

Financial Review Commission Minutes

APPROVED – FEBRUARY 12, 2015

January 26, 2015 – 2:30 p.m.
Cadillac Place
Conference Room L-150
3062 Grand Boulevard
Detroit, MI 48202

I. Call to Order

Treasurer Kevin Clinton called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present - 9

Kevin Clinton
John Roberts
Bill Martin
Mike Duggan
Brenda Jones
Tony Saunders
Darrell Burks
Lorron James
Stacy Fox

Members Absent - 0

Let the record show that all Commission members are present.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion made to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion moved and supported, the Commission unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

9 ayes, 0 nays

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion made to approve the draft minutes of December 5, 2014 meeting as presented.

Motion moved and supported, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of December 5, 2014 as presented.

V. Approval of Bylaws – Resolution 2015-1

Steve Howell of Dickinson Wright gave a brief overview of the Bylaws. A clarification was made regarding votes taken by majority of a quorum and not by majority of nine members. The Bylaws will be amended to reflect the clarification.

Motion made to approve Resolution 2015-1 (Bylaws) as amended.

Motion moved and supported, the Commission unanimously approved Resolution 2015-1 (Bylaws) as amended.

9 Ayes, 0 Nays

VI. Approval of Ethics Policy – Resolution 2015-2

Steve Howell of Dickinson Wright gave a brief overview of the Ethics Policy.

Motion made to approve Resolution 2015-2 (Ethics Policy) as presented.

Motion moved and supported, the Commission unanimously approved Resolution 2015-2 (Ethics Policy) as presented.

9 Ayes, 0 Nays

VII. Approval of Amended Meeting Schedule – Resolution 2015-3

Discussion was held regarding consideration of changing the December 2015 meeting date due to holidays.

Motion made to approve Resolution 2015-3 (Amended Meeting Schedule) as presented.

Motion moved and supported, the Commission unanimously approved Resolution 2015-3 (Amended Meeting Schedule) as presented.

9 Ayes, 0 Nays

VIII. Approval of Chief Financial Officer Nominee – Resolution 2015-4

Motion made to approve Resolution 2015-4 (Approval of Chief Financial Officer Nominee) as presented.

Motion moved and supported, the Commission unanimously approved Resolution 2015-3 (Chief Financial Officer Nominee) as presented.

9 Ayes, 0 Nays

IX. Approval of Nineteen Contract Approval Requests

Public Act 181 of 2014 requires the Financial Review Commission to review and approve contracts meeting any of the three following criteria: 1) the contract exceeds \$750,000; 2) the contract has a term exceeding 2 years; and 3) multiple contracts within a single entity that exceed \$750,000 in aggregate. All contracts must be approved by the Mayor's Office and by Detroit City Council prior to consideration by the Financial Review Commission.

Boysie Jackson, Chief Procurement Officer gave an overview of the City's procurement process that included the vision, mission, compliance protocols, current procurement process, procurement reform efforts, and a departmental spend analysis.

The Commission asked Mr. Jackson to talk about how he achieved his objective of shortening the lead time from beginning to end to shorten the process for contract approvals from 120 days to 60 days.

The Commission made a suggestion that the City should consider a payment plan for larger contracts that would allow vendors to make payments over time.

The Commission stated that the City needs to ensure contract work is not started before contracts are approved and inquired if there was a competitive bidding point system for local vendors.

Discussion ensued regarding the Budget and how the City would be reporting budget information to the Commission.

Motion made to approve the Nineteen Contract Approval Requests from the City of Detroit as presented.

Motion moved and supported, the Commission unanimously approved the Nineteen Contract Approval Requests from the City of Detroit as presented.

9 Ayes, 0 Nays

X. Administrative Report

Dick Ravitch, Senior Financial Adviser to the Financial Review Commission, gave a presentation on his experience in New York City (NYC). NYC utilized a Financial Control Board following a period of fiscal distress in the 1970's and 80's to help ensure that the City did not slip back in to distress. Mr. Ravitch thinks this Financial Review Commission will work well for the City of Detroit to help ensure success after the City's exit from bankruptcy.

He also discussed some of the pros and cons for the City of Detroit going forward.

XI. Public Comment

None.

XII. Next Meeting Date

Treasurer Clinton notified the public that the next Financial Review Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2015 - 2:30 p.m. at Cadillac Place, 3062 W. Grand Boulevard, Suite L-150, Detroit, MI 48202.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn.

On a voice vote the Commission unanimously approved the motion to adjourn.
9 ayes 0 nays

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.