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CITY OF FLINT  
RECEIVERSHIP TRANSITION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2015  
2:00 P.M.

Meeting before the RTAB Board at  
1101 S. Saginaw, 3rd Floor, Council Chambers,  
Flint, Michigan, on Wednesday, August 12, 2015.

BOARD MEMBERS:

- Frederick Headen, Chairperson
- Robert McMahan, Member (via video conference)
- Brian Larkin, Member
- David McGhee, Member
- Beverly Walker-Griffiea, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

- R. Eric Cline (Department of Treasury)
- Natasha Henderson (City Administrator)
- Jody Lundquist (Director of Finance)
- Mayor Dayne Walling (City of Flint)
- Joshua Freeman (Council President)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE BOARD:

- Eric Mays
- Chris Del Morone

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- Notary Public

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1 Wednesday, August 12, 2015

2 Flint, Michigan

3 2:01 p.m.

4 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: This RTAB meeting  
5 will be in order, please. Item 1A, roll call. Let  
6 the record reflect that all five members of the RTAB  
7 Board are present, as in person or remotely.

8 Item B, approval of the agenda. I  
9 believe Members have been informed of an addition of  
10 Resolution 785, adopted by the Council at their  
11 meeting last night. Are there other additions to  
12 the agenda?

13 MEMBER LARKIN: Was this simply sent  
14 electronically from the August 10th meeting as well,  
15 I believe we have to do an action on the Sorensen  
16 Gross --

17 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: The corrections  
18 of the resolution from the 22nd?

19 MEMBER LARKIN: Yes, or was that  
20 already taken care of?

21 MR. CLINE: Well, the resolution from  
22 August 10th was intended to replace a resolution  
23 from the July meeting, because of a typo and the  
24 Council felt it important to readopt that, because  
25 of the grant project that they needed to move

1 forward with or risk losing the grant fund.

2 So, they indicated just send us that  
3 information and simply just replace that, because  
4 the intent or the dollar amounts in the resolution,  
5 as I understand, were not changed, it was just  
6 correcting a couple of typographical errors.

7 MEMBER LARKIN: So, when we --

8 MR. CLINE: Right. And that's the  
9 only item from that meeting that we're addressing  
10 and I just wanted to have a clean copy for all of  
11 you to follow, so --

12 MEMBER LARKIN: All right.

13 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Other additions  
14 to the agenda? Any? If not, I'll consider the  
15 agenda to be approved with the addition.

16 Item C, approval of the minutes of  
17 July 15th RTAB meeting. Members had a chance to  
18 review those? Are there any corrections or  
19 additions?

20 MEMBER MCGHEE: No.

21 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Is there a motion  
22 that the minutes of July 15th be approved?

23 MEMBER MCGHEE: So move.

24 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Is there support?

25 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Second.

1 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Those in favor  
2 please, say "Aye."

3 (All ayes.)

4 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Opposed? Motion  
5 is adopted.

6 Item 2, old business, there is none.

7 Item 3, new business. Beginning with  
8 this particular meeting, we are adding to our agenda  
9 an item to allow both the Mayor and City Council  
10 president or someone designated by Council  
11 president, an opportunity at each meeting to address  
12 the RTAB about any issue that happens to be on our  
13 agenda so that you don't have to wait to do so  
14 during public comment. We had a brief informal  
15 discussion about this after the last meeting, and we  
16 hope that, Mayor, by allowing you, your counterpart  
17 in the legislative branch be able to address us  
18 about any issue on the agenda, routinely, will help  
19 facilitate the transition process as we go along. I  
20 think all of us, although, I'll speak only for  
21 myself, hope as each meeting goes along at the RTAB,  
22 you become less and less relevant, because you and  
23 City Council and the City Administrator basically  
24 run the City in a way that meets everyone's  
25 satisfaction. We hope to be able to, in some

1 instances perhaps, facilitate breaking the tie with  
2 differences of opinion, but we don't want ourselves  
3 to be viewed as a supra City Council, or be looking  
4 over your shoulders on a regular basis. And so  
5 I'll -- if other members have thoughts along those  
6 lines, please feel free to express that. But we  
7 felt like this step with regards to the agenda,  
8 would be an initial step on our part.

9 So with that, Mayor, if you would. We  
10 won't hold you to a clock.

11 MAYOR WALLING: I'll be brief. And  
12 certainly if there are questions or concerns, either  
13 at the microphone this afternoon or at any other  
14 time, please feel free to get a hold of me. I think  
15 we've worked very hard in the last few months to  
16 have open communication and extensive discussion  
17 with City Council members for their committee  
18 structure and formal meetings, even at a special  
19 Council meeting last night, and we'll continue to do  
20 that.

21 I think you're aware we're working on  
22 lots of fronts all the time with the City of Flint,  
23 but we do still have a great number of significant  
24 challenges. But in each of those areas, we have  
25 strong department heads, incredibly hardworking

1 employees and we've worked diligently to build  
2 community partnerships so that we're really  
3 leveraging all of our resources.

4 And I think you've seen what's  
5 occupied us intently over the last two weeks, and  
6 that has been a spike in homicides. Unfortunately,  
7 since July 31st, we've had 10 incidents of deadly  
8 gun shootings, and we've had 11 lives lost in those  
9 10 incidents. We did an update yesterday with the  
10 Michigan State Police. We have a joint Major Crimes  
11 Investigative Detective Bureau staffed by both Flint  
12 Police Department as well as Michigan State Police  
13 detectives. We had Lieutenant Young from the State  
14 Police and Captain Birnie and Lieutenant Bernritter  
15 together yesterday to update the media and the  
16 public on those cases. Without the details of  
17 course in each one, we're very pleased that, in five  
18 of those instances, we have individuals who are  
19 arrested and in custody. We have suspects  
20 identified in four more of those cases, and it only  
21 leaves the one incident a couple nights ago on West  
22 Home where we're still searching for leads and  
23 information from the community. We tragically lost  
24 a grandmother figure for the community, and a  
25 one-year-old toddler who was in the home. There

