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STATE OF MICHIGAN

In the Matter of:

CITY OF FLINT

RECEIVERSHIP TRANSITION ADVISORY BOARD

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Proceedings had in the above-entitled matter,  
taken by Claudia M. Weekly, CSR-2963, and Notary Public, on  
Thursday, June 11, 2015, at 1101 South Saginaw Street, Council  
Chambers, Flint, Michigan, commencing at or about 1:09 P.M.

APPEARANCES:

FRED HEADEN, Chair

BRIAN LARKIN, Member

DAVID MCGHEE, Member

ROBERT McMAHAN, Member

BEVERLY WALKER-GRIFFEA, Member

ERIC CLINE

NATASHA HENDERSON

1  
2 Thursday, June 11, 2015

3 Flint, Michigan

4 1:09 P.M.

5 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: I'm going to call to order  
6 this first meeting of the City of Flint Receivership  
7 Transition Advisory Board meeting. We're a little bit  
8 behind schedule.

9 I will start with the roll call. We've -- all  
10 five members of the board are here. We have a quorum. I  
11 would also indicate that all five members filed their  
12 oaths of office already with the Governor's office, and  
13 those have been filed with the Office of the Great Seal,  
14 so we are official with respect to our ability to conduct  
15 business this afternoon.

16 I'll move on to the next item, introduction of  
17 the Board members. My name Fred Headen. I work for the  
18 Michigan Department of Treasury. I'm a legal advisor  
19 there.

20 Although the other members of the Board need no  
21 introduction, I will ask them, nevertheless, to please  
22 introduce themselves beginning with Dr. Beverly on my far  
23 left.

24 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Beverly Walker-Grifflea,  
25 president, Mott Community College.

1 MEMBER MCGHEE: David McGhee. I'm -- I'm  
2 sorry -- program officer at the Skillman Foundation, also  
3 Chairman of the Board at the Flint Public Library.

4 MEMBER McMAHAN: Robert McMahan, president of  
5 Kettering University.

6 MEMBER LARKIN: Brian Larkin, director of Core  
7 Initiatives for the Flint and Genesee Chamber of  
8 Commerce, and also member of the Flint Public Library  
9 Board of Trustees.

10 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Next item on the agenda is  
11 approval of the agenda. We have been asked by staff to  
12 add an item to 4(2)(G) which deals with the obsolete  
13 personal property exemption issue.

14 Is there any objection to adding that  
15 particular issue to the agenda?

16 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: No.

17 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: If not, are there other  
18 additions or corrections to the agenda?

19 MEMBER MCGHEE: No. I move approval of the  
20 agenda with the addition.

21 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Is there support?

22 MEMBER McMAHAN: Support.

23 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Motion's been made and  
24 supported. Is there any discussion?

25 Those in favor of the motion please say aye.

1 MEMBER LARKIN: Aye.

2 MEMBER MCGHEE: Aye.

3 MEMBER McMAHAN: Aye.

4 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Aye.

5 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Opposed?

6 Motion is adopted.

7 Item 2 on the agenda, orientation, we have a  
8 series of items here. We're going to call upon Mr. Eric  
9 Cline, Department of Treasury, Office of Fiscal  
10 Responsibility to please walk us through these items  
11 under Item Number 2.

12 MR. CLINE: Yes. Good afternoon. I wanted to  
13 give you an opportunity to talk about different items  
14 that you'll probably come across during your  
15 deliberations, make sure that you are familiar with  
16 everything. What we did is we provided a series of items  
17 within your packet to take a look at. And what I just  
18 want to briefly touch upon is sort of the context that  
19 they fall within. And if you have any questions we can  
20 certainly address, and that if there's no questions we  
21 can just kind of move on.

22 The first two items that you will see are  
23 what's labeled Emergency Manager Order Number 3 and  
24 Emergency Manager Order Number 20. Both items were  
25 orders issued by the previous Emergency Manager.

1           Order Number 3 outlines a number of duties and  
2 responsibilities and powers given to the City  
3 Administrator in operating the day-to-day operations of a  
4 city government.

5           The final Order Number 20 is a final order  
6 issued by the Emergency Manager and begins a transition  
7 process that has led to your appointment today. This  
8 order outlines a number of duties and responsibilities  
9 that the City has going forward, which includes the  
10 Mayor, the City Council, the City Administrator. And it  
11 also outlines a number of other areas, how the City needs  
12 to interact with this Board and bringing certain things  
13 to the Board for review and in your consent to proceed  
14 with.

15           So, those two orders in particular are quite  
16 crucial in the operation of this body. And I'm just  
17 going to kind of move on very briefly through these, and  
18 then we can follow-up for questions.

19           You also have a copy of Public Act 436, which  
20 is the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act. That is  
21 the governing law for the RTAB Board and Emergency  
22 Managers and the entire process that we are currently  
23 involved in. So, that is the basis of what we are  
24 working with here.

25           So, I think I'll pause just momentarily here

1 and see if there's any initial questions on any of those.

2           Okay. Just moving on, and I think we can cover  
3 these very quickly, because I'm certain all of you are  
4 familiar with this. You have a copy provided to you of  
5 the Open Meetings Act. This Board is considered a public  
6 body, so it does fall within the purview of the Open  
7 Meetings Act.

8           We also have a -- we have a copy of the Freedom  
9 of Information Act. Freedom of Information Act requests  
10 will go to the Department of Treasury on your behalf and  
11 be addressed there, so I'm sure everyone's familiar with  
12 that.

13           We did want to make a couple of brief comments  
14 about the media. We don't have -- in terms of the other  
15 RTABs around the state we don't have strict policies  
16 regarding media relations. However, I would recommend --  
17 there's nothing prohibiting any of you from speaking to  
18 the media. However, we do have our communications office  
19 through the Department of Treasury that maybe more  
20 detailed questions could be forwarded to the Board.

21           You also have the ability -- we don't want you  
22 to feel uncomfortable answering any questions, but you  
23 can always direct them to the staff at my office any  
24 matters that, you know, are sort of more technical in  
25 nature. And that way we don't want you to feel obligated

1 to address anything because we have the opportunity to  
2 address any questions that come up through our own State  
3 department.

4 I believe you have a copy of the Governor's  
5 appointment letter that appoints you all to the RTAB  
6 Board. It outlines the specific duties that the RTAB is  
7 charged with. I think that that letter pretty much  
8 speaks for itself. And just for your information, and  
9 for the information to the public, all of the information  
10 for the RTAB meetings, our meeting agenda, our schedule,  
11 our minutes, those are posted in the Department of  
12 Treasury's website. And the City will also establish a  
13 link back to that page as well, so that information is  
14 available to the public anytime anyone, they want to look  
15 at that. So, that will be available..

