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City of Ecorse

Receivership Transition Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Ecorse City Hall

Council Chambers

Albert B. Buday Civic Center

3869 West Jefferson

Ecorse, Michigan 48229

RTAB MEMBERS PRESENT:

ROBERT BOVITZ

EDWARD KORYZNO

ALSO PRESENT:

CASSANDRA BOOMS

Office of the City Attorney

DREW VAN de GRIFT

Michigan Dept of Treasury

Office of Fiscal Responsibility

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Called to order at 9:01 a.m.

MR. KORYZNO: I'll call the City of Ecorse  
Receivership Transition Advisory Board meeting to order.

Mr. Van de Grift, roll call?

MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Robert Bovitz?

MR. BOVITZ: Here.

MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Edward Koryzno?

MR. KORYZNO: Here.

MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Joyce Parker. Joyce Parker  
is absent.

A quorum is present.

MR. KORYZNO: Thank you.

And let the record reflect that Ms. Parker  
notified the board at last month's meeting that she would  
not be in attendance.

Next item is approval of agenda.

MR. BOVITZ: So moved.

MR. KORYZNO: Support.

Any discussion?

(No response.)

MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the  
motion say aye.

MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

MR. KORYZNO: Aye.

Opposed same sign.

1 (No response.)  
2 MR. KORYZNO: The agenda is approved as printed.  
3 A reminder to the public that if you intend to  
4 speak at the public comment portion of the meeting, it's  
5 necessary for you to sign the sheet at the podium, and if  
6 you do not sign, they you will -- I will be unable to  
7 recognize you.  
8 Next item is approval of RTAB minutes of the  
9 June 9th, 2015 meeting with noted clarifications.  
10 MR. BOVITZ: So moved.  
11 MR. KORYZNO: Support.  
12 Moved by Bovitz, supported by Koryzno.  
13 Any discussion?  
14 (No response.)  
15 MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of  
16 approving the minutes say aye?  
17 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.  
18 MR. KORYZNO: Aye.  
19 Opposed same sign.  
20 The minutes are approved.  
21 Item 2: Old business. Five year budget.  
22 Mr. O'Neal, could you provide us with an update  
23 on the submission of five year budget, please? Budget  
24 plan I should say.  
25 MR. O'NEAL: Thank you, Mr. Koryzno and members

1 of the board.

2 We have the budget finished, the five year  
3 budget finished. I talked with Mr. Pepperman this morning  
4 and I talked with Jim Buckley last week. We have a few  
5 things that we want to just tweak within the budget itself  
6 going out to the five years that have a impact on the  
7 bonds and repayment of the bonds, so we wanted to make  
8 sure that those numbers are as correct as possible. There  
9 are some things that are triggered if we show a deficit  
10 and/or a surplus or whatever, so we're very mindful of  
11 that. We hope to have that budget submitted to you later  
12 today or tomorrow.

13 MR. KORYZNO: Thank you.

14 Next item is UHY report. A written report  
15 regarding arrangement with UHY has not been submitted.

16 Mr. O'Neal, could you provide an update for the  
17 board?

18 MR. O'NEAL: There's really -- and I apologize.  
19 I keep forgetting to do that, but there's really nothing  
20 to report. UHY is on board to perform the duties that we  
21 were asking them to perform. You're going to need some  
22 budget to actual reports and all that stuff, and --

23 MR. KORYZNO: And while you're there, may I --  
24 do you have any update on the preparation of the  
25 qualifications for the --

1 MR. O'NEAL: I haven't done any -- I left it the  
2 same way it was before -- I haven't done anything to that.

3 MR. KORYZNO: All right.

4 MR. O'NEAL: As you know, I'm in discussions  
5 with other folks at the state, and I think -- so we just -  
6 - we finished those discussions. We should wait on that.

