. So, to continue for you guys to hold it up
without giving these guys the interest is kind of
unjust.

But the flip side of that, I do appreciate you guys giving the community an opportunity to decide if they wanted a youth center or not. I think it should be to the citizens or not up to the elected officials or the TAB as well. I think it should be the up to the community. So, by passing that and letting the community decide whether or not they want to help these babies here which definitely need some help, I do commend you guys for that effort. And thank you guys, very much.

19 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.

MR. DOSTINE: John Wellon X.

21 Linda Hasson.

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MS. HASSON: Hi. Today the TAB has
solidified, by a motion, to go ahead and remove money
from the Pontiac pension fund in lieu of healthcare. I
believe that that money cannot be used for this. There

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         is an ordinance, 92-4, that states that the City has to
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         pay for any increases in pensions. The question is,
         is, because this is amending S-307, which is an EM
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         order, I heard no motion to go to the Treasurer to have
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         the EM Order S-307 changed.
                   On -- there was an ordinance, a Resolution
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         14-454, which was for the Kone Bowman and
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         Charlie Harrison. This Board went a year later and
         voted to allow them to be sitting members of the GERS.
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         The City Council did not follow under Act 436, the
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         Kone Harrison and Charlie Bowman (sic), for them to be
         on the GERS Board. People are under the understanding
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         that that ordinance that you passed limited the time of
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         their being on the board. But you had no motion
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         included in there that limited their time. And what
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         the problem is, is there was a large amount, millions
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         of dollars, that was lost during the time that these
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         two gentlemen were on that Board in their capacity.
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                   We need some clarification from you about
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         Resolution 14-453 as to if it stands in its entirety,
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         it would allow those men to sit on that Board during
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         that timeframe. Because now the GERS Board wants to go
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         back and change different things, stating that because
         you didn't approve it. But the problem is, is that
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         they, the City Council, neglected their duties to
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follow Act 436. So I would like some conversation on

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         this matter. Thank you.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.
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                   MR. DOSTINE: Kermit Williams.
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                   MR. WILLIAMS: Good afternoon, everybody.
                   BOARD MEMBERS: Good afternoon.
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                   MR. WILLIAMS: First of all, I would like to
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         thank the members of the TAB Board for approving the
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         youth millage. But I would, more importantly, like to
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         thank the community, especially the young lady sitting
         on the front row because this is what it's all about.
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        And so I want to thank everybody. But we have some
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         very important next steps. We have to form an actual
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         campaign committee to make sure that this vote passes
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         for our youth millage.
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                   But I do want to thank and recognize all of
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         the City Council who helped to get this millage put on
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         there. And I would ask them to stand up really quick.
         Because a lot of people who are here are for the first
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         time and they might not know Council people. But I
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         want all those who are in the audience who voted for
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         the youth millage to stand up and be appreciated.
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                   Thank you guys, so much.
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We will be organizing and there is some

training that's going on. And I'll give you guys a

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flyer outside of this meeting. But, again, I want to
thank the TAB Board.
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With my last minute, I just saw in the paper and Councilwoman, Doris Taylor, brought this to my attention that Waterford trustees are taking action with the Summit Place Mall. And I would ask you guys to intervene because you guys are over legal lawsuits and things.

In regards to our Silverdome problem, that's a large parcel of land that hasn't been dealt with since I've been on City Council. We've been through three Emergency Managers since then and nobody has taken any action whatsoever. The Summit Place Mall has only been vacant less time than the Silverdome and we haven't taken any action as a City. And so, on the next agenda, hopefully you guys will at least put some consideration to find out from the Mayor and executives what's going to be done with that 127 acres which is a large footprint on the City of Pontiac. So thank you so much.

21 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.

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- MR. DOSTINE: Billie Swazer.
- 23 MS. SWAZER: Good evening. I'm Billie Swazer
  24 and I want to thank you for voting yes for that. As
  25 they said, we're going to have to get together. Don't

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         count on the elected official unless they're the
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         Council people. Because the other peoples had told you
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         it was forthcoming. And I've been going to the Council
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         meeting for years. And we need to make sure that the
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         kids are taken care of.
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                   Now, I'm old, 60-some years old. And you
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         need to have some people a lot younger than me to take
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         care of the kids. Because, when you get my age, all
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         you're thinking about is being still, you're not
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         talking about going around. But I see the kids out
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        there needing help.
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                   Please come, continue to come to the council
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         meetings and speak and please keep pressure on all
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         elected officials so that you can get this youth
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         millage passed and get the work done. You want certain
         things done in this City, you're going to have to do it
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         yourself. So you need to make sure that you get
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        whatever you need.
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                   I will be voting and I'll be talking to the
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         Council people to see what we need to do to get it --
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         to get it going and I'll be contributing money for that
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         campaign, too. Thank you.
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THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.