16 And also, we do have, which I believe is right  
17 here beside me at least at this point, we always have a  
18 meeting packet available, complete attachments for anyone  
19 who wants to come up and browse through it prior to the  
20 meeting. We make sure that is available for everyone.

21 So, I went through that very quickly and I just  
22 want to place it in context and then we can get into more  
23 detailed questions as well.

24 I know I did have an opportunity to meet with a  
25 couple of you before the meeting started, but I am the

1 Department Manager in the Office of Fiscal  
2 Responsibility. My role is to help coordinate all the  
3 activities of the various RTAB communities around the  
4 state. I'm specifically working with all of you, so  
5 we'll get to know each other over time here. And anytime  
6 you have questions on operational issues or any problems  
7 like that I encourage you to contact me and I will make  
8 sure all of you have my contact information before we  
9 leave today.

10 So, having gone through all of that, I don't  
11 know if there's anything to add or any questions you  
12 might have that I could try and answer for you.

13 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Questions of Mr. Cline?

14 No questions.

15 MR. CLINE: Okay. Mr. Chairman, if I may, I  
16 just wanted to make mention very briefly for the audience  
17 that we do have agendas on the table on the back wall,  
18 and also we have our sign-in sheet for public comment for  
19 the Board. So, anyone that wants to address the Board  
20 should sign in on that sheet so we have a record of their  
21 name and everything and so you can be recognized for  
22 public comment. So, I just wanted to make mention of  
23 that.

24 And if there's no other questions or anything I  
25 will let you continue with the meeting.



1 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Thank you. The next item  
2 on the agenda, A under 3, resolution of 2015-1, posting  
3 notice designation, we have that resolution in I believe  
4 Tab 8.

5 The Open Meetings Act requires a public body to  
6 designate an individual to post notices of its meetings..  
7 And a 1977 Attorney General opinion required that a  
8 person be designated by resolution. Hence, the  
9 resolution that you have.

10 If you've had a chance to review the resolution  
11 you'll note on Page 2 that there are six individuals I  
12 believe who are identified, most of those are with the  
13 Department of Treasury, to post such notices in Lansing.  
14 We also included two individuals here in the City of  
15 Flint to be able to post such notices here at the City  
16 Hall as well.

17 If you've had a chance to review that I will  
18 certainly entertain a motion that the resolution be  
19 approved.

20 MEMBER LARKIN: I move to approve Resolution  
21 2015-1.

22 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Is there support?

23 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Support.

24 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Motion has been made and  
25 seconded. Resolutions under the rules that we will look

1 at in a moment require the record roll call vote.  
2 Dr. Beverly?  
3 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Here. Yes.  
4 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Dr. Beverly votes aye.  
5 Mr. McGhee?  
6 MEMBER MCGHEE: Yes.  
7 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Mr. McGhee votes yes.  
8 Dr. McMahan?  
9 MEMBER McMAHAN: Aye.  
10 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Aye. And Mr. Larkin?  
11 MEMBER LARKIN: Yes.  
12 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: The Chair votes I.  
13 There are five ayes, no nos. The resolution is  
14 adopted.  
15 Next is Resolution 2015-2, which you'll find in  
16 your notebook. That concerns the Rules of Procedure  
17 which were also sent out previously. Hopefully the  
18 members have had a chance to review both the resolution  
19 and the rules.  
20 If you've had a chance to do so, again I will  
21 entertain a motion to approve Resolution 15-2.  
22 MEMBER MCGHEE: Mr. Chairman, approval of  
23 Resolution 2015-2.  
24 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Motion has been made. Is  
25 there a second?

1 MEMBER McMAHAN: Support.

2 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Motion's made and  
3 seconded. Again, this is a record roll call vote.

4 Dr. Beverly?

5 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Yes.

6 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Dr. Beverly votes yes.

7 Mr. McGhee?

8 MEMBER McGHEE: Yes.

9 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Mr. McGhee votes yes.

10 Dr. McMahan?

11 MEMBER McMAHAN: Yes.

12 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Dr. McMahan votes yes.

13 And Mr. Larkin?

14 MEMBER LARKIN: Yes.

15 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: The Chair votes yes.

16 Five yes votes, no no votes. Resolution 2 is  
17 adopted.

18 The next item on the agency is Policy 2015-1.

19 The policy is standards of conduct, conflicts of  
20 interest, ethics policy.

21 Are there any questions by Board members  
22 regarding the contents of those policies?

23 If not, I'll entertain a motion that the policy  
24 be approved.

25 MEMBER LARKIN: Move that we approve Policy

1 Number 2015-1.

2 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Motion has been made. Is  
3 there support?

4 MEMBER MCGHEE: Support.

5 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Any discussion?

6 This is not a resolution, so no record roll  
7 call vote is required. Those in favor please say aye.

8 MEMBER LARKIN: Aye.

9 MEMBER MCGHEE: Aye.

10 MEMBER McMAHAN: Aye.

11 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Aye.

12 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Opposed?

13 Motion is adopted.

14 Next item is the proposed 2015 meeting schedule  
15 for the remainder of this year. Any discussion about the  
16 proposed schedule?

17 Do those dates accord with everyone's  
18 schedules?

19 Is there a motion that the proposed meeting  
20 schedule for the remainder of 2015 be approved?

21 MEMBER MCGHEE: So moved.

22 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Support?

23 MEMBER McMAHAN: Support.

24 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Those in favor please say  
25 aye.

1 MEMBER LARKIN: Aye.

2 MEMBER McGHEE: Aye.

3 MEMBER McMAHAN: Aye.

4 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Aye.

5 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Opposed?

6 The meeting schedule is approved.

7 Item 4 on the agenda, new business. Item A,  
8 approval of resolutions and ordinances for City Council  
9 meetings.

10 Mr. Cline, do you want to guide us through  
11 this?

12 MR. CLINE: Certainly. What you have before  
13 you are the copies of the resolutions and actions taken  
14 by the City Council on their May 11th, 2015 meeting.  
15 Pretty much an analysis of this, there was more or less  
16 routine business activities. There was some items,  
17 mostly communications, that were adopted on a consent  
18 agenda.