7 MR. KORYZNO: All right. Mr. Bovitz, any  
8 questions?

9 MR. BOVITZ: No.

10 MR. KORYZNO: Thank you.

11 Next item is new business: Item A, approval of  
12 resolutions and ordinances for city council meetings.  
13 Resolutions from the regular city council meeting of May  
14 26, 2015.

15 MR. BOVITZ: Move to accept the minutes of the  
16 May 26th minutes meeting.

17 MR. KORYZNO: Support. It's been moved and  
18 supported to approve the minutes of the May 26th, 2015  
19 meeting.

20 Any discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the  
23 motion say aye.

24 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

25 MR. KORYZNO: Aye.

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Opposed same sign.

(No response.)

MR. KORYZNO: The minutes are approved.

Item 2: Resolutions from the regular city council meeting of June 9th, 2015.

MR. BOVITZ: Move that we accept the minutes from June 9th with the exception of Resolution 155.15, claims and accounts 170.15; approval/adoption of ordinance number ~~1510~~ <sup>15.10</sup>; and 171.15 approval of the third of application for payment of the SRF quality drive project.

MR. KORYZNO: Support.

It's been moved and supported. Discussion?

(No response.)

MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the motion say aye.

MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

MR. KORYZNO: Aye.

Opposed same sign.

(No response.)

MR. KORYZNO: The motion is approved.

Next time: Resolution 155.15, claims and accounts.

Mr. O'Neal, the claims and accounts were approved by city council as submitted with the exception of 1132 A-1 Construction, LLC. I noted that this had been

1 -- not been approved in a prior month or a prior time as  
2 well. Do you have any explanation as to why the city  
3 council had rejected payment to this particular vendor?

4 MR. O'NEAL: I know that -- I don't have that in  
5 front of me, Mr. Chairman, but for whatever reason there  
6 were some concerns about A-1 Construction and some  
7 projects were done, and I have -- Kevin's here. And I'd  
8 ask Kevin. We'd have to take a look at that specifically,  
9 but I know there was always questions out there as to  
10 concrete repairs and jobs that were done. We withhold a  
11 retainage in the amount to correct for the violations or  
12 corrections that weren't done. A lot of these that are  
13 brought up by the mayor and council quite frankly has to  
14 do with, Mr. Koryzno, they're -- they're not aware of the  
15 fact that those things have been corrected and/or  
16 retainers have been held. On that particular one I'd have  
17 to look at it. Kevin Lawrence, my DPW superintendent, and  
18 we're diligent about keeping retainage from these -- A-1  
19 Construction does a lot of our water main repairs, and  
20 that's just one of the many, so.

21 MR. KORYZNO: So this has to do more with just  
22 correcting deficiencies than not performing properly?

23 MR. O'NEAL: To make sure that they're -- that  
24 the patches were, the concrete patches are done  
25 afterwards. We have the concrete contractor now. We've

1 hired him to do our CDPG and also our repairs that we have  
2 to do for our trees that were knocked down. Later this  
3 fall when we come in we're going to have him set up -- go  
4 do all these things at one time. Now I'm speaking to the  
5 individual line -- I apologize, I didn't look at that one  
6 particularly in general on number two.

7 MR. KORYZNO: All right. Thank you.

8 Any questions for Mr. O'Neal?

9 MR. BOVITZ: I'd move to postpone Resolution  
10 155.15, claims and accounts from the June 9th meeting.

11 MR. KORYZNO: Support.

12 Further discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. KORYZNO: All in favor of the motion say  
15 aye?

16 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

17 MR. KORYZNO: Aye.

18 Opposed, same sign.

19 (No response.)

20 MR. KORYZNO: ~~Relation~~ *Resolution* 155.15 is postponed.

21 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Just one word. Is it the  
22 board's intent to approve all of the claims and accounts  
23 except for A-1 Construction?

24 MR. KORYZNO: Yes.

25 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: That may require a



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modification to that motion.

MR. KORYZNO: All right.

MR. BOVITZ: Move to approve the resolution which denies it is probably more in order then, right?