MR. HILL: I want to thank the peoples for

MR. DOSTINE: Larry Hill.

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         coming out and thank Mayor Waterman for what she done,
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         getting this passed. Now the work is for us. Without
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         Mayor Waterman and the Council, we wouldn't have this.
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         Now, it's our work now. Our work is to beat the
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         highways and bushes to get people to come out and vote
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         for this because we need to vote. Without voting, this
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         is not going to pass.
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                   And we got to work. Now we got to go to
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         work. It's all on us now. It's not on them. And
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         these kids is our future and we got to do something for
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         them.
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                   May God bless you.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.
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                   MR. DOSTINE: Joseph Sinclair.
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                   MR. SINCLAIR: Good afternoon, everybody. I
         don't have a statement. I have a question to the Mayor
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         and to the TAB Board. Has the State set a timeline as
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         to when the City will not have to come before the Board
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         for decisions on as to how we are to spend our money in
         the City?
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                   What I see happening in the future is
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         inevitable. As we seek to have our services and our
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         quality of life restored here in the City of Pontiac,
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         that we're going to keep coming into this situation
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again and again. So I want to know, when has the State

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         set a time when the City will truly be able to
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         self-govern itself?
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                   Because, at this point in time, we're kind of
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         being held hostage if we want to do something over
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         $500,000. You got to admit it to answer.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.
                   MR. DOSTINE: Norbert Burrows.
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                   UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: Excuse me. He deserve
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         an answer.
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                   MR. BURROWS: Good afternoon everyone, TAB
         Board. The first thing, everyone here, we came out in
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         numbers and we're showing support and we want to keep
         this going. We have a lot of work to do. Just because
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         we have it on the ballot, we still have to get it
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         approved. We have to get out and vote. So just having
         it on the ballot is just half the battle. We got a lot
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        more work to do.
                   And, me personally, I'm part of some citizens
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         that's from Pontiac all our lives. And if it take, for
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         us -- if we don't have a budget for us to run a
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         community center, I got about 20 guys with me right now
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         that we will do it for free. We volunteer to do that
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         because we need it. This is exactly what we need.
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                   And that's to you, too, Mayor: If we don't
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figure it out, I got some people here that will work.

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                   But I'll tell you what, being on the ballot
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         is just not enough. We got to get out. We got to get
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         all our young folks, 18 and over, if you have a felony,
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         you can vote. You can vote. So we got to make
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         everyone aware of that, too.
                   So this is just half the battle. So we got
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         to continue, come together, get everybody to vote and
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         we will have that center and we will help these kids
         out here. Thank you.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.
                   MR. DOSTINE: Pastor Kevin Sanders.
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                   PASTOR SANDERS: Good afternoon to our Mayor,
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         Deputy Mayor, City Council, officials, residents of the
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         City of Pontiac and to the TAB Board. I am the
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         associate pastor, Kevin Sanders, of The Boulevard
         church here in Pontiac. And, just real quick, I'm just
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        blessed to be here today, not to throw any stones but
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         just to add to the support of the positive picture that
         we see.
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                   It was already mentioned with these kids
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         being here. I represent also the City of Pontiac in
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         regards to youth. I'm a proud employee of the Pontiac
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         School District, working at Pontiac High School. And,
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         you know, my thing is words have power. And just in
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the parking lot alone, you know, there was a parent