19 There was an item to amend their community  
20 development block action plan, which was then submitted  
21 outlining their activities for the upcoming year. And  
22 there was also a resolution where the City Council took  
23 the position on House Bill 4233, which dealt with police  
24 policies in local communities. That's more of what I  
25 would classify I guess as kind of a position resolution

1 or a ceremonial resolution, if you will, of the council.

2 We did not identify any, in our staff review,  
3 any issues that felt warranted any additional discussion  
4 by the Board. Certainly we can answer any questions.  
5 And in other communities it would be typical to just if  
6 there are no questions or issues considered just to make  
7 a motion and approve all the resolutions from this  
8 particular meeting, so . . .

9 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Any questions?

10 Is there a motion then that the resolutions  
11 and/or ordinances from the City Council meeting of  
12 May 11th, 2015 described by Mr. Cline be approved.

13 MEMBER LARKIN: So moved.

14 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Support?

15 MEMBER MCGHEE: Support.

16 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Those in favor of the  
17 motion please say aye.

18 MEMBER LARKIN: Aye.

19 MEMBER MCGHEE: Aye.

20 MEMBER McMAHAN: Aye.

21 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Aye.

22 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Opposed?

23 Motion is adopted.

24 Next item, resolutions from the regular City  
25 Council meeting of May 27th, 2015. And we have an

1 attachment that we have.

2 Mr. Cline?

3 MR. CLINE: Yes. You may have some additional  
4 questions for the City Administrator on some of these  
5 items. But what we have done is we have identified seven  
6 items in particular on this particular council packet,  
7 including the one that you just added at the beginning of  
8 the meeting, that could require some additional  
9 discussion by the Board. And you certainly have the  
10 option of voting on these individually and do sort of a  
11 collective vote to take care of anything else that was  
12 addressed in the meeting, including approval of the  
13 minutes and those types of things.

14 Many of these items -- there's a couple -- if  
15 you'll notice Item A there is a budget amendment which  
16 would amend their two-year budget that's been put in  
17 place. So, that would need to be recommended to the  
18 State Treasurer for approval.

19 There are several change orders that are issued  
20 and one grant agreement that they're receiving that we  
21 want to make sure, given the financial nature of this  
22 Board, that you have an opportunity to ask questions.  
23 And maybe there aren't any. Obviously you have the OPRA  
24 certificate that you need to address and any other items.

25 I don't know if there's any more detail

1 questions on these items.

2 MEMBER LARKIN: I have a question about  
3 Resolution 150431, the budget amendment for the CDBG  
4 funds and HOME funds. Is there any, or do we have access  
5 to any information? Is there anything within the  
6 original grant that prohibits us or that states anything  
7 about what we are allowed to do with the funds upon  
8 completion?

9 So, I guess I'm just not as familiar with how  
10 the funds are distributed. My understanding is we've  
11 completed the Smith Village, I believe we've completed  
12 construction, we have remaining funds that have been  
13 awarded to us. And now are we free to do whatever we  
14 want? I don't know how that was originally set up.

15 MR. CLINE: I believe, and maybe the City  
16 Administrator can correct me if I'm wrong, I believe  
17 that's part of they have to develop like a new action  
18 plan, an annual action plan on that that they have to  
19 submit how those funds --

20 MS. HENDERSON: No. This is actually  
21 reprogramming.

22 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Natasha, I'm sorry, but  
23 can you, for purposes of helping the Court Reporter  
24 indicate what your name is?

25 MS. HENDERSON: Yes. Natasha Henderson, City



1 Administrator, City of Flint.

2 This is actually reprogramming because the  
3 Smith Village project, that's actually complete, so we  
4 had to reprogram those funds so that we can utilize the  
5 funds. So, it's actually taking those funds out of those  
6 accounts and then reprogramming those.

7 MEMBER LARKIN: And when you say B, S and A  
8 what is that?

9 MS. HENDERSON: That's our software that we  
10 use, the financial software. So, those have not been  
11 allocated at this point, so we just basically had to --  
12 it's a change that we have to make so that we can utilize  
13 the funds.

14 MEMBER LARKIN: And this is unrelated to the  
15 acceptance of the resolution, but just for a knowledge  
16 base are there any restrictions on these funds moving  
17 forward?

18 MS. HENDERSON: They are restricted. Within  
19 the HUD guidelines they are restricted.

20 MEMBER LARKIN: Okay. Can I follow-up with  
21 your office afterwards, just learn more about it?

22 MS. HENDERSON: Yes, sir. Definitely. Thank  
23 you.

24 Is that all? Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Any other questions?

1           What impact do these various change orders  
2 and/or budget amendments have overall with regards to the  
3 two-year budget?

4           MR. CLINE: I believe that everything has been  
5 already budgeted. And the information that I have from  
6 the City is that there's sufficient funds to address  
7 these items, so -- I don't know if you --

8           CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: I will use Attachment D as  
9 an example, the asphalt paving, just purely as an example  
10 here. It indicates that the Emergency Manager on  
11 August 19, 2014 had approved an amount not to exceed  
12 \$182,761. The request is to increase that amount by  
13 \$57,650, to a total revised contract amount not to seek  
14 \$240,411.

15           Has that particular increase of \$57,650, has a  
16 source been identified from which that would come? And  
17 the same question in regard to the others.

18           MS. HENDERSON: Yes, sir. That is a budgeted  
19 item. It's -- actually it's an adjustment because the  
20 aggregate amount is over the -- well, the whole amount is  
21 over \$200,000, so because we're adding over \$50,000 it  
22 does have to come to council for approval. And that is a  
23 budgeted amount on all of these. So, if it would help I  
24 can explain each one of these and go through those if you  
25 all would like.

1           On Resolution 150432, that one -- that one  
2 we're asking for more supplies, and that one will be  
3 considered an end of the year adjustment. So, we're  
4 asking for more funding, and that actually, the aggregate  
5 is over the \$50,000, so we are asking for approval on  
6 that. And that is a budgeted item. The money is there.

7           Resolution 150433. That is a budgeted amount,  
8 and that's the same issue with that. It exceeds the  
9 50,000-dollar threshold. It is budgeted. The money is  
10 there, and it increases the aggregate as well. And it's  
11 out of the local street fund, local and major street  
12 fund.

13           Okay. Resolution 150434 with Rowe Engineering.  
14 This is budgeted. This project, it is defined, but I  
15 will go into it. This is to, for the engineering for the  
16 second part of the seven miles of pipe that will be done  
17 in connection with the water, for the water fund, rather.