MR. KORYZNO: Say that again, please?

MR. BOVITZ: Move to -- if we approve the council's actions, then it automatically is postponed, right?

MR. VAN DE GRIFT: That's true.

MR. BOVITZ: All right, so I modify my motion then to approve Resolution 155.15, claims and accounts, for the June 9th meeting.

MR. KORYZNO: All right. Support.

All in favor -- any discussion?

(No response.)

MR. KORYZNO:

All in favor of the motion say aye.

MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

MR. KORYZNO: Aye.

Opposed same sign.

(No response.)

MR. KORYZNO: The amended motion is approved.

Thank you, Mr. Van de Grift.

Next item is Resolution 170.15, approval and adoption of Ordinance Number 15.10.

1           Mr. Van de Grift, could you please summarize  
2 this matter for the board?

3           MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Yes.

4           The board will recall last December the city  
5 council took action to withdraw from the Wayne County  
6 Library System. At that time, the board postponed that  
7 motion in anticipation of further information. Since that  
8 time the Wayne County Library System has dissolved, and  
9 effective July 1st there no longer is a Wayne County  
10 Library System. So we have two resolutions in play: we  
11 have the tabled resolution 403.14 from last December that  
12 was addressed during the January RTAB meeting, and then we  
13 have the current resolution 15.10, which represents the  
14 legal actions requisite to create a local library system.

15           I should note the city attorney has been  
16 involved and I believe drafted that ordinance.

17           MR. KORYZNO: All right.

18           Then I'll entertain a motion to remove  
19 Resolution 403.14 from the table.

20           MR. BOVITZ: So moved.

21           MR: KORYZNO: Support.

22           Moved by Bovitz, supported by Koryzno to remove  
23 the resolution from the table.

24           Discussion?

25           (No response.)

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MR. KORYZNO: All in favor of the motion say  
aye.

MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

MR. KORYZNO: Aye.

Opposed same sign.

(No response.)

MR. KORYZNO: The resolution is removed from the  
table.

Now I'll entertain a motion to approve, deny, or  
postpone Resolution 403.14.

~~403.14~~ MR. BOVITZ: Move that we approve Resolution  
~~403.1~~, the withdrawal from the Wayne County Library  
System.

MR. KORYZNO: Support.

Discussion?

(No response.)

MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the  
motion say aye.

MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

MR. KORYZNO: Aye.

Opposed same sign.

(No response.)

MR. KORYZNO: The motion is approved.

Now I'll entertain a motion to approve, deny, or  
postpone Resolution 170.15.

1 MR. BOVITZ: Move to approve Resolution 170.15,  
2 the approval and adoption of Ordinance Number 15.10 from  
3 the June 9th meeting.

4 MR. KORYZNO: Support.

5 Discussion?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the  
8 motion say aye?

9 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

10 MR. KORYZNO: Aye.

11 Opposed same sign.

12 (No response.)

13 MR. KORYZNO: The motion is approved.

14 Next item is Resolution 171.15, approval of the  
15 third application for payment for the SRF quality drive  
16 project.

17 Mr. O'Neal, could you provide a summary on this  
18 matter for the board?

19 MR. O'NEAL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members  
20 of the board.

21 As we discussed at the last RTAB meeting where  
22 we had singled out the payment for the quality drive, I  
23 feel it's for transparency that it's incumbent upon us  
24 that I have the city council approve that separately than  
25 just having it on the list of those because it's such a

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large payment. The work has been effectuated, the work was done in accordance with the plans and everything like that, so everything's good.

I just singled that out.

MR. KORYZNO: All right.

Any questions for Mr. O'Neal, Mr. Bovitz?

MR. BOVITZ: I move to approve Resolution 171.15, the approval of the third application for payment on the SRF quality drive project from the June 9th meeting.

MR. KORYZNO: Support.

Further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the motion say aye.

MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

MR. KORYZNO: Aye.