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         that was on her way in the building and she had some
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         kids with her and she was spending most of the time
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         complaining about what was wrong and I asked her,
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         "Well, what is a solution?"
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                   She said, "Well, I don't have a solution."
                   Well, I said, "You probably need to follow me
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         into this building." All right? Because I don't -- we
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         don't believe -- especially at The Boulevard church,
         instead of being part of the problem, we believe in
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         being a part of the solution. So, when all these
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         buildings and things have closed, what we have done, in
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         the past two months, our numbers are increased by
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         connecting with schools, partnering with schools in the
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         area, partnering with other churches, opening up our
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         basketball gym and using our facility as part of the
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         solution.
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                   We have seen such an increase in the kids
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         from the Pontiac community. You don't have to be a
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         member of the church. You don't have to be religious
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         or whatever. We have a facility. And, until change
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         does happen, our doors are open. And so we have seen
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         such an increase in the partnerships with the people in
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         the City of Pontiac. And we're not doing it for any
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         recreation, we're not doing it for increase of
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         attendance. We're doing it because, instead of
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         complaining about it, what can we do and what can we
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         use within ourselves to make things better?
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                   So I am glad to see this picture today. I
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         was motivated by social media to come out today to
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         represent the church and represent the young people.
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         And I thank you for the opportunity.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.
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                   MR. DOSTINE: Mr. Chair, that concludes
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        public comments.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: I thank everyone for their
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         comments. Just one follow-up to one of the questions
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         asked, when the RTAB Board will complete its task here
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         in the City of Pontiac. The City of Pontiac does go
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         through evaluations once a year and we evaluate the
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         processes and progress that the city has made. And,
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         based upon those evaluations, our recommendations are
        made to the State Treasurer accordingly. Our next
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         evaluation will be coming up towards the end of this
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        year. Thank you.
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                   With that, moving on to the next item,
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         Mayor Waterman, any comments?
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                   MAYOR WATERMAN: Well, I appreciated all the
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         comments of the people who were here today and to use
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         this venue to be able to express their thoughts for the
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community. And it is true, we do have a lot of work to

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         do. And it's good to hear that people want to pull to
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         get to get it done. So we have a lot of community
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         groups organizing and we, too, at City Hall realize we
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         have our part to play.
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                   So I've invited people to be part of the
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         taskforce to help to identify the facility and a place
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         for, in the meantime, before we get this millage
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         passed, even to have activities for our kids so that
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         has to continue on as well. But in my report to you,
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         the RTAB members, I wanted to feature the things that
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         are the litigation issues that I bring to your
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         attention each time.
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                   And I'll start with the OPEB litigation.
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         you have before you -- I did give you a copy of
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         Judge Cohn's scheduling order. Just to reiterate,
         last -- a few months ago, after having undergone the
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         mediation that had been ordered by Judge Cohn of the
         Federal District Court where the case has been remanded
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         back, that he did appoint a mediator, that we did work
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         with this mediator for a number of months and had made
         some progress, we thought, in terms of working with
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         CPREA.
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                   After a certain point, however, and maybe out
         of concern about the mediator, that they expressed
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CPREA did withdraw from the mediation. The judge

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immediately called both sides into status conference,

talked to us both and actually reiterated the terms of

the case and said that we have some options to do,

either to continue with the mediation. If we did not,

then he would immediately proceed back to litigation

but he would bifurcate the case.
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Giving both sides the time to think about it,

CPREA decided to come back to the mediation table,

which they announced, and the Judge did issue this

scheduling order as a result of that.

And it is the timelines are as said here. We have 14 days from the time of this stipulation order to meet, again, both sides in order to see if we can come to a settlement. If, in that 14 days, we could not do that — and that meeting is already scheduled for next week. If we could not do that within the 14 days, then he was going to appoint another mediator. The mediator would work with us. We had 90 days, time certain, to be able to conclude the issue. If we could not, then he would proceed to trial, as he had indicated.

This, of course, was something I was very optimistic about moving on, and that's why the City had invested so much and this mediation that had gone on.

The city was really paying for the mediation, paying for the mediator, paying for the research that had

1	gone into creating the actuary reports. And that was
2	important because, if the City were to suffer an
3	adverse effect, a ruling from this case, that meant
4	that the City would have to pay back all of the retiree
5	health benefits for the past three years, going on
6	four. And at \$14 million a year, that was a judgment
7	of \$42 million, which either would bankrupt the City or
8	we would have to put on the backs of the taxpayers.
9	I did not want to see that happen, especially
10	since there is a way that I see that, if people are
11	reasonable about how things will happen, we can deliver
12	all of the retiree benefits, assure the pensions, also
13	give them healthcare, if we follow this.
14	Now, this is a very unique situation
15	settlement we were proposing. I understand we are in a
16	unique position, given an overfund pension system and
17	what we are posing has never been done. And so we
18	would be the role model for this and the pioneer to do
19	this. But it can be done. You can assure people of
20	their benefits without bankrupting the City.
21	And so I was very eager to get back from the
22	mediation table to very seriously pursue a settlement
23	for this case and we will keep you comprised as that
24	moves forward.