18           Resolution 150435. This is -- we had an  
19 increased amount of main breaks, so we were asking for  
20 more concrete. So, that is what that is in reference to.  
21 And the funding is there and it does go over the amount  
22 that has to come to council for approval.

23           Also, Resolution 150436 and 150436.1, that is a  
24 grant. The budget is an increase, \$200,000 for, with the  
25 grant \$200,000 and \$800. So, that is increased the

1 budget amount, that we would have to make an adjustment,  
2 so that does come for council for approval.

3 Also, we are accepting a grant that -- we  
4 already expended funds that would be 40,576. We can't  
5 determine when we will receive these grant funds, so when  
6 we receive the funds we allocate the match that we have  
7 to have for those.

8 So, any more detail questions about that? And  
9 I'm just -- that's just the financial portion of those.

10 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: So, I just want to  
11 clarify. When we are looking at this to prepare and  
12 looking at the budget how can we really ascertain that  
13 you've already allocated the funds that is here? Is  
14 there a way that we can see that without you having to  
15 come forward to do this?

16 MS. HENDERSON: We can do that. Maybe we  
17 should provide the budget and provide a breakdown. We  
18 can figure out a way to provide it so that it's clear, if  
19 that will work for the Board.

20 MEMBER LARKIN: A point of clarification. What  
21 are the thresholds as to what type of activity goes  
22 before council? That 50,000, was that aggregate or  
23 specific activity?

24 MS. HENDERSON: It has to come before council  
25 if it increases the aggregate on a particular contract.

1 MEMBER LARKIN: Of any of the future aggregate.

2 MR. CLINE: It doesn't matter if it's -- it  
3 is -- as an example, if it's \$150,000 and we increase  
4 that, we want to add, just say 40,000, we have to bring  
5 that to council because that is a contract and we're  
6 increasing the amount in total.

7 And that's all in those. Were we addressing G  
8 that was added or should Mr. Cline do that?

9 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Let's take the other ones  
10 first, 436.1.

11 Just so that I understand correctly, the  
12 adoption of none of these would unbalance the two-year  
13 budget.

14 MS. HENDERSON: Yes, sir, that is correct.

15 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Okay. Thank you very  
16 much.

17 MS. HENDERSON: Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Any further questions  
19 about Resolutions 150431 through 150436.1?

20 If not, is there a motion that those  
21 resolutions be approved?

22 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: So moved.

23 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Is there support?

24 MEMBER LARKIN: Support.

25 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Motion has been made and

1 supported. Those in favor of the motion please say aye.

2 MEMBER MCGHEE: I believe there should be a  
3 roll call.

4 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Yeah, we do.

5 Record roll call vote.

6 Dr. Beverly?

7 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Yes.

8 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Next, Mr. McGhee?

9 MEMBER MCGHEE: Yes.

10 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Dr. McMahan?

11 MEMBER McMAHAN: Yes.

12 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Mr. Larkin?

13 MEMBER LARKIN: Yes.

14 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: The chair votes aye.

15 Five ayes, no nos. The resolution is adopted,  
16 resolutions are adopted.

17 The next item is under new business is Item G,  
18 which we added. This involves an obsolete personal  
19 property tax exemption. This comes to us under, I  
20 believe, Paragraph 19 of the Emergency Manager Order 20.  
21 You'll find that on Page 5 for your reference.

22 Mr. Cline, do you want to comment on this  
23 particular item?

24 MR. CLINE: Yes. Just a procedural extension,  
25 you do have a copy of a memo that was provided to us by

1 the City Administrator. The request that was based  
2 before the City Council, the City Council declined to  
3 issue or approve this matter by a vote of five to three.

4 As the Chair indicated, the Emergency Manager  
5 Order 20 requires that any projects dealing with economic  
6 development or redevelopment issues that are recommended  
7 for approval by the City Administrator need to go before  
8 the City Council. Should they elect to reject the  
9 recommendation of the Administrator they need to provide  
10 a written explanation to this Board within 14 days, which  
11 they did meet that deadline, stating the reason for the  
12 denial. And then this Board gets the opportunity to  
13 review both the original recommendation and the reasons  
14 for the City Council's denial and then to determine a  
15 final course of action.

16 Now, as I mentioned, the City Council did meet  
17 the deadline on that. I do not believe in my reading of  
18 the provision that there's any specific deadline that you  
19 have to meet to review this. You can review it and  
20 contemplate it if you so desire. You may take action  
21 today. That is certainly within your discretion. But I  
22 did want to note that for you.

23 The memos received by both the City  
24 Administrator and City Council I believe are pretty  
25 straightforward in their positions and the information is

1 there. I think that if you have specific questions on  
2 the details I would suggest speaking to the City  
3 Administrator on this.

4 Anything else I can try to address for you as  
5 well, so that will be sort of the summary comments I'll  
6 provide for that.

7 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: And I understand our  
8 options to be either endorse or approve the proposal put  
9 forth by the City Administrator or that by the City  
10 Council.

11 MR. CLINE: Correct. Or if you felt that you  
12 needed more time to consider it, you wanted additional  
13 information, for example, you could postpone a  
14 consideration until some other future meeting. You have  
15 that option as well.

16 MEMBER LARKIN: Mr. Cline, are we allowed to  
17 receive discussion during this portion of the meeting  
18 from either representatives from both sides, or is that  
19 something that we need to do, request for additional  
20 information afterwards?

21 MR. CLINE: Well, I think that would be at the  
22 discretion of the Board. I can say that this is actually  
23 in any RTAB meeting the first time this particular issue  
24 has come before us. So, I think that would be a  
25 discussion that all of you would decide how you wish to



1 proceed with this. So, I think just as long as we  
2 maintain consistency if this issue ever comes up again or  
3 something like that so we have some sort of basis to work  
4 from.

5 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: What's the pleasure of the  
6 Board?

7 MEMBER LARKIN: I would be interested in  
8 hearing discussion from both sides, personally.

9 MR. CLINE: I would think that if there were  
10 specific questions that you wanted answered one option  
11 could be we could perhaps postpone the consideration  
12 issue, specific questions could be provided to myself,  
13 for example. I could contact both City officials and get  
14 responses to those questions. And then you'd have the  
15 opportunity to review that and then deliberate on that at  
16 a future date. I mean that is one option that I could  
17 suggest if you'd like to pursue that.

18 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: I would actually like  
19 that structure, but add that when we come back we have  
20 the option to ask further questions, if need be.

