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STATE OF MICHIGAN
CITY OF ALLEN PARK
RECEIVERSHIP TRANSITION ADVISORY BOARD
HEARING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015
ALLEN PARK CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
16630 Southfield Road
Allen Park, Michigan 48101

PRESENT FOR RTAB:

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Suzanne Schafer, Department of Treasury
Kristine L. Barann
Frederick Frank

PRESENT FOR CITY OF ALLEN PARK:

William B. Matakas, Mayor
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1 Allen Park, Michigan

2 Wednesday, October 7, 2015 - at 2:02 p.m.

3 MS. SCHAFER: Okay. We're gonna call the meeting
4 to order.

5 Mr. Cline, would you please take roll call?

6 **ROLL CALL**

7 MR. CLINE: Yes. Suzanne Schafer.

8 MS. SCHAFER: Here.

9 MR. CLINE: Joyce Parker.

10 MS. PARKER: (Not present).

11 MR. CLINE: Kris Barann.

12 MS. BARANN: Here.

13 MR. CLINE: Fred Frank.

14 MR. FRANK: Here.

15 MR. CLINE: Quorum is present.

16 MS. SCHAFER: Thank you.

17 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

18 MS. SCHAFER: We'll move to the Approval of the
19 Agenda. I'll entertain a motion to the - to approve the
20 Agenda as presented.

21 MS. BARANN: So moved.

22 MR. FRANK: Support.

23 MS. SCHAFER: The Agenda has been moved and
24 supported. All those in favor, say "aye."

25 RTAB BOARD: Aye.

1 MS. SCHAFER: Opposed?

2 RTAB BOARD: (No response).

3 MS. SCHAFER: Hearing none, we have approved the
4 Agenda as pre - presented.

5 **Motion by Barann, support by Frank, to approve the**
6 **Agenda for the 10/7/15 RTAB meeting as presented.**

7 **Approved unanimously.**

8 MS. SCHAFER: I just want to remind the public to
9 sign in for Public Comment. As in the past, if you're not
10 signed in, you'll not be recognized.

11 **APPROVAL OF RTAB MINUTES**

12 MS. SCHAFER: Moving onto the approval of the RTAB
13 Minutes. I'll entertain a motion to approve the September
14 2nd, 2015 RTAB draft Minutes.

15 MS. BARANN: So moved.

16 MR. FRANK: Support.

17 MS. SCHAFER: It's been moved and supported. All
18 those in favor of approving the September 2nd, 2015 RTAB
19 draft Minutes, say "aye."

20 RTAB BOARD: Aye.

21 MS. SCHAFER: Opposed?

22 RTAB BOARD: (No response).

23 MS. SCHAFER: Hearing none, we have approved the
24 Minutes for the September 2nd RTAB Meeting.

25 **Motion by Barann, support by Frank, to approve the**

1 **Minutes of the RTAB 9/2/15 meeting. Approved**
2 **unanimously.**

3 **OLD BUSINESS**

4 MS. SCHAFFER: There are no items under Old
5 Business.

6 **NEW BUSINESS**

7 MS. SCHAFFER: So, we'll move onto New Business.
8 The first item is the Approval of Resolutions and Ordinances
9 for the City Council Meetings; the Resolutions from the
10 Regular City Council Meeting of August 25th, 2015. Do you
11 have any questions?

12 Hearing no questions, I'll entertain a motion to
13 approve, deny, or table the Resolutions from the Regular
14 City Council Meeting of August 25th, 2015.

15 MR. FRANK: Move to approve the Reservation (sic) -
16 Resolutions from the August 25th City Council Meeting.

17 MS. BARANN: Support.

18 MS. SCHAFFER: It's been moved and supported. Any
19 further questions or discussion?

20 Hearing none, all those in favor of adopting and
21 approving the - all Resolutions from the Regular City
22 Council Meeting of August 25th, 2015, say "aye."

23 RTAB BOARD: Aye.

24 MS. SCHAFFER: Opposed?

25 RTAB BOARD: (No response).

1 MS. SCHAFER: Hearing none, we have approved all
2 the Resolutions from the Regular City Council Meeting of
3 August 25th, 2015.

4 **Motion by Frank, support by Barann, to approve the**
5 **Resolutions from the Regular City Council Meeting**
6 **of August 25, 2015. Approved unanimously.**

7 MS. SCHAFER: The next item of business are - is
8 the Resolutions from the Regular City Council Meeting of
9 September 8th, 2015. Do we have any questions or comments?

10 Hearing none, I'll entertain a motion to approve,
11 deny, or table the Resolutions from the Regular City Council
12 Meeting of September 8th, 2015.

13 MS. BARANN: I'd move for approval.

14 MR. FRANK: Support.

15 MS. SCHAFER: It's been moved and supported. Any
16 further comments or questions?

17 Hearing none, all those in favor of approving the
18 Resolutions from the Regular City Council Meeting of
19 September 8th, 2015, say "aye."