Opposed same sign.

(No response.)

MR. KORYZNO: The motion is approved.

Three claims and accounts from regular city council meeting draft minutes of June 23rd, 2015.

MR. BOVITZ: Move to approve the claims and accounts from the regular city council meeting on June 23rd, 2015.

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MR. KORYZNO: Support.

Discussion?

(No response.)

MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the motion say aye.

MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

MR. KORYZNO: Aye.

Opposed same sign.

(No response.)

MR. KORYZNO: The motion is approved.

Next item is B, city administrator items. Item one, city council minutes were addressed in new business.

Item two, budget to actual report month ending May 31, 2015.

MR. BOVITZ: Move to accept the budget to action report for month ending May 31st, 2015.

MR. KORYZNO: Support.

It's been moved and supported. Any discussion?

MR. BOVITZ: It just looks like their, you know, surplus to date is a little ahead of where we thought it would be. Are there a lot of year-end adjustments that haven't been made yet that we anticipate in June?

MR. PEPPERMAN: Good afternoon, board members. John Pepperman, senior controller.

MR. KORYZNO: Good morning.

1 MR. PEPPERMAN: Yes, there are some yearend  
2 adjustments to be made, but we have had one revenue item  
3 that seems to be particularly favorable to us, and that's  
4 going to be four attachments. I should say two items.  
5 And one on the charge-back for property taxes has been  
6 substantially less than what was budgeted for for this  
7 year and it appears that's going to continue to be an  
8 ongoing positive for the city of Ecorse.

9 MR. BOVITZ: So do you have any preliminary  
10 numbers for June 30th year end?

11 MR. PEPPERMAN: Not yet; no, I'm sorry, I don't.

12 MR. BOVITZ: So.

13 MR. PEPPERMAN: Anything else?

14 MR. KORYZNO: Any other questions?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. KORYZNO: MR. BOVITZ: No.

17 MR. KORYZNO: Seeing no further discussion, all  
18 in favor of the motion say aye.

19 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

20 MR. KORYZNO: Aye.

21 Opposed same sign.

22 (No response.)

23 MR. KORYZNO: The motion is approved.

24 Item three, ordinance amendment Chapter 13  
25 garbage and refuse, article two, collection and disposal,

1 was addressed in new business.

2 Item four, amendment to library board ordinance  
3 establishing the public library was also addressed in new  
4 business.

5 Item five, termination of treasury clerk.

6 Mr. O'Neal, can you assure the board that the  
7 termination of this individual is proper and that legal  
8 counsel have been duly consulted?

9 MS. BOOMS: Cassandra Booms, city attorney.

10 I know this question was directed towards Mr.  
11 O'Neal, but I am here.

12 Yes, the termination went to me before it was  
13 finalized. I assisted in drafting the letter. We don't  
14 really want to discuss the termination too much in open  
15 session, but basically she did well. So, we did go  
16 through all the steps.

17 MR. KORYZNO: Mr. Bovitz, any questions?

18 MR. BOVITZ: No.

19 MR. KORYZNO: I think it's important for the  
20 audience to know that the amended EM order 094 provided  
21 that terminations would have to come before the RTAB for  
22 final approval, but that any termination process that  
23 takes place would still be conducted as normal by the city  
24 administrator and then final approval or denial would come  
25 before the board. So EM order does not prevent Mr. O'Neal



1 exercising his authority as a city administrator.  
2 I'll entertain a motion.  
3 MR. BOVITZ: Motion to accept the termination.  
4 MR. KORYZNO: Support.  
5 It's been moved and supported to approve the  
6 termination.  
7 Further discussion?  
8 (No response.)  
9 MR. KORYZNO: All in favor of the motion say  
10 aye?  
11 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.  
12 MR. KORYZNO: Aye.  
13 Opposed same sign.  
14 (No response.)  
15 MR. KORYZNO: The motion is approved.  
16 Hiring of temporary DPW employees.  
17 Mr. O'Neal, could you summarize this request for  
18 the board?  
19 MR. O'NEAL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
20 In the spirit of being in compliance with order  
21 number 94, the new amended order number 94, I think for  
22 full-time employees, what you have in place relative to  
23 according to the process to advertising is good.  
24 To take a step back, if our amended existing job  
25 description for a full-time person that's in place, and I

1           have -- that position becomes vacant, can I then go ahead  
2           and just move forward with the regular process as we did  
3           before and not have to come before the TAB board to look  
4           at the job description to hire somebody that's already  
5           been there?