21 MR. CLINE: Oh, certainly. Certainly. I think  
22 that just in my opinion, working with other communities  
23 in this situation, that if we have a structure then we  
24 tend to focus on the points. It's a lot faster that way.

25 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Do we have a motion to

1 that effect then? Anyone?

2 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: So moved.

3 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: And for the benefit of the  
4 Court Reporter let's restate the motion. Dr. Beverly?

5 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Yes. I'm going to  
6 attempt this. I'm going to move that we create questions  
7 that will be submitted and then sought out for answers so  
8 that we can then review those answers and bring that  
9 information back for a vote at another date. That at  
10 that point we can then ask further questions if that is  
11 needed.

12 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Motion has been made. Is  
13 there support?

14 MEMBER MCGHEE: I have a comment.

15 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Yes.

16 MEMBER MCGHEE: But is there a support?

17 MEMBER LARKIN: Support.

18 MEMBER MCGHEE: Thank you. Understanding that  
19 we received this information yesterday, we did receive  
20 the memo from the City Council that was given to us, so I  
21 think in good faith and respect in deference three  
22 concerns were raised by the council that they had. So, I  
23 believe a postponement of the vote, even though it may  
24 not be the pleasure of those who may be, all of those who  
25 may be -- I do think that it allows for these particular,

1 on these particular issues to be looked at a bit more  
2 deeply. But not only that, it allows the council, I  
3 personally believe that it allows the council not only to  
4 raise issues but also offer additional recommendations  
5 that they may have for this particular piece.

6 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Any further discussion?

7 The motion on the adoption of the motion, those  
8 in favor please say aye.

9 MEMBER MCGHEE: Aye.

10 MEMBER LARKIN: Aye.

11 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Aye.

12 MEMBER McMAHAN: Aye.

13 MR. CLINE: Opposed?

14 Motion is adopted.

15 Next item under new business, B, City

16 Administrator items.

17 Miss Henderson?

18 MS. HENDERSON: You did receive, I think it was  
19 in your packet that Jodi Lundquist(sp) will be joining  
20 the City's leadership team as the chief financial  
21 officer. So, that is in your packet. That's something  
22 very exciting. She's actually here today. I don't know  
23 like if she's in this actual meeting, but she is here  
24 today. So, she's new.

25 She's become a resident of the City of Flint

1 and she will be starting on June the 15th. So, that's  
2 some exciting news for you.

3 That's it. Any questions of me?

4 Great. Thanks.

5 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: And any comments with  
6 regards to the budget actual information that was  
7 provided?

8 MS. HENDERSON: If you all have any questions  
9 about it I can answer those questions.

10 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: I do.

11 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Any questions from the  
12 Board members?

13 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: I do.

14 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Yes.

15 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: I'm trying to find it.

16 Can you share the negative drawings from the  
17 fund balance of 3,400,000 in revenue at the beginning of  
18 Page 1, and what that is? What is that line item?

19 MS. HENDERSON: On Page 1? Can you refer to  
20 the fund?

21 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Yes. The drawings from  
22 the fund balance.

23 MS. HENDERSON: Because there are --

24 MEMBER MCGHEE: It's the general fund.

25 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: It's the general fund,

1 negative 3 million.. It's the very first item.

2 MS. HENDERSON: Okay. Dawn, can you help me?

3 MS. STEELE: Hi. I'm Dawn Steele, the deputy  
4 finance director.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can't hear.

6 MS. STEELE: Hi. I'm Dawn Steele, the deputy  
7 finance director. What that amount is is we did a third  
8 quarter budget amendment. We were looking at we had a  
9 deficit of the 9 million and we were going to be taking  
10 out a loan from the State. And so, we did a budget  
11 amendment to determine how much money we could possibly  
12 have in the 101 general fund at year-end.

13 We budgeted originally a negative 1 million in  
14 the general fund. So, we had revenues, a million dollars  
15 less in expenditures so that we could take that million  
16 dollars at year-end and pay on our deficit. That was  
17 part of our deficit elimination plan.

18 We did a third quarter budget amendment to  
19 determine what additional funding may be available in the  
20 general fund at year-end because the amount we owed for  
21 the debt, outstanding debt, was 9 million as of  
22 June 30th, 2014. We needed -- we borrowed seven. The  
23 State allowed us to borrow seven, so we needed to come up  
24 with \$2 million.

25 So, what we did is was we did a midyear budget

1 amendment, reviewed all of our accounts to determine if  
2 we were able to find the additional funding so that we  
3 could pay off the debt at year-end, so we did do that.

4 So, actually this drawing from fund balance,  
5 that negative, everything staying the same would roll  
6 back, that we would be our fund balanced at year-end.

7 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: The 3 million.

8 MS. STEELE: Yup.

9 MS. HENDERSON: And I would like to note that  
10 the 7 million, it is the proceeds from allowance, so this  
11 does already include the loan that we received from the  
12 State.

13 MS. STEELE: So -- and just to make sure  
14 everybody realizes, the 3.4 million is no longer totally  
15 available because we had to use part of that to pay off  
16 the deficit, yes.

17 And we're in the process of doing a fourth  
18 quarter budget amendment, and we will know further in the  
19 next couple of weeks, but we feel that we are on target.

20 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: But that was, in fact, a  
21 negative number, this 3.4.

22 MS. STEELE: It's actually -- it's going to  
23 roll back into fund balance is how it's going to work.  
24 So, that would be 3.4 million. If it ended at that at  
25 this point 3.4 million would have been our general fund

1 fund balance at this time.

2 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Mr. Chair, I have one  
3 more, two more questions.

4 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Certainly.

5 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: The same page, same  
6 column, the charges for service rendered and the other  
7 revenues, what types of things are found in that?

8 MS. STEELE: That is -- I should have brought  
9 my notes. The --

10 MS. HENDERSON: We'd have to pull the  
11 information of what it is.

12 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: You could get it to me  
13 at some point.

14 MS. STEELE: Yeah. It is made up of the  
15 different --

16 MS. HENDERSON: And we will get that  
17 information for you.

18 MEMBER LARKIN: You mentioned that the  
19 7 million is represented in this budget. What is that,  
20 the first line? Where is that?

21 MS. HENDERSON: It is. It's the ninth line.  
22 It has the proceeds.

23 MEMBER LARKIN: Got it. I see. Thank you.

24 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Would it be possible at  
25 some point to have a walk-through of the budget so that

1 we can have a good understanding of what all the line  
2 items are?