1        were -- thankfully, if you can say that in events  
2        like that, there were eight children who were also  
3        in the home who were unaffected by physical  
4        violence; of course will be affected for many years  
5        by what took place. But it's a joint effort, and  
6        it's making some significant progress. I'll just  
7        say, because you were willing to add this to your  
8        agenda, very last notice, City Administrator and I  
9        went to Council on Monday night during their  
10       regularly scheduled meeting under a special order to  
11       start the discussion about whether the City of Flint  
12       could do anything more within its existing resources  
13       to add police protection to the community. And the  
14       Council was very receptive to that discussion. We  
15       knew that there were unfilled positions in the Fire  
16       Department that we have been managing without for  
17       more than six months. And when you look at the data  
18       of what's taken place this year, we have made  
19       significant progress in reducing the number of  
20       structure fires and the number of arsons, and very  
21       much so the number of occupied building fires.  
22       Whereas the police, despite the efforts to bring  
23       down crime generally in the last year-and-a-half to  
24       two years, there's a sense from the Flint Police  
25       Department and Michigan State Police that we were at



1 a point where that progress was being threatened by  
2 the recent events.

3 So, we went to the next night -- just  
4 last night, we were in this same room with City  
5 Council and they called a special meeting and we had  
6 a resolution available to them for consideration.  
7 We didn't know, going into that meeting, if they'd  
8 be prepared to act on that, if they would want to  
9 have further discussion, but we were able to answer  
10 the questions from Captain Birnie from the Flint  
11 Police Department, Chief Cox was here, Chief  
12 Financial Officer, City Administrator, myself of  
13 course. And we received strong support from City  
14 Council to shift seven firefighter positions that  
15 have been unfilled, to the equivalent cost of five  
16 Flint police officers so we could add police  
17 protection. And that was not something we came to  
18 lightly. It's a very difficult proposition to put  
19 forward, to reduce the budgeted staffing of one  
20 department, even though there wouldn't be any actual  
21 reduction in firefighters who are working for the  
22 City of Flint, because those were open positions,  
23 and then, you know, to add that to the Police  
24 Department.

25 But we believed it was necessary at

1 this time to take that step, and we certainly would  
2 look for you to also consider that today in  
3 answering any questions that you may have about why  
4 we feel that's necessary. The number five is  
5 important, because that's what allows us to add one  
6 additional police officer in every shift, 24 hours a  
7 day, seven days a week. So that -- that gives the  
8 police chief and his leadership staff the ability to  
9 add one additional police officer, whether that's  
10 general patrol or directed patrol or another special  
11 assignment. That allows us to have that coverage  
12 throughout the week, throughout the day, and have  
13 that capacity in place.

14 So with that, let me just end on one  
15 more positive note for our community, and that is  
16 we're kicking off this afternoon with the cruise,  
17 the Back to the Bricks. So, we're going to have an  
18 extraordinary spotlight on our community. Our men  
19 and women in uniform will also be working very hard  
20 on that event. Special events pay for services now  
21 from the City of Flint, so those are on overtime  
22 hours. The Back to the Bricks Committee is paying  
23 for the police services and traffic engineering  
24 that's necessary for that event, so it doesn't  
25 conflict with the officers we need to have on patrol

1 and doing the detective work. But we hope to have a  
2 wonderful, peaceful, fun next couple of days here in  
3 the City of Flint, as we continue to work hard on  
4 the ongoing issues that we manage every day.

5 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Thank you.

6 MAYOR WALLING: All right. Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Council President  
8 Freeman.

9 MR. FREEMAN: I'm going to be brief.

10 I appreciate the changes you guys made in the agenda  
11 as we move forward. And the only time you're going  
12 to see me up here is if we got a difference of  
13 opinion with myself or the administration or Ms.  
14 Henderson; and working on just the little things  
15 that the City Council passes might be easier for all  
16 of us. But you know, other than that, you're not  
17 going to see me, and I hope -- I mean, I would just  
18 be prolonging the meeting and make it longer than it  
19 needs to be. So, thanks for this change. I've got  
20 nothing for you today. You guys can get home.  
21 Thanks.

22 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Thank you.

23 Hopefully it goes without saying, Ms. Henderson, I  
24 just wanted to point out that the addition of the  
25 Mayor and Council President to the agenda in no way

1 diminishes your central role as City Administrator.  
2 We have not amended the last EM order and under that  
3 order you remain primary point of contact with the  
4 RTAB. Just simply wanted to include those two  
5 officials, again, as part of the transition.

6 MS. HENDERSON: Okay.

7 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Next item, B,  
8 approval of resolutions and ordinances. We'll begin  
9 with those from the July 13th Council meeting. You  
10 also have, I believe in your packet, a memorandum  
11 from Mr. Cline. There are approximately nine  
12 resolutions. 13, I think Mr. Cline pointed out the  
13 majority of those concern rather routine purposes in  
14 the Water Department with regards to water, sewer,  
15 wastewater and so forth. They are Resolutions 490,  
16 491.1, 492, 493, 494, 495.1, 496, 497 and 519.

17 Are there any questions concerning  
18 either Mr. Cline's memorandum or any questions about  
19 those particular resolutions?

20 MEMBER McMAHAN: No.

21 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: And did you have  
22 any comments to make regarding any of those?

23 MR. CLINE: No, nothing to add beyond  
24 what I've already put down there that these are  
25 annual purchases that the City makes for both

1 purchases. Everything has been budgeted for and all  
2 of the proper vending and approvals have been  
3 acquired on this.

4 So, I think for the majority of these,  
5 we have already covered that. And we also covered  
6 in our last meeting, we put forward resolution, I  
7 believe, it's 518, which dealt with the ballot  
8 language for the Transportation Authority millage.  
9 So that's already been addressed.

10 So I don't have anything further to  
11 add if there are no questions.

12 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Are there, with  
13 respect to these items, because they total roughly  
14 about \$1.6 million, any cash flow or receivables  
15 issues with regards to the water, sewer, non-payment  
16 of bills, anything like that, that would --

17 MR. CLINE: None that I'm aware of at  
18 this point. I know that the City is looking closely  
19 at their water budget windows. As it stands now, it  
20 has been budgeted and probably the City will be  
21 acquiring those resources, sort of as they need  
22 them, on an ongoing basis. So, they won't be going  
23 out and making any new purchases of say \$100,000 at  
24 one time, it would be in increments throughout the  
25 fiscal year.