6                   MR. KORYZNO: Well --

7                   MR. O'NEAL: I know that's now what you asked,  
8           but then I'm going to take it one step further.

9                   MR. KORYZNO: Before EM order 94 was amended, we  
10          had the original order provided for approval of any  
11          positions which exceeded I believe \$10,000.

12                   MR. O'NEAL: \$10,000.

13                   MR. KORYZNO: Yeah. So an application of that,  
14          if these positions do not exceed \$10,000 in total, then I  
15          believe you would be permitted to proceed as you've  
16          proposed.

17                   Mr. Van De Grift, could you help me with that if  
18          I'm --

19                   MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Yeah, the board is within its  
20          authority to waive the approval of hiring to a threshold.  
21          The \$10,000 is the one that's been used customarily to  
22          date. So I'd defer to the board's judgment.

23                   MR. O'NEAL: Okay, so with any vacancies and I  
24          have an existing job description, I go through the same  
25          processes I did before and get the approval from the

1 board?

2 You don't need to see the job description is  
3 what I'm trying to say. Because I want to advertise for  
4 that job description.

5 The second things is, which is fine, if I'm  
6 hearing you correctly, Mr. Koryzno and members of the  
7 board, if I have part-time people I want to hire in my DPW  
8 improvement within budgetary constraints of the budget and  
9 they do not exceed \$10,000 then I have the authority to go  
10 ahead and fill those positions?

11 MR. KORYZNO: I believe so.

12 Mr. Van De Grift?

13 MR. VAN DE GRIFF: So the amendment to the order  
14 requires board approval for all hiring and terminations  
15 irrespective of dollar threshold, but the board is well  
16 within its authority to grant a pre-approval as the board  
17 has done for city convenience. If you, you know, find  
18 merit in the request -- my understanding is the request  
19 here is a special exception, that you have short-term  
20 positions for part-time summer laborers that you'd like to  
21 fill quickly so that they could perform their duties while  
22 it's still summer.

23 MR. O'NEAL: Exactly.

24 MR. VAN DE GRIFF: And so, you know, there's  
25 been no submission of job qualifications; there's been no

1 submission of any of the job specs. The city is  
2 requesting, Mr. O'Neal is requesting authority to fill  
3 those positions.

4 MR. O'NEAL: I believe there are specs, and I  
5 think we did send over --

6 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Oh, in your submitted packet?

7 MR. O'NEAL: Yes.

8 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: I see -- oh, right, the job  
9 description.

10 MR. O'NEAL: Yeah, just for the part-time. You  
11 have to have a high school and -- two years of high  
12 school.

13 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Uh-huh.

14 MR. O'NEAL: Because we're looking at hiring,  
15 you know, high school people or for somebody just for a  
16 temporary basis to get us out of the hole here. We're in  
17 -- we're in trouble here.

18 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: So my only comment would be  
19 that this is not a rule, this is an exception.

20 MR. KORYZNO: All right.

21 MR. O'NEAL: If I get that, I'm good with that.

22 MR. KORYZNO: All right. Any questions for Mr.  
23 O'Neal?

24 MR. BOVITZ: No.

25 MR. KORYZNO: All right. And how many

1 individuals; remind me?