3 MS. HENDERSON: Great. We will -- we can  
4 e-mail the budget and we can e-mail the detail of the  
5 budget, the detail as well, if that will help.

6 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: I believe our next meeting  
7 is the 15th of July. Is it possible to have that  
8 prepared to us by then?

9 MS. HENDERSON: Yes, sir.

10 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Other questions?

11 And I gather these items under B were just  
12 informational items not requiring any specific action by  
13 us.

14 MR. CLINE: Correct. Yes.

15 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: If there are no other  
16 questions we will move on to Item 5, public comment.

17 MR. CLINE: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman.

18 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Yes.

19 MR. CLINE: Can I just back us up for just a  
20 moment to Item 4 in new business? The meeting from --

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Speak up, man.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you speak up,  
23 please? Press the button.

24 MR. CLINE: Testing. There we go.

25 If we could just back up for just a moment to



1 the meeting on May 27th. The Board pulled out those  
2 specific seven items and voted on those. And we need to  
3 step back and do one additional motion to take care of  
4 everything else that you did not separate out from that  
5 meeting.

6 So, there was a first reading of the ordinance.  
7 There was an award of a contract for a leak detection  
8 study using the federal distressed communities grant. A  
9 couple other business items that were not specifically  
10 identified under that agenda. So you need to have just  
11 one sort of comprehensive motion like you did for the  
12 prior meeting to just adopt those remaining items.

13 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: And were those  
14 resolutions?

15 MR. CLINE: No. Those were -- I don't believe  
16 those were resolutions. However, if you want to have a  
17 roll call vote just to make sure I don't see there would  
18 be any prohibition against that.

19 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: If it's not necessary --

20 MR. CLINE: I don't see where it's specifically  
21 necessary, no.

22 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Okay. Is there a motion  
23 with regards to the regular City Council meeting of  
24 May 27, 2015, and to address en masse all other actions  
25 before us that weren't covered by the seven resolutions

1 that were disposed of?

2 MEMBER LARKIN: I have a question regarding  
3 that. Are council actions able to -- so, on the  
4 activities that occur in the council meetings are they  
5 waiting upon this point to become valid or are we just --

6 MR. CLINE: Yes. All the items come before  
7 this Board for review. And then you would, for lack of a  
8 better word, approve them so they can proceed on.

9 MEMBER LARKIN: Okay. Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: And just for information,  
11 clarification purposes, is it all actions by the council  
12 or is it actions that involve resolutions of ordinances?

13 MR. CLINE: Resolutions and ordinances. And as  
14 you'll see also, certain items, certain activities by the  
15 City Administrator will be brought before the Board as  
16 well pertaining specifically to the City Council  
17 resolutions and ordinances, yes.

18 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Okay.

19 MEMBER LARKIN: And --

20 MR. CLINE: And it appears to me that the City  
21 Council primarily acts through resolutions, as I noted in  
22 their minutes. So, it seems to be their procedure here  
23 in this community. So, that pretty much encompasses all  
24 their activities, I believe.

25 MEMBER LARKIN: So, based on that --

1 MR. CLINE: I'm sorry.

2 MEMBER LARKIN: No problem. So, based on  
3 that -- I guess I'm just trying to understand the spirit  
4 and intent of how the Board would us like to function.  
5 Based on -- does the vote of the City Council actually  
6 occur through resolutions, and all resolutions, as  
7 currently stated, have to come through this Board, so  
8 regardless of nature, whether it's financial or City or  
9 support in nature or symbolic?

10 MR. CLINE: We're operational. All the  
11 resolutions have to come before this Board. And just  
12 using my experience in other communities that I've worked  
13 with, typically what is done is there's one sort of  
14 all-encompassing motion to address everything if there's  
15 nothing, as you did in this case, separated out for  
16 specific individual discussion.

17 So, you've identified seven items here that  
18 you've already addressed that you had specific discussion  
19 on, and then there's a few other items that are still  
20 left from that meeting that we need to resolve here so we  
21 don't hold up the City in their operations.

22 MEMBER LARKIN: And to that point, so when  
23 other cities, or how would it operate, given our meeting  
24 schedule that we approved today, how would it operate  
25 something non-related to finances, needed acceptance or

1 movement by the Board within a shorter time span? Will  
2 we have to meet in a shorter time?

3 MR. CLINE: We have addressed that in a couple  
4 of different ways. Occasionally it's just come up a  
5 handful of times. We might find a necessity to call a  
6 special meeting. Or if we know far enough in advance we  
7 might actually pull the item forward to like a current --  
8 let's say there's something that needs to be addressed  
9 before the July meeting of this Board, but we know right  
10 now the City might ask all of you to address it at this  
11 meeting, so we don't have to have a special meeting. I  
12 mean that's happened at other times as well.

13 So, part of what my office does is try to work  
14 with the City to try to coordinate these calendars to  
15 minimize this as much as possible. I mean occasionally  
16 it does come up a time or two. There was one instance I  
17 can think of in another community where there was a  
18 matter of litigation and a Judge gave the City a very  
19 short deadline in which to work, so we had to address  
20 some items that actually we were just made aware of like  
21 the day before the meeting, but there was no other time  
22 in which to respond.

23 So, these things don't happen that often.  
24 Occasionally they do. But I just wanted to make sure.  
25 Procedurally we addressed those seven items on that

1 meeting, but there were a couple of items that we had not  
2 addressed with a broad comprehensive motion or a vote of  
3 this Board, so I just wanted to make sure those get taken  
4 care of and it doesn't hold up anything the City is  
5 doing.

6 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: So, is there a motion that  
7 the remaining items, by remaining I mean those items from  
8 the May 27th City Council meeting we have not already  
9 disposed of under Item 2 previously, those remaining  
10 items be approved?

11 MEMBER LARKIN: So moved.

12 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Motion has been made. Is  
13 there support?

14 MEMBER MCGHEE: Support.

15 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Motion is made and  
16 supported. We are not, ourselves, acting by resolution,  
17 so a voice vote is sufficient.

18 Those in favor of the motion please say aye.

19 MEMBER LARKIN: Aye.

20 MEMBER MCGHEE: Aye.

21 MEMBER McMAHAN: Aye.

22 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Aye.

23 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Opposed?

24 Motion is adopted.

25 Item 5, public comment. Are there individuals

1 who had signed in?

2 MR. CLINE: We have ten individuals at this  
3 point. I have the sheet and I will be operating the  
4 clock.

5 The first individual -- I'll try to speak  
6 loudly. The first individual is Eric Mays.

7 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: I'm going to ask before we  
8 have the first public comment if there is a motion to  
9 limit debate or public comment to no more than two  
10 minutes per person.