1 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: But nothing of  
2 which you're aware --

3 MR. CLINE: No, not at this time.

4 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: -- that would  
5 adversely impact --

6 MR. CLINE: I don't know if the City  
7 has anything to add to that, but I'm not aware of  
8 any immediate problem.

9 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Ms. Henderson?

10 MS. HENDERSON: Just as Mr. Cline  
11 said, these are purchase orders so that we can  
12 purchase those things as we go throughout the year,  
13 so that we're not coming back each time we need to  
14 purchase, say, you know, the chemicals for the  
15 plant. Those are things that we do throughout the  
16 year, and this is the beginning of this fiscal year,  
17 and we're only in the second month of the fiscal  
18 year which began July the 1st.

19 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: If there are no  
20 questions, is there a motion then that the  
21 aforementioned nine resolutions from City Council  
22 meeting July 13th be approved?

23 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: So moved.

24 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Support?

25 MEMBER LARKIN: Support.

1 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Those in favor  
2 please say "Aye."

3 (All ayes.)

4 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Opposed? Motion  
5 is adopted.

6 Next item of business, Resolutions  
7 from City Council meeting of July 27th. There are  
8 approximately 21 resolutions from that meeting. Mr.  
9 Cline's memorandum made note of approximately 9,  
10 some of which indicate that further information is  
11 being sought and will hopefully be available as of  
12 this RTAB meeting.

13 Mr. Cline, do you want to go through  
14 the various ones you identified in your memorandum?

15 MR. CLINE: Yes, just very briefly. I  
16 had asked for the City to be ready to clarify a few  
17 things in the event that you had questions. Most of  
18 the issues, I think, were fairly straightforward.  
19 Again, there was some bulk purchases, there were  
20 some change orders to some contracts that I just  
21 wanted to make sure that if we needed to clarify.  
22 They dealt with, say, major streets versus the water  
23 system and all, that we had all of that information  
24 ready to address. There was nothing in particular  
25 that many of these items that I had any special

1 concerns about. I did want to mention, again,  
2 Resolution 560, which deals with the Riverbank Park  
3 improvements. We had to exchange that ordinance  
4 from the one from the August 10th meeting just  
5 simply to clarify a typographical error in the  
6 resolution. The entire scope of the project has not  
7 been altered. I do understand, from the City, that  
8 they are under somewhat of a time constraint to move  
9 forward with this, because it is grant funding and  
10 they do not want to lose that grant funding, so they  
11 need to execute this project. They have been trying  
12 to get some, I guess what I would describe as  
13 competitive bids in for the project, and have gotten  
14 what they feel is the best bid, and then have gotten  
15 some additional funding for -- to take care of some  
16 of the differences. And then we also have, within  
17 this meeting, the City Council readopted the  
18 year-end budget amendments which we discussed at the  
19 last meeting, and those were approved as they were  
20 presented. And that is Resolution 559. So that is  
21 there before you.

22 And I think I will just pause on any  
23 additional comments, unless there's any specific  
24 questions, but I think that there are -- it's fairly  
25 straightforward as to what the City is doing at this



1 meeting.

2 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: And you had  
3 raised in your memorandum a question with respect to  
4 Resolutions 527 and 547, both of which, it appeared,  
5 dealt with the same issue. One of which was to, to  
6 use the colloquial, "Drop the issue", the other one  
7 was to approve it. Is that -- was there an  
8 explanation as to what happened with respect to  
9 those?

10 MR. CLINE: I think that has more to  
11 do with an internal process within the City in the  
12 way that they actually record their motions. And I  
13 know the City Administrator and City Clerk I believe  
14 are discussing that. So, I think it's more -- it's  
15 not really a process that causes any problems with  
16 RTAB and the voting, it's more of internal procedure  
17 process that just need to get clarified within the  
18 City.

19 So, I don't have any particular  
20 concerns about what they're attempting to do or  
21 anything like that. It's just more of identifying  
22 how the City goes about keeping their own internal  
23 records and the minutes and everything. And what I  
24 try and do with the memo that I provided to you, is  
25 just point out areas where I'm trying to look

1 through your eyes where you may have some confusion  
2 or some questions, or as I see it, maybe I need to  
3 point out any particular facet of something that may  
4 be worth noting to you. So I just wanted to draw  
5 your attention to that. But I don't have any real  
6 concern about the ultimate result of it. So, I  
7 think it's more of just an internal process and I've  
8 spoken with the City Administrator and they're  
9 working on kind of getting a little more consistency  
10 in that area, make it a little -- make it a little  
11 less confusing for us in our day, that when we read  
12 these minutes we understand what we're looking at  
13 here, so --

14 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: So are both  
15 Resolutions 527 and 547 before us, or only 547?

16 MR. CLINE: I think it would only be  
17 547.

18 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Questions for Mr.  
19 Cline at this point? So let's first take up  
20 resolutions mentioned in Mr. Cline's memorandum.  
21 526.1 and 546, 547, 553, 558, 559, 560, which we  
22 understand basically incorporates Resolution 783  
23 from August 10th. And then Resolutions 562 and 563.

24 Is there a motion that those  
25 resolutions from July 27th be approved?

1                   MEMBER LARKIN: I have a question  
2 before the motion. I guess I'd like to amend it, do  
3 we have to take 559 out and do it separately as a  
4 recommendation to State Treasury?

5                   MR. CLINE: The reason -- yes. You  
6 don't have to.

7                   MEMBER LARKIN: So, we can do it  
8 together?

9                   MR. CLINE: You can do it together as  
10 long as you -- in other RTABs, they signify whether  
11 they make a recommendation to State Treasury. They  
12 usually separate it as a separate motion just so it  
13 doesn't get confusing. You don't have to do it that  
14 way. You can just approve, for example, all of the  
15 resolutions including 559, which is a recommendation  
16 to State Treasurer for the budget amendments. Or  
17 you could separate it out as a separate motion.  
18 It's sort of your preference. We just wanted to  
19 identify it separately on anticipation that you  
20 would want to make a separate motion for that.