We do have the hospital employees here and we

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         have worked with them, both Council President and I.
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         Because they have not -- they're not Plaintiffs in the
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         case, in such, the judge has said they have no standing
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         and so they are not represented by CPREA. And that
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         brings them to question even more some of the conflict
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         of interest that I've tried to bring up in front of the
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         GERS Boards and how well they're represented by having
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         people who are both, you know, CPREA as well as GERS
         Board. So that's problematic for them and they have
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         been counseled -- they have been advised by the judge
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         how to move forward in order to get their
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         representation and their voices heard. So that is OPEB
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         and you're up to date on that.
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                   The other, of course, litigation -- we've
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         averted several litigations, as a matter of fact,
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         because we've got enough on hand here. Phoenix Center
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         litigation, which has -- of course, we had been
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         appealed to the Supreme Court, the Plaintiff, Ottawa
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         Towers, does have liens filed on the City. If we did
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         not appeal this case to the Supreme Court, as you well
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         know, the City would have had to pay a judgment of $4
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         million in liens. And so, to revert that and to make
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         sure that that wasn't added to the backs of the tax
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         holders, we did use, with the attorney's advice, going
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         into getting this leave and we're waiting to have the
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But, in the meantime, we've averted several other litigations, one of which was, as many people know, that property on South Boulevard which the owner there has been in violation of their site plan, just heaps of dirt all over, which are an eyesore in the community. Many people have complained about that, don't know that we have been work being very diligently to try to resolve that.

The owner was not going to abide by the site plan and so we were -- we were cultivating a purchaser of that property. It was the owner was very reluctant to do it but we were able to encourage them, either we did that or we're going to go to court. And so that purchase agreement has been finalized and the owner -- the new owner is going to be presenting their site plan to the Planning Committee this month.

So I'm very happy because that is a very vital corner, right there, sitting at the entry of the City of Pontiac and in the part of town we now call our Diamond Corridor, a part of town which was very highly featured during this last Dream Cruise, when, of course, I gave you some material we happily welcomed about 25,000 people to town who came to see how Pontiac is growing and expanding and bringing that nexus of

Τ	activity from the Dream Cruise right here to Pontiac.
2	So we're very happy that we had citizens who
3	were great ambassadors for portraying what Pontiac is
4	and has become. This is a safe city that is now a
5	destination city. And we are growing and we're
6	bounding together to make sure that Pontiac is
7	recognized for the jewel that it is. So that is that.
8	And, as we go along, we'll continue to
9	develop other partners. Of course, Oakland University
10	has been a very strong partner. I'm very happy to say
11	that some of the initiatives they've offered include
12	initiatives for our children. In past years, they've
13	had a McCree scholarship for Pontiac children. In the
14	past years, only one or two children students have
15	taken advantage of this.
16	This past year, the second year of the
17	partnership, all 25 McCree scholarships were taken by
18	Pontiac students and we have 25 students now students
19	on full rise to Oakland University by virtue of that
20	scholarship. That is a great thing.
21	In addition to that, we've offered other
22	children from early education programs to some summer
23	camps. This year we had a hundred children who were in
24	a fine arts camp. We hope to have a STEM camp

developing. So the present is very much commit to this

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         partnership. That's one of the ways Pontiac is
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         continuing to grow and to extend its capacity.
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                   In addition, in fact, in a few weeks there
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         will be another announcement as we've been cultivating
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         other partners from a major bank who is coming to the
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         City in a big way that's going to be offering some
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         mortgage products to allow people to get mortgages.
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         Their properties have increased 20 percent in value in
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         the past year; that's the highest in Oakland County
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        we're proud to say.
                   So we're moving in the right direction,
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         gentlemen. We don't have -- we're not where we want to
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         be, where we can be. But we're moving toward. We
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         certainly aren't where we were. And I thank you for
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         your comments, Mr. Sawdon, on saying that you have seen
         the progress. It's taken a lot of effort on a lot of
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         people to move forward. And I'm happy to be serving
         the citizens of Pontiac in making that happen. Thank
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         you.
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                   THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.
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                   Any comments from the Board?
                   Seeing none, a motion to adjourn is in order.
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                   MR. BURGESS: I'll make that motion.
                   MR. BERNSTEIN: Second.
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THE CHAIRPERSON: All in favor, "aye".

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3	I, Mona Storm, do hereby certify that I have
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6	hereinbefore set forth, and I do further certify that
7	the foregoing transcript, consisting of (49) pages, is
8	a true and correct transcript of my said stenographic
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