2 MR. O'NEAL: We're looking at two or three.

3 MR. KORYZNO: All right. Temporary or for the  
4 summer?

5 MR. O'NEAL: Just for the summer.

6 MR. KORYZNO: For cutting grass and so forth?

7 MR. O'NEAL: That's right. That's --

8 MR. BOVITZ: I move that we approve the hiring  
9 of temporary DPW employees.

10 MR. KORYZNO: Support.

11 It's been moved and supported.

12 Further discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the  
15 motion say aye.

16 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

17 MR. KORYZNO: Aye.

18 Opposed same sign.

19 (No response.)

20 MR. KORYZNO: The motion is approved.

21 Item 7: 2015/16 25th District Court budget was  
22 addressed in new business.

23 Item 8: Special resolution regarding the Ecorse  
24 Transition Advisory Board. It's informational only and no  
25 action is required.

1                   Item C: Checks released report.

2                   Mr. O'Neal, or Mr. Pepperman, this report was  
3 not received this month. Is there an explanation as to  
4 why that wasn't submitted?

5                   MR. PEPPERMAN: To the best of my knowledge it  
6 should have been included in your packet. I don't  
7 understand why it's missing. My apologies if it was.  
8 I'll make sure that it doesn't happen again.

9                   MR. KORYZNO: All right.

10                  MR. PEPPERMAN: Usually you've asked for the  
11 exceptions for the ones I'm holding if I remember  
12 correctly.

13                  MR. KORYZNO: Yes.

14                  MR. PEPPERMAN: Okay, so you need both: the ones  
15 that are held and the ones that are released?

16                  MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Well, we received the one  
17 that's released. We receive the journal prior to  
18 processing, right, that has the checks that have been  
19 paid.

20                  MR. PEPPERMAN: Uh-huh.

21                  MR. VAN DE GRIFT: I think the request from the  
22 board for several months now has been on any unapproved  
23 checks often historically has come from water main breaks  
24 or other emergencies that the city administrator deems  
25 appropriate. The board simply wants a disclosure of those

1 types of unauthorized checks. If there aren't any, then  
2 there should be a report reflecting that.

3 MR. PEPPERMAN: Okay, thank you. Then I did not  
4 submit another report. That's my fault.

5 MR. KORYZNO: But there is no report?

6 MR. PEPPERMAN: There's no report.

7 MR. KORYZNO: All right. That's what I need to  
8 -- yeah, that's what we were interested in.

9 MR. PEPPERMAN: All right.

10 MR. KORYZNO: Thank you. Thank you, Mr.  
11 Pepperman.

12 MR. PEPPERMAN: You're welcome.

13 MR. KORYZNO: Item D: Annual ~~valuation~~ *evaluation*.

14 Mr. Van De Grift, could you summarize this  
15 matter for the board, please?

16 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Yeah. The second year of  
17 RTAB administration has passed. It is now time to  
18 commence the annual review as requested by Governor  
19 Snyder. With the board's approval, treasury staff will  
20 assemble and submit next month a proposed format for the  
21 annual evaluation, which of course is subject to comments,  
22 modifications and improvements of board members. This is  
23 an annual review from the board to the governor. Treasury  
24 staff simply is available to facilitate that as you see  
25 fit. So if you wish to initiate that process, this would

1 be a good time to do that.

2 MR. KORYZNO: All right.

3 Do you want to move?

4 MR. BOVITZ: You want a motion?

5 MR. KORYZNO: Yes, please.

6 MR. BOVITZ: Move to accept the annual  
7 evaluation process to be reviewed to begin in our second  
8 year of TAB existence.