21                   CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Is it your  
22 preference to separate it out?

23                   MEMBER LARKIN: Not really. So, I  
24 make a motion that we adopt all of the resolutions  
25 as previously presented.

1 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Is there support?

2 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Support.

3 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Any discussion?

4 If not, those in favor of the motion would you  
5 please say "Aye."

6 MEMBER MCGHEE: I'm sorry. Should we  
7 do roll call --

8 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: If we were  
9 adopting the resolution of the RTAB, roll call would  
10 be required. We're simply adopting a motion to  
11 approve resolutions adopted by City Council.

12 MEMBER MCGHEE: My apologies.

13 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Quite all right.  
14 Those in favor, please say "Aye."

15 (All ayes.)

16 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Opposed? Motion  
17 is adopted. I got to get adjusted to that delay.

18 MEMBER McMAHAN: I'll try and  
19 anticipate.

20 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: The remaining  
21 resolutions from the 27th meeting are 391, 548, 549,  
22 550, 551, 552, 554, 555, 556, 557 and 561. I take  
23 it, Mr. Cline, you have no comments or observations  
24 regarding those?

25 MR. CLINE: No. Nothing of

1 significance, no.

2 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Is there a motion  
3 that those resolutions from July 27th also be  
4 approved?

5 MEMBER MCGHEE: So moved.

6 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Is there support?

7 MEMBER McMAHAN: Support.

8 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Motion has been  
9 made and seconded. Any discussion? If not, those  
10 in favor please say "Aye."

11 (All ayes.)

12 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Opposed? Motion  
13 is adopted.

14 Item C, City Administrator items. Ms.  
15 Henderson, we have two items here, Budget to Actual  
16 and the Strategic Plan. Ms. Lundquist.

17 MS. LUNDQUIST: Good afternoon. In  
18 this case, no news is good news. I just wanted to  
19 state that the report that you have before you, the  
20 Budget to Actual, is through June 30, 2015, however,  
21 those are unaudited numbers. And due to the time  
22 period within which the City has to prepare these  
23 reports, those numbers are subject to change as  
24 things continue to -- for instance, the invoices  
25 continue to be received by the City for the prior

1       fiscal year, those are posted through a June 30  
2       date. So, for instance, it may be understated to  
3       what has actually been in the audit, posting journal  
4       entries and do payroll approvals, all sorts of  
5       accounting jargon, but we are on target. And thank  
6       you very much for adopting the budget amendments so  
7       that those numbers also can be reflected in our  
8       audit.

9               The numbers for the budget reflected  
10       in your report do not take into consideration those  
11       amended resolutions that were approved today. And I  
12       have nothing further.

13              CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: I did have one  
14       question. The general fund, budget to actual,  
15       general government, as I look at 2014, and then the  
16       year-to-date balance in the 2015, for general  
17       government the numbers went from \$8.6 million to  
18       roughly \$7.8 million. And then a large jump to \$20  
19       million on the expenditure side. \$20.7 million. So  
20       there was a significant jump.

21              With respect to police, things went in  
22       the opposite direction, \$22 million budget of '14.  
23       \$21 million would be the balance June 30th of '14,  
24       down to roughly \$13 million by '15. Similar  
25       phenomenon with regards to Fire.

1                   Was there just a movement of money, it  
2 looks like within the expenditures? Because the  
3 overall expenditures weren't really that different.  
4 \$49 million in '15; \$50 million in '14. I was just  
5 curious as to what happened there.

6                   MS. LUNDQUIST: I believe that that's  
7 just general accounting where we had perhaps, this  
8 is my suspicion, I can confirm and provide that to  
9 the City Administrator to distribute to the RTAB,  
10 but my suspicion would be that those were be  
11 indirect cost allocations.

12                  CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Thank you.

13                  MS. LUNDQUIST: Any further questions?

14                  MEMBER MCGHEE: Not from me.

15                  CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Item 2, the  
16 Strategic Plan is an information item only.

17                  MS. HENDERSON: Just wanted to share  
18 with you all the strategic plan ending the fiscal  
19 year '015. And this is a summary and it -- if you  
20 had time to look at it, look through it, it tells  
21 you where we are in different areas. There are  
22 tasks that are associated with those that I actually  
23 worked with the department heads on to ensure that  
24 we are in compliance with the strategic plan, and  
25 that we do meet different goals that are within this

1 plan. And this is where we were at the end of -- of  
2 this year -- I mean, of the last fiscal year. And  
3 we have a set of strategic objectives for this next  
4 year. And these things are available online,  
5 however, I thought it would be good for you all to  
6 at least -- we do each quarter -- give a report as  
7 to where we are with the strategic plan and give an  
8 update. And we actually publicize that on the  
9 website. So I thought it would be good for you all  
10 to see where we were ending June 30th.

11 It lists our challenges, the community  
12 and economic development, where we are with that,  
13 just things that stand out; how are we improving the  
14 infrastructure and the challenges that we have  
15 moving forward and how we are addressing those. And  
16 all of these strategic objectives, they do tie into  
17 -- if you'll notice, they tie into the Council  
18 priorities that are set at the beginning -- well,  
19 before the beginning of each fiscal year. So, we  
20 try to ensure that our strategic objectives match  
21 those priorities that are set by the Council.

22 So, I will be coming to you all each  
23 quarter to give you an update as to where we are  
24 with the strategic objectives so that you can see  
25 how we're actually doing things as an organization,



1 and what we are actually trying to accomplish and  
2 where we are with those.

3           So, I just wanted you all to  
4 understand that the objectives are tied to the  
5 different tasks that myself and the various  
6 departments who work on that, and try to include  
7 different tasks to ensure that the Mayor and Council  
8 priorities are addressed, and so that they can have  
9 a document that they can refer to and say "Okay,  
10 where were we on this and this is -- you know, this  
11 is a way that you all said that you would actually  
12 look at our priorities." This is your strategic  
13 objectives; what are we doing. And we actually meet  
14 every month we have a Finance Administration  
15 Committee meeting, we have a Public Works Committee  
16 meeting and we have a Community and Planning -- a  
17 Planning and Community Development Committee  
18 meeting. We have those meetings every month and we  
19 actually talk about the things that we're doing to  
20 try and address the priorities of the Mayor and  
21 Council.