11 MEMBER MCGHEE: So moved.

12 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Support?

13 MEMBER McMAHAN: Support.

14 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Support.

15 MR. MAYS: I'll try to talk fast.

16 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Those in favor of the  
17 motion say aye.

18 MEMBER LARKIN: Aye.

19 MEMBER MCGHEE: Aye.

20 MEMBER McMAHAN: Aye.

21 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Aye.

22 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Opposed?

23 Motion is adopted.

24 Mr. McGhee?

25 MEMBER MCGHEE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I

1 apologize.

2 Councilman Mays, before you speak I just wanted  
3 to go back and I just pulled out the notes I was taking  
4 on the agenda. I'm not certain if it was announced at  
5 the beginning of the meeting that those who are  
6 interested in making public comment had to sign up or if  
7 they were directed to sign.

8 I just want to make sure that we put that out  
9 there, so that way it's equitable and individuals felt  
10 like they had an opportunity to express themselves if  
11 they so chose. I just couldn't remember. I was taking  
12 notes and I was actually trying to look back and see.

13 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: It was.

14 MEMBER MCGHEE: Okay.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I didn't hear you,  
16 ma'am.

17 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: I said it wasn't.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It was not because I did  
19 not sign in. It was not. To have people sign in, it was  
20 not.

21 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: You're still free to sign  
22 in.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I can talk outside that  
24 because that's the Open Meetings Act. You all need to  
25 know the law. We don't have to sign in. We have to give

1 our name and address for the record.

2 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: We're not asking you to  
3 sign in --

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's what you're  
5 saying. Okay. Thank you, sir.

6 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: If you let me finish.  
7 We're not asking you to sign in for purposes of attending  
8 the meeting. We're only asking you to sign in if you  
9 wish to speak.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We don't have to do  
11 that. We don't have to do that. That's not the Open  
12 Meetings Act. That's the open meetings. You need to  
13 defer to your attorneys.

14 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: I don't want to enter into  
15 a legal debate, but under the Open Meetings Act a public  
16 body can establish reasonable rules governing public  
17 comment. One of our --

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That reasonable rule is  
19 time.

20 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Sorry, Councilman Mays.

21 MR. MAYS: Normally I don't talk this fast, but  
22 there's a lot I want to cover in two minutes. I can  
23 appreciate Miss Walker-Griffiea's concerns as it relates  
24 to certain things. I think those are valid concerns.  
25 The budget I'm still waiting to see.



1           And so, when you ask for walk-throughs and  
2 budgets, the records of the minutes would show that if  
3 I'm elected as an intelligent person and look over the  
4 budgets and voting, making amendments, I need to see it.  
5 The Emergency Manager adopted a budget pursuant to 436  
6 when we had been told we would have a role in that. We  
7 did not. I've requested to see that budget and go  
8 through details, walk-through as you said.

9           Also, the rationale you can't get from what you  
10 read, so I can appreciate that motion for further  
11 communications. Even on your agenda, if you are to run a  
12 college, Kettering, Mott, and I am to have a role in  
13 running the City, I'm a very detailed person, this is a  
14 very time-consuming job. I won't take it lightly.

15           This form of government is new. It's under  
16 question. You know there's Federal Court cases pending.  
17 So, my position is this. Really be open and spend the  
18 proper time as we try to run our city and as do what's  
19 best for the citizens of Flint. Don't just listen to  
20 administrator input. Get you a special meeting type of  
21 agenda. Get you a council side type of agenda. Get the  
22 minority view of the council and the majority view.

23           The way this thing runs if you get a majority  
24 view and don't get a minority view you might be getting  
25 the same view. Thank you. And be able to suspend the

1 rules. You need to hear from us.

2 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Thank you, councilman.

3 MR. CLINE: Monica Galloway.

4 MS. GALLOWAY: And before my time starts can I  
5 just pass out something? And I want to thank you guys  
6 for postponing on your vote to hear from City Council.  
7 And I hope that before the next meeting before you make  
8 your recommendations and your vote that you will hear  
9 from us then as well.

10 Thank you. I just wanted to thank this Board.  
11 I am excited about your leadership. I'm excited that you  
12 accepted the responsibility and the role of navigating  
13 this very challenging time ahead. And I just wanted to  
14 pray for you guys. Is that okay?

15 Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy  
16 name; thy your kingdom can come; thy will be done, in  
17 earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
18 bread. Forgive us our sins, our debts and our  
19 trespasses, as we forgive those that sin, trespass or are  
20 indebted to us. Lord, lead us not into temptation, but  
21 deliver us from all evil. For thine is the kingdom, the  
22 power, and the glory forever will be yours.

23 Lord, your way is everyone must submit  
24 themselves to the governing authority, for there is no  
25 authority except that which is God-established. The

1 authorities that exist have been established by God. So,  
2 God, we will not go against you in civil disobedience.  
3 Forgive us for inviting you through our prayers and to  
4 the affairs and then rebel against you because the  
5 answers do not look the way we think they should.

6 You said when the righteous cry out the Lord  
7 hears us and delivers us from all our troubles. You said  
8 in Isaiah 65:24 and it shall come to pass that before we  
9 call you will answer, and while we are yet speaking you  
10 will hear. Although there are many plans we believe and  
11 decree it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

12 King David said in Samuel 2:3 the spirit of the  
13 Lord spake by me, and his word was in my tongue. The God  
14 of Israel said the rock of Israel said to me, he that  
15 rules over men righteously must be just, ruling in the  
16 fear of God. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of  
17 wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is  
18 understanding.

19 Give, therefore, the treasurer and Fred Headen  
20 the legal advisor, Brian Larkin, David McGhee, Robert  
21 McMahan and Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffiea understanding  
22 hearts to judge your people, that like Solomon they will  
23 discern between good and bad, for who are they to judge  
24 this body of people.

25 Holy Spirit, lead them into all truth. Give

1     them vision beyond their experiences, mentors and  
2     educational backgrounds. We commit their hearts in  
3     conscious in your name, Jesus. The blood of Jesus is  
4     speaking for us. Amen.