9 MR. KORYZNO: Support.

10 It's been moved and supported to initiate the  
11 annual review process.

12 Any further discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the  
15 motion say aye.

16 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

17 MR. KORYZNO: Aye.

18 Opposed same sign.

19 The motion is approved.

20 Item E: Open Meetings Act appointments.

21 Mr. Van De Grift, could you summarize this for  
22 the board, please?

23 MR. VAN DE GRIFF: Pursuant to the Open Meetings  
24 Act, a Michigan statute, it is helpful to appoint  
25 individuals to post notice on behalf of the board for



1 things like special meetings or cancellations of meetings  
2 or modifications to scheduled regular meetings; things of  
3 that stripe. We have previously had treasury  
4 administrative staff performing this function. It may be  
5 prudent to add the city clerk, Dana Hughes, and the city  
6 administrator assistant, Laura D'Onofrio, to that list so  
7 that in aggregate it would then be a motion to authorize  
8 Angela Dempkowski of treasury, Penny ~~Decott~~ <sup>Ducat</sup> (phonetic) of  
9 treasury, Christina ~~Macilvey~~ <sup>McAlvey</sup> (phonetic) of treasury, Laura  
10 D'Onofrio of Ecorse, and clerk Dana Hughes to be  
11 authorized to post the requisite notices required by law.

12 MR. BOVITZ: So moved. Just so I don't have to  
13 re-pronounce the names.

14 MR. KORYZNO: Support.

15 It's been moved and supported to grant authority  
16 to individuals, certain individuals to post notices on  
17 behalf of the board.

18 Further discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the  
21 motion say aye.

22 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

23 MR. KORYZNO: Aye.

24 Opposed same sign.

25 (No response.)

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MR. KORYZNO: The motion is approved.

Item four: City Administrator report.

MR. O'NEAL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the board.

The board answered the one comment I was going to bring up about job descriptions in place for individuals.

With reference to your annual evaluation, I won't -- you need to know that my mayor and council are very concerned about the evaluation that took place last year and their lack of involvement within that evaluation. I would respectfully request that I be an integral part of that annual evaluation. While I was not here last year, I would like to be there. I have it on my desk and stays on my desk, from last year. We're using that as a roadmap. And I will tell you that, obviously you're going to do your report and your evaluation based on the information that you have. I am ~~within~~ in no way going to try to influence you to change whatever takes place because we're going to let the chips fall where they may, but what I would like to do is have an integral part of that, and I think you need to have my mayor involved and maybe a subcommittee that the mayor would like and may appoint or whatever, would like to be able to have some input into that as you go forward with that, because I think last

1 year there was a couple of people that were asked to be  
2 involved in it and they're no longer here and there is  
3 some concern relative to what may or may not have been  
4 supplied.

5 So I think that for purposes of expediency and  
6 moving forward in a proper manner that if I could be  
7 involved in that and keep my mayor and council involved in  
8 that so we know.

9 And the chips are going to fall where they may.  
10 I think -- I know the report is going to be much better  
11 this year than it was last year; there's no question. But  
12 we're moving in the right direction and we just want to  
13 make sure that we have some input on that.

14 That's all I have to say.

15 MR. KORYZNO: All right, thank you.

16 You'll have two minutes to speak per the board's  
17 rules, and Mr. Van De Grift will call your name and act as  
18 time keeper.

19 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Ms. Barbara Mexico.

20 MS. MEXICO: Hi. I'm Barbara Mexico and I live  
21 at 28 Ridge Street, and I just have a statement to make to  
22 the board. We, the City of Ecorse, have had several city  
23 administrators, none of which have done much for the city  
24 or known very much. We now have Mr. Wayne O'Neal as city  
25 administrator, and I just want to let you know that he is

1 smart, he is knowledgeable, and he knows what exactly is  
2 going on in this city. He works hard and he works for the  
3 mayor and for the city council and for the city of Ecorse,  
4 and I just wanted to make sure that I know you're aware of  
5 it, because I've been listening. But I just wanted to let  
6 everybody know that we're glad that we have Mr. O'Neal  
7 here, and he does work for the city. Thank you.

8 MR. KORYZNO: Thank you, Ms. Mexico.

9 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Ms. Rhonda Major.