22           And if you have any questions at this  
23 time or if you all have any questions later, but  
24 these -- this information is online and I would  
25 encourage you all to use that as a resource to see

1       what's going on in the City. We do have our  
2       different press releases there. Just the different  
3       things that are going on with the City. We are  
4       definitely moving forward. There are a lot of  
5       things that great -- that are great, going on in the  
6       City. So, you can utilize that as a resource if you  
7       want to know where we are with our objectives and  
8       what we're accomplishing and the priorities that the  
9       Mayor and Council have set. You can see those there  
10      and how we are attacking those things.

11                   MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: I have a  
12      question.

13                   CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Yes.

14                   MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Thank you for  
15      this. I thought it was very convenient in finding  
16      out what we're doing and how we're getting there. I  
17      did, though, as I was reading it, have a concern on  
18      the challenges going forward. I know that the  
19      document is flexible. Since it's a strategic plan,  
20      will you be updating it and will the information  
21      from the latest water suit that was just done on  
22      last week, I believe, are there any thoughts about  
23      moving forward with that kind of strategic plan?

24                   MS. HENDERSON: I would -- at the end  
25      of this quarter, that probably -- we hope that that

1 won't be a challenge. However, we are cognizant of  
2 that, and we are talking about that, and the  
3 possible impact of that. So, that definitely does  
4 impact where we would go moving forward.

5 But just so that you understand, like  
6 as far as from our perspective, that is not --  
7 that's something that it could -- we don't know how  
8 that's going to happen. However, we are planning in  
9 the event that it does happen.

10 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: And it will be  
11 reflected here as challenges? I'm saying that,  
12 because your first one is the possible outcome --

13 MS. HENDERSON: The retirement  
14 lawsuit.

15 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Right. So  
16 that's a possible outcome as well.

17 MS. HENDERSON: Yes, unfortunately  
18 that is.

19 MEMBER LARKIN: To that question, and  
20 I don't know if this is an appropriate time, but  
21 could you just speak really broadly as to what the  
22 potential impact -- do we have numbers and sense  
23 around what the potential impact would be to the  
24 operation of the City as we are looking at upcoming  
25 months.

1 MS. HENDERSON: This is something that  
2 it's -- it will of course have a very detrimental  
3 impact. However, at this point, like me talking to  
4 you all about that in this forum, that's -- we don't  
5 have attorney/client privilege, so I can't really  
6 say much about it at this point, so I apologize for  
7 that, but --

8 MEMBER LARKIN: No problem.

9 MS. HENDERSON: -- those are concerns,  
10 but I can't speak to all of you about it in this  
11 forum.

12 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: I think the  
13 important thing is that you are planning and  
14 thinking about possibilities.

15 MS. HENDERSON: Any more questions  
16 about --

17 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Any other  
18 questions? Thank you. If there's no objection,  
19 we'll consider the City Administrator items 1 and 2  
20 to be received. The additional items, new business,  
21 resolution, I believe 785 from the City Council  
22 special meeting of last night, to transfer  
23 approximately \$323,000 from the Fire Department to  
24 the Police Department. The Mayor spoke to that  
25 issue briefly earlier. This is an opportunity for

1 Board Members, if they have questions, to pose those  
2 to the City officials.

3 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: May I?

4 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Yes, please.

5 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: I have a  
6 question. I actually have two questions. The first  
7 one, looks at -- the Mayor has said that the funding  
8 has been there for about six months, which is why  
9 you all looked at that to move forward. How long  
10 had it been previous within the six months in that  
11 account?

12 MS. HENDERSON: It -- budgeted for, it  
13 was -- it was budgeted for -- it would have been  
14 budgeted in the last fiscal year.

15 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Okay.

16 MS. HENDERSON: So -- and with the  
17 Fire Department, at some point you have retirements,  
18 but that's been a static level that's been budgeted.  
19 So, I'll say at least eight months. So it pre-dated  
20 me even coming to the City, that some of these  
21 positions were open, just not filled.

22 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Okay. When I  
23 was watching the news, and saw what happened during  
24 the special meeting, the Fire Chief talked about he  
25 was willing for that money to be moved. But he was

1       wanting it back at some point so that they could  
2       fill the positions they needed filled. Is there a  
3       plan or a thought to, I guess, make the Fire  
4       Department whole if you did this?

5                   MS. HENDERSON: From a budgeting  
6       perspective, I can't look at it as though I'm making  
7       them whole. I can only look at it from an  
8       operational standpoint, in the sense that they are  
9       operating with the current staff that they have and  
10      I think they're doing a great job. That's not to  
11      say that moving forward at some point we would not  
12      look at, you know, trying to allocate -- reallocate  
13      money to the -- the Fire Department. However, I  
14      believe that they're doing a great job with the  
15      staffing level that they have now. And as a City  
16      Administrator, I have to look at what is going on  
17      here, what is going here, and look at the different  
18      statistics in both areas. So, of course the Fire  
19      Chief and I are going to look at those things  
20      totally different, because by way of the position of  
21      being the City Administrator, and looking at all of  
22      the operations and what you need here, and those  
23      tough decisions have to be made. So I can't say  
24      that even if we -- if we say -- have \$300,000  
25      available, that it would not go into the Police

1 Department. So, I have to make those decisions and  
2 make those recommendations just as the Mayor had to  
3 make that decision that, okay, this is where we get  
4 the money from, because that's something that we had  
5 already discussed, and say, okay, how do we get more  
6 police officers? So, those are just decisions that  
7 will be made.

8 So, the short answer to your question  
9 is, that I can't say that the Fire Department has to  
10 have seven more staff to operate. But what I can  
11 say is, right now, in this moment, and even months  
12 before this, we do need the money in the Police  
13 Department, because the crime stats reflect that.  
14 And it's not to say that we don't need more firemen,  
15 but what I do know is we need more police at this  
16 time. And it's just a decision that the -- I'm glad  
17 that the Council did support it and that you all  
18 supported that as well.