5             MR. CLINE: All right. Chris Monroe.

6             MR. DEL MORONE: DelMorone.

7             Thank you. My name is Christopher DelMorone.  
8     I live in Flint, Michigan.

9             I'll say many of us, but referring to you.  
10    gentlemen and lady, you know, we come from different  
11    backgrounds. We have different experiences, whether be  
12    work, education, things like that. And as different  
13    things come before you folks, especially the matter of  
14    tax abatements and things of that nature, I would ask  
15    that if you've ever worked for an organization, an  
16    individual, a group that is making application for such  
17    an abatement -- and it could go beyond abatements. It  
18    could go anything that they wish to do in the city --  
19    that you let the public know and quite possibly remove  
20    yourself from the vote for whatever the matter is.

21             And at this time those are my only comments and  
22    that's my only comment. Thank you.

23             CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Thank you.

24             MR. CLINE: I have one last name, I believe  
25    it's Al Dumas.

1 MR. DUMAS: A.C. Dumas.

2 MR. CLINE: Okay. I'm sorry, sir.

3 MR. DUMAS: Good afternoon. My name is A.C.  
4 Dumas and I reside at 533 East Rankin.

5 First of all, let me say about the Open  
6 Meetings Act, you can determine the time limits, but you  
7 cannot deny the public the right to speak. As a matter  
8 of fact, you have to ask if there's anyone wishing to  
9 address this body. And I think you should research that.  
10 City Council had to go through that, and the Attorney  
11 General gave that ruling years ago.

12 I'm somewhat amazed. Of course, I don't  
13 believe in Emergency Managers. But as you all sit here  
14 today, you have learned that the administrators and those  
15 who sit and run the city, they don't know as much about  
16 the city as the council or people like me that have been  
17 coming down here for over 40 years, someone who lived in  
18 public housing that's paid for by the taxpayers of the  
19 City of Flint. The taxpayers, they don't get tax breaks.  
20 They don't get anything. We just get more and more and  
21 more and more and more burdens.

22 We have the City Administrator, when she leaves  
23 with her salary and her benefits probably will make close  
24 to a million dollars for that term. They just hired a  
25 finance person and we don't even know how much she makes.

1           The people that the Emergency Managers, and if  
2   you all approve them, they make top shelf money, while  
3   the people of the City of Flint can't turn on water.  
4   Senior citizens must say I'm going to get my house  
5   foreclosed or buy medicine or whatever. I think that and  
6   hope that you all will have in your judgment that you  
7   will always remember to have mercy.

8           Thank you.

9           CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Thank you, sir.

10          MR. PALLADENO: May I approach? I didn't get  
11   to sign in. I was late. I'm a resident of the city. Is  
12   it all right if I speak?

13          CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Please come forward.

14          MR. PALLADENO: Thank you. I appreciate that.  
15   Tony Palladeno, east side of Flint.

16          CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: I'm sorry. You might have  
17   to spell your name for the Court Reporter.

18          MR. PALLADENO: P-A-L-L-A-D-E-N-O, Jr., 1383  
19   Washington.

20          This is all new to me. I'm a little nervous.  
21   If I didn't see something posted on Face Book I wouldn't  
22   even be here. I think this meeting during the day this  
23   early might need to be looked at so more people can get  
24   involved.

25          Last night I came to this meeting concerning

1 the lights. I didn't see anybody that should have been  
2 here. A lot of concerned residents. Nobody give us how  
3 much money they made on this. How much did they make off  
4 our lights last year? I mean they're taxing \$70 a lot.

5 I went into bankruptcy after losing my job at  
6 General Motors and this is a hardship I'm going through.  
7 Each one of the lots cost me \$70. But while you're in  
8 bankruptcy you cannot be told what you owe. Okay? This  
9 is my frustration. I went in at 22,000. I'm now at  
10 78,000 because of penalties and interest. It's crap.

11 This is a business. I live on the east side of  
12 Flint. I've tried to maintain my houses. They're hard  
13 to rent. I've got all windows, you know, new furnaces  
14 and that. This job of when you get into bankruptcy and  
15 they don't tell you what's going on, and then you have to  
16 go over to the County and fight all them, it's  
17 ridiculous.

18 I appreciate you guys letting me speak. This  
19 should be open. I don't care if anybody walks in. Let  
20 them walk in and talk. The residents are not being  
21 heard.

22 As far as the colleges and that, you're giving  
23 away our assets to all them. I'm not saying it's a bad  
24 thing, but the residents are being blocked out of a lot  
25 of this stuff. And it's frustrating. I believe in Mott

1 College. I believe in Kettering. Yeah, they're good.  
2 But where does it put the residents? All right?

3 I didn't see any of you guys last night. I was  
4 frustrated. None of our questions were answered. People  
5 were frustrated. \$71 for a vacant lot. Like I told  
6 them, if I use this in bankruptcy who gets it? The Land  
7 Bank. The program that I designed, I have to pay them  
8 now for a church to come in, nonprofits, tax exempt.  
9 It's crazy. These churches are getting these properties  
10 for free and not paying taxes. The Land Bank was  
11 designed to put these companies back on for taxes.

12 Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Thank you, sir.

14 Did we have anyone else here?

15 MR. CLINE: I had no additional names, no.

16 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: That will conclude public  
17 comment.

18 Is there any further business this afternoon?

19 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Mr. Chair, I have a  
20 question about --

21 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Yes, Dr. Beverly.

22 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: -- I believe it's 6G.  
23 We talked about having questions designed that we would  
24 get answered. And I wanted to make sure I understood how  
25 we would be able to get the questions answered.



1 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Do you have a  
2 particular -- I assume probably the most efficient means  
3 would be any Board member that wishes to do so can submit  
4 questions to Mr. Cline at Treasury. And we're shooting  
5 for the 15th of next month, I believe, to have  
6 presentation on that. Mr. Cline and his staff will  
7 compile answers to those questions probably in working  
8 with staff of the City, City Administrator.

9 MR. CLINE: Certainly, yes.

10 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: That's my expectation of  
11 what the process will be. Is that acceptable?

12 MR. CLINE: What we can do is tomorrow I can  
13 send a communication out to the Board so everyone has my  
14 contact information. You can submit any questions or any  
15 information you'd like to learn. I will compile that  
16 information and see that it gets to the proper City  
17 officials. And probably by the time -- we'll discuss  
18 about how long it will take to get that information  
19 compiled for you, and then we'll get back to you as  
20 quickly as possible.

21 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: That would be great.

22 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Any other questions or  
23 comments?

24 Is there a motion we adjourn?

25 MEMBER LARKIN: So moved.

1 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Is there support?

2 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Support.

3 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Without objection we're  
4 adjourning.


5 (Meeting adjourned at 2:19 PM.)  
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