10 MS. MAJOR: Good morning.

11 MR. KORYZNO: Good morning.

12 MS. MAJOR: My name is Rhonda ~~Majors~~ Major.

13 First I want to have some clarification on my  
14 position; you say I'm an at-will or an AFSCME employee.

15 MR. KORYZNO: We'll answer any questions that  
16 are appropriate at the board comments. We won't -- this  
17 is your time to speak, so we will not get in a dialogue  
18 here.

19 MS. MAJOR: Well, you know I --

20 MR. KORYZNO: So if you have questions, you may  
21 pose the questions, and then during the next section,  
22 which is board comments, if it's appropriate we'll answer  
23 those.

24 MS. MAJOR: That's okay. I'll just have my  
25 attorney --

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MR. KORYZNO: All right.

MS. MAJOR: -- address it.

MR. KORYZNO: Okay.

MS. MAJOR: Thank you.

MR. KORYZNO: Thanks.

MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Thank you.

Ms. Katherine Semos.

MS. SEMOS: Thank you. I just want to reiterate what I had said last month regarding the city of Ecorse Administrator, Mr. Wayne O'Neal. This time of year is my second year living -- to be a resident of Ecorse and proud to be a city resident of Ecorse.

Knowing that there's a lot of much work to be done within the city, Mr. O'Neal, once again, I am here to speak and support him and reiterate what Ms. Mexico had to say. Mr. O'Neal has given his whole heart into this city. He knows what needs to be done. He's been here before and he's left and he's come back again. Anyway, I ask that or I beg all of you to please give him full reign of the city because of that knowledge. He has my full back up and support, and to give you from my heart that he just knows what he's doing, and he will not do anything wrong to disservice anybody.

But, I just need to also let you know that there are accounts people I witnessed a couple council meetings

1 ago, you know, they just truly acted like two year's old -  
2 - two year old, you know? I know elections are coming up  
3 and we're going on what Mr. O'Neal does on a city basis --  
4 daily -- daily work. They just acted like two year olds,  
5 and it's ridiculous. And with Mr. O'Neal's knowledge he  
6 should get -- be given full reign. I know we have -- what  
7 we've got to do as a city to, you know, release you guys  
8 from having them do full work, but I just want to bring to  
9 your knowledge that he knows what he's doing and he's  
10 going to continue giving us what he knows, and I believe  
11 in him and I trust in him as a city resident here.

12 So, thank you very much for your attention, and  
13 Mr. O'Neal, thank you for everything you do for the city  
14 of Ecorse.

15 MR. KORYZNO: Thank you, Ms. Semos.

16 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: That concludes public  
17 comment.

18 MR. KORYZNO: All right. Thank you, Mr. Van De  
19 Grift.

20 Next item is board comment.

21 I should note that the following items have been  
22 tabled and that no further action will be taken until the  
23 five year budget has been reviewed: one is Resolution  
24 357.14, budget amendment, 2015-5, the body camera  
25 purchase; and then Item B, Resolution 403.14, withdrawal

1 from the Wayne County Library System, but that has been  
2 acted upon, so that may be removed from the list for the  
3 next agenda.

4 I have no comments.

5 Mr. Bovitz, do you have any comments?

6 MR. BOVITZ: No comment.

7 MR. KORYZNO: All right. Then I will entertain  
8 a motion to adjourn.

9 MR. BOVITZ: So moved.

10 MR. KORYZNO: Support.

11 All in favor of the motion say aye.

12 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

13 MR. KORYZNO: Aye.

14 Opposed same sign.

15 (No response.)

16 MR. KORYZNO: The Ecorse RTAB meeting is  
17 adjourned at 9:31. Thank you.

18 (At 9:31 a.m., proceeding concluded; off the  
19 record)  
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I certify that this transcript is a complete, true, and correct transcript to the best of my ability of the RTAB meeting held on July 14, 2015, City of Ecorse. I also certify that I am not a relative or employee of the parties involved and have no financial interest in this case.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

July 20, 2015

*s/ Amy Shankleton-Novess*

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