19 So that was not my thought process  
20 when making that decision to move forward.

21 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Other questions?

22 MEMBER LARKIN: I have a question. Is  
23 the -- well, you might not be able to answer right  
24 now. But looking at kind of the -- the  
25 circumstances that were going on were directly

1 responding to the environment, there has been a  
2 spike in crime, looking to address it. Is this  
3 shift or this movement like this level that we have  
4 of police staffing, is it the desire moving forward  
5 as we look at future fiscal years to maintain this  
6 level; or is this kind of a support to get crime to  
7 a certain level and then this money becomes flexible  
8 again to move; what's the desire of the  
9 administration?

10 MS. HENDERSON: The desire is to  
11 increase it even -- even more, because I'll be  
12 honest, this is not enough. We need it to increase  
13 more. And that's not to say that it doesn't need to  
14 increase in fire. But we -- we need -- I can say we  
15 need more police and more fire. So, what -- the  
16 steps that we have to take to address that, those  
17 are the things that we're doing. This is -- this is  
18 just something that we could do now. However, I  
19 have been charged with we need more. The Mayor says  
20 we need more. The Council says we need more. So,  
21 we will continue to work to address that.

22 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: And I do have  
23 one other question. I know that when I first got  
24 here there was a report done, I believe, that shared  
25 how understaffed the Police Department was or is; do



1 we know those numbers?

2 MS. HENDERSON: Yes. It really should  
3 be triple the size.

4 MS. HENDERSON: Do you know that?

5 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: So about  
6 triple. Any more questions?

7 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Yes. Do I  
8 understand correctly that this dollar amount  
9 reflects budgeted, but unfilled positions in the  
10 Fire Department?

11 MS. HENDERSON: Yes, sir.

12 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: So, were we to  
13 look at the budget without this item having come up,  
14 would we find other amounts, either in the Fire  
15 Department or in other departmental budgets, where  
16 there would be -- I can't really describe it as a  
17 surplus, but where there would be amounts that could  
18 be identified to be used for other purposes, because  
19 they're attached to positions that haven't been  
20 filled?

21 MS. HENDERSON: Actually, we -- we  
22 actually looked at other departments before we  
23 actually looked at the Fire Department, because we  
24 know public safety, that is high and top priority to  
25 the Council. So, we looked to see if we had any

1 more positions that were -- and I just want to be  
2 clear that they had to be general fund positions.  
3 If they were water and sewer, it didn't -- you can't  
4 pay for police with water and sewer. Specific  
5 grants, you can't pay for police officers or fire.

6 So, given that scenario, we really are  
7 very lean in the sense that we have two positions  
8 that could be of impact. Meaning, that we could  
9 actually draw the funding from. However, at this  
10 time, they are critical positions, and we didn't  
11 believe that it was the time to say, okay, we're not  
12 going to have a treasurer. Okay, we're not going to  
13 have an HR director.

14 So, at this time, I cannot bring that  
15 forward and feel good about it and feel that the  
16 City was in a position to be sustainable with  
17 cutting those positions. A treasurer position is  
18 very important. And that's not to say other  
19 positions are not, but we have someone contracted  
20 out, like, part-time to do that, and that is a need.  
21 We need to get that filled.

22 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: So, other than  
23 these positions in the Fire Department which were  
24 budgeted but not filled, there are only several  
25 others --

1 MS. HENDERSON: Those are the several.

2 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: -- budgeted --

3 MS. HENDERSON: Yes, sir. Those are  
4 the two that we have that are not filled at this  
5 time. Anything else, we -- it is filled. And  
6 that's just where we are. We are very lean at this  
7 point.

8 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: I posed the  
9 question partly because last month, as you recall,  
10 we had the conversation about fund balance, in terms  
11 of what the levels should be, where it happened to  
12 be within the context of transferring some portion  
13 of that for, I believe, cutting the grass. And so I  
14 was trying to get an overall handle on, sort of  
15 amounts like this that might possibly be scattered  
16 elsewhere throughout the budget. You're indicating  
17 that there are no others.

18 MS. HENDERSON: We have -- if I may?

19 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Yes.

20 MS. HENDERSON: We have -- for the  
21 grass cutting, we did go into the Assessment  
22 Department to find that, to fund that. It was a  
23 very minimal level, however, we did go into the --  
24 we found that possibly -- that we would come out a  
25 little lower in that area, so we did take it from

1       there. And we do account for every single dime,  
2       because we know that there's always a threat of  
3       property tax going down, those different things.  
4       And we know that we have a minimal fund balance,  
5       because right now we have -- we have to budget for  
6       \$1 million -- \$1 million that goes into the fund  
7       balance automatically. And then we have the  
8       \$500,000. So we truly have the \$1.5 million going  
9       into this year as of the second month into this  
10      fiscal year.

11               CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: And then a final  
12      question on this point, if this is approved today,  
13      how long would you anticipate it take to have the  
14      five additional police officer positions filled?

15               MS. HENDERSON: I know that we're in  
16      the process of hiring right now. I would have to  
17      talk to the Police Chief and HR Director to see how  
18      fast they could get five more, five additional  
19      police officers through.

20               CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Other questions?  
21      If not, is there a motion that City Council  
22      Resolution 785 from last night's special meeting  
23      previously described, that resolution be approved?

24               MEMBER LARKIN: So moved.

25               CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Is there support?

1 MEMBER WALKER-GRIFFEA: Support.

2 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Is there further  
3 discussion? Hearing none, those in favor of the  
4 motion please say "Aye."

5 (All ayes.)

6 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Opposed? Motion  
7 is adopted. I believe that concludes our new  
8 business.

9 Next item, item 4, public comment.  
10 Mr. Cline, do you have anybody sign in to --

11 MR. CLINE: We have one name signed  
12 up, that would be Eric Mays.

13 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Council.

14 MR. MAYS: Yeah, good afternoon.

15 MR. LARKIN: Good afternoon.

16 MR. MAYS: I sat and listened to each  
17 of the RTABs, and I've watched this process, and you  
18 know, the RTAB did make a big fuss about the surplus  
19 and money being spent. I called that special  
20 meeting, and I wanted to hear what you heard. I  
21 didn't hear about the other areas. I called it to  
22 peruse the budget and look for money. And so you  
23 getting information that we ain't getting -- and  
24 then to me, this RTAB is letting me down, because  
25 you're falling for it. When I say "You're falling

1       for it", you didn't ask the question, Mr. President,  
2       we got State Police coming in, additional police. I  
3       don't think it was -- that it had to be moved on  
4       this hastily. I was the descending vote. I stood  
5       before you and said, "I wish you could hear from  
6       Council and/or the Council President", and  
7       everybody's view ain't the same. And my honest  
8       opinion, some of the decisions that's been made  
9       financially, that you're approving, is made by some  
10      of the same people who didn't handle it last time.  
11      And you're now buying into it, moving too fast  
12      without the right -- in other words, I might have  
13      held off on them five officers, because they're  
14      patrol. And I know, in my opinion, the best way to  
15      abate some of the killings, is to deal with the  
16      10,000 plants laying in the Detective Bureau, this  
17      community doesn't talk about the undercover  
18      officers.. You got State Police coming in. This, to  
19      me, was a political move to react to something that  
20      happened already. I'm very sensitive about the  
21      killings in my community. And it happened in my  
22      ward. I know about Baltimore, they have been coming  
23      there for years before we even reported that.

24                        So, people get excited and  
25      reactionary, and even you make moves, but the right

1 question was, how can you do a State policy that  
2 lets State Police change their policy and take  
3 calls? They said they here for just traffic,  
4 traffic stops. They pulling people over walking on  
5 by, but they won't answer a 911 call.

6 See, I try to change and make a  
7 positive effect. And so I'm really disappointed in  
8 the RTAB not asking the right questions, not hearing  
9 the right things talked about that you can ask about  
10 from certain people who know the details, and then  
11 we make a decision. It is some validity in that  
12 lawsuit. Judge Hayman ruled, refunds, shut-off  
13 notices. That can be talked about, it's no client  
14 privilege or attorney/client privilege, it's common  
15 knowledge. How much detail are you all going to do,  
16 or is you all going to let us sit back and slip into  
17 financial ruin, because certain people want to stand  
18 and talk polite? I'm glad that you all put that on  
19 the agenda. But I told you there's always two sides  
20 to a story. The Mayor, the Council President, he  
21 said he won't even be here. I'll be here. And  
22 you're welcome to try and communicate, but this is a  
23 serious business to me. It's financial, it's open,  
24 it's honest and you have to spend the time. All you  
25 all got other things to do, but my responsibility is

1 first with this City of Flint, and I'm very  
2 disappointed with the inquiry, with the information.  
3 And I broke your two-minute rule, and I apologize,  
4 because if I don't, this is going to be another  
5 mess. People need to be open, honest, transparent,  
6 and we need to hear what we need to hear when I  
7 called the special meeting before I can hear it  
8 here. That was good questions about where in the  
9 budget. Remember Ambrose made the budget when he  
10 left. I appreciate you amending your rules, but if  
11 you going to really do this job and peruse some of  
12 these financial dealings, believe me, I won't break  
13 your rules too many times, but you need to reach out  
14 more and become more knowledgeable, because we can  
15 save money and still get the same thing done. This  
16 one had to do with employing the State Police and  
17 it's a Patrol Bureau, a Detective Bureau and  
18 undercover. I'm trying to be proactive rather than  
19 reactive. And now we're dealing with murders, and  
20 you involved in it as well. So, let's save some  
21 people's lives and quit politicking and just -- for  
22 the money. Just a little after the fact. Thank  
23 you.

24 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Thank you,  
25 Council.



1 MEMBER LARKIN: May I speak?

2 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Certainly.

3 MEMBER LARKIN: Council, may I speak  
4 to your remarks? Don't leave. I do want to -- I  
5 think there was a statement that was made earlier by  
6 the Chairperson of this Board that the Receivership  
7 Transition Advisory Board is not in place to be a  
8 supra council.

9 And so in places where we see clear  
10 agreement between the Council and the City  
11 Administrator, we're only giving it -- you've  
12 attended most of our meetings, we're only given the  
13 opportunity to say "Yes" or "No."

14 And so, when serious dialogue needs to  
15 be had and engagements we have, needs to be among  
16 the residents of Flint that have elected and the  
17 people who have been duly appointed based on their  
18 professional critique. We're here as a kind of  
19 "Yes" or "No."

20 So, sometimes -- I think I feel a lot  
21 of what you're discussing is the inter-workings of  
22 how the legislative and elective and management body  
23 are going to operate together. When it gets to this  
24 point, it's kind of "Yes" or "No."

25 So, while I'll definitely be open for

1 any continued dialogue, because there is a lot of  
2 inside input that all of the Council people have,  
3 the Mayor and his Administrator, Finance Director,  
4 our goal is to -- one is always be open for  
5 continued dialogue. Keep in mind that when it makes  
6 it to the RTAB, we're at a "Yes" or "No", up or  
7 down, based on you guys doing that point -- doing  
8 the work that is of the Council and --

9 MR. MAYS: Question, if I may. When  
10 it comes to \$300,000 in transfers, do you have a  
11 third option to postpone and inquire? In my book,  
12 you don't just have "Yes" or "No", you have the  
13 option --

14 MEMBER LARKIN: Yes --

15 MR. MAYS: -- to postpone and inquire  
16 before you make major financial decisions. So  
17 believe me, I hear you, I appreciate you addressing  
18 me, but those are the options I've looked at, just  
19 like last month when you did the tax abatement. You  
20 postponed, you got input from both sides and then  
21 you made a decision. No different here. \$300,000  
22 transfer, I know how everything -- so that's what I  
23 want to emphasize, it's not just up or down, you  
24 have a third option to postpone and --

25 MEMBER LARKIN: That's fair, that's

1 fair.

2 MR. MAYS: -- inquire. That's what  
3 I'm referring to in this instance, because you  
4 didn't have the whole story.

5 MEMBER LARKIN: Thank you.

6 MR. MAYS: Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Did anyone else  
8 sign in for public comment?

9 MR. CLINE: No, sir.

10 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: We do have a  
11 gentleman.

12 MR. CLINE: I wasn't aware of that.

13 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: You have two  
14 minutes, please.

15 MR. DEL MORONE: Thank you. I didn't  
16 see any forms back there. I was late. But my name  
17 is Chris Del Morone. I live in Flint, Michigan.

18 I have a couple of questions. I  
19 notice, like, on your new business number 1 and  
20 number 2, those are things that happened back in  
21 July. And my question is, can the City, the  
22 administration take action on something prior to  
23 your approval?

24 And, you know -- the other thing is, I  
25 guess, Mr. Mays was just talking about it, and it

1 was one of my questions before he came up here was,  
2 does the RTAB have the ability to amend or deny with  
3 recommendations?

4 So, let's say on this \$300,000 for  
5 police, could you put a stipulation on something  
6 that says, "Yes, go ahead and you can hire the  
7 police, but they need to be used in this manner"?  
8 In the sense of, well, we don't need any more police  
9 officers at a City Council meeting, we don't need  
10 police officers here, and you can use them as long  
11 as you're out patrolling. I don't know if you have  
12 that power or if you can simply turn something down,  
13 give a recommendation and then have it come back to  
14 you.

15 The other thing is, there is a good  
16 question in there by the Chairperson as to when will  
17 the police officers come on or how long will it  
18 take.

19 Now, my thinking is the longer it  
20 takes to put the police officers on, the less money  
21 they will need. So, if the officers are going to be  
22 here for 11 months versus 6, it would seem like they  
23 would need less than the \$300,000. So, I would hope  
24 you would consider those three things when they  
25 combine the actual cost, approval first and can

1 things be amended or denied with recommendations?

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: The answer to the  
4 first question is, typically -- I believe the  
5 Council meets twice a month. Typically whenever the  
6 RTAB meets, we would concern ourselves with matters  
7 that would have been taken by City Council prior to  
8 the meetings, today would be an example. So the  
9 Council is free to act.

10 With regards to resolutions as an  
11 example, those resolutions wouldn't take effect  
12 until they've been approved by the RTAB. We try to  
13 meet monthly so that we go no longer than two  
14 Council meetings each time.

15 With regards to your second question,  
16 I suspect we would have the authority to do what you  
17 suggest, but again, I think that to exercise that  
18 authority would set us up as a supra City Council.  
19 If we have a situation like this, as Mr. Larkin  
20 referred to a moment ago, when there seems to be  
21 consensus from the Mayor, at least the majority of  
22 the Council, and the City Administrator with regards  
23 to this transfer and questions that we have with  
24 regards to either the impact upon the Fire  
25 Department or the money being transferred from, or

1 other questions are answered to our satisfaction,  
2 then we're inclined to say "Yes" or "No" with  
3 regards to the proposal. I personally would not be  
4 inclined to say, rather than using money to hire  
5 officers, use them to hire detectives, because that  
6 seems to me to be sort of an observational decision,  
7 that while I might have the authority as an RTAB  
8 member to inquire about or to suggest, isn't really  
9 my role. I don't see my role as to getting into the  
10 minutia of the operations of the City on a  
11 day-to-day basis, if the principal parties are in  
12 agreement as to how to go forward.

13 Other members may have different  
14 perspectives on that, but that would be my  
15 perspective on the issue.

16 MR. DEL MORONE: And the amount of  
17 money, if it's needed for the police, would it be --  
18 could it be less than the \$300,000 the later the  
19 police officers are hired? So if they're hired  
20 today, that, you know, they'll have to start being  
21 paid. If they're hired three months from now, there  
22 won't be any payment then, and for that fiscal year  
23 it would seem like it would be less money that would  
24 be needed to operate that.

25 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: That's certainly

1 a possibility in terms of the dollar amount to some  
2 extent to be a reflection of when the positions are  
3 filled. Again I do know the sort of operational  
4 questions are handled by the Administrator, City  
5 Administrator or others. Our response is that from  
6 a large standpoint, the policy questions of what or  
7 not to do and that we're going to be -- at least I'm  
8 going to be influenced, to some extent, by, again,  
9 the principal parties coming to us. If there's  
10 disagreement, if you had a situation where the Mayor  
11 was, you know, sort of at one end of the spectrum on  
12 this issue, and the City Council was at the other,  
13 and the City Administrator was -- you know, occupied  
14 a third position, I think you would have found much  
15 more questioning and debate from us. And perhaps in  
16 a situation like that, we might very well have  
17 tabled the issue and send it back to the principal  
18 parties and they have to try to reach a consensus.  
19 Where all three come to us -- and again, the Council  
20 vote was not unanimous, I believe it was 8 to 1,  
21 where there's near unanimity from the Council, as  
22 well as it has the support of the Mayor, and it has  
23 the support of the City Administrator, I'm not going  
24 to look at political consideration or otherwise.  
25 They're not within my purview. It's their

1 responsibility to do what they think is best for the  
2 City.

3 And I would have liked to have had  
4 this issue a little bit sooner so that the RTAB  
5 would have had more opportunity to view the issue,  
6 but I understand the circumstances as well as to how  
7 it -- as to how it got to us.

8 MR. DEL MORONE: Well, I thank you for  
9 your answers. And I agree with and understand what  
10 you're saying.

11 The other thing I would point out is,  
12 part of our problem here in the City, in the past,  
13 has been that both Council and Mayor would agree on  
14 something, and be -- let's say, the wrong thing that  
15 they're agreeing on, they're mistaken even though  
16 you have maybe an 9-0 unanimous vote, and the  
17 Mayor's -- and I'm not referring to our current  
18 Mayor here necessarily, but sometimes everyone can  
19 be wrong, and with your eyes, you sent us in the  
20 right direction. Thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Thank you. That  
22 concludes public comment. Is there any further  
23 business before the RTAB?

24 If not, is there a motion that we  
25 adjourn?



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MEMBER MCGHEE: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Support?

MEMBER LARKIN: Support.

CHAIRPERSON HEADEN: Without  
objection, we're adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.)

## C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Quentina Rochelle Snowden, do  
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