20 RTAB BOARD: Aye.

21 MS. SCHAFER: Opposed?

22 RTAB BOARD: (No response).

23 MS. SCHAFER: Hearing none, the Board has approved
24 all Resolutions from the Regular City Council Meeting of
25 September 8th, 2015.

1 **Motion by Barann, support by Frank, to approve all**
2 **Resolutions from the Regular City Council Meeting**
3 **of September 8th, 2015. Approved unanimously.**

4 MS. SCHAFER: That takes us to City Administrator
5 Items. We have the Appointment of the City Administrator.
6 While this action, on this item, occurred during a City
7 Council meeting outside the normal review period for today's
8 Board meeting, the Cit (sic) - City Administrator's request
9 to bring this item forward for early review is merited.

10 Mr. Cady, could you please provide the Board with
11 additional information?

12 MR. CADY: Thank you. I - as you - as you recall,
13 and as you just mentioned, that the - after a long search,
14 there were five candidates presented to the - to the search
15 committee from the City. The selection of - or after review
16 and interviews, Mark Kibby was selected. He was approved by
17 the City Council at their meeting of September 22nd, and in
18 order to maintain the continuity and keep things moving, I'd
19 ask that this item be put forward. So, at this time, I'd
20 request you consider pulling that item forward and making a
21 motion to approve him.

22 MS. SCHAFER: Thank you.

23 Do you have any questions for Mr. Cady?

24 MS. BARANN: No, maybe more towards Mr. Cline. I
25 know this was done in conjunction with the state-approved

1 assistance in finding. Any concerns?

2 MR. CLINE: I was not directly involved in the
3 process, but members of my office were very involved, I
4 believe, in the interview process, and followed up routinely
5 with - with the City. I'm not aware of any - any issues or
6 concerns, and it's sort of our policy; we don't make a -
7 like a direct recommendation on this, but I have no - no
8 concerns raised by the process. So, when - as you said,
9 this was done in conjunction with our direct support, so.

10 MS. SCHAFER: Any further questions?

11 MS. BARANN: I move to approve Resolution 15-0922
12 (dash) 261, the Appointment of Mark Kibby as the City
13 Administrator.

14 MR. FRANK: Support.

15 MS. SCHAFER: It's been moved and supported. Any
16 further questions or discussion?

17 Hearing none, all those in favor of - of approving
18 Resolution number 15-0922-261, the Appointment of City
19 Administrator, say "aye."

20 RTAB BOARD: Aye.

21 MS. SCHAFER: Opposed?

22 RTAB BOARD: (No response).

23 MS. SCHAFER: Hearing none, the Board has approved
24 Resolution number 15-0922-261, the Appointment of City
25 Administrator.

1 Congratulations, Mr. Kibby.

2 **Motion by Barann, support by Frank, to approve the**
3 **Resolution 15-0922-261, the Appointment of City**
4 **Administrator Mark Kibby. Approved unanimously.**

5 **NON ACTION ITEMS**

6 MS. SCHAFFER: Then that - that ends our - our New
7 Business. We'll move onto the Non Action Items. The first
8 item is the Budget-to-Actual Report for August 2015. That
9 has been received and filed.

10 The second item is the City Administrator Report.
11 Mr. Cady, do you have - or, Mr. Kibby, do you
12 have -

13 MR. CADY: I will gladly finish this. I'll just -
14 the only - the only thing we have to report - and I think
15 you have the report in front of you, actually; but, I'd just
16 like to add that the annual audit is currently underway with
17 the City right now. Auditors are here onsite. It's been
18 fun. So, that report should be ready, hopefully, for a
19 review by - at least a draft by your next meeting for you.
20 Other than that, all payments are on - are on schedule and
21 have been made on time. Collections today are around 50-
22 percent of revenues; and through the first quarter of the
23 year, we are on schedule for our expenses as - we are
24 actually one-quarter of our total expended budget. So,
25 everything's moving along very nicely right now.

1 And I just want to add it's been a pleasure
2 working with you, and I thank you for -

3 MS. BARANN: Somebody's smiling a little too hard.

4 MR. CADY: - your - I'm sorry, I'm trying - trying
5 to be sad. But, now I can go back to doing what I really
6 want to do and that's be a Finance Director. So, again, I
7 want to thank you for your indulgence, and it's been a real
8 honor and pleasure to work with you. Thank you.

9 MS. SCHAFER: Great.

10 MS. BARANN: Thank you.

11 MR. KIBBY: And I'll just say, Bob's been giddy
12 since September 22nd. You know, he - he really has been
13 around here, so.

14 Thank you for - very much for the approval. I
15 look forward to working in the City for many years to come.
16 As I know right - of course, from years ago, I grew up next
17 door in Melvindale. We - we were always - worked in
18 Melvindale. We were a little envious of Allen Park, and we
19 want to get back to that point, and I think we're heading in
20 that right direction. We got a lot of good - good employees
21 that we've got working here that really put their heart and
22 soul into it, and just got to add a few more in the right
23 spots, and we'll get back to the point where we were. So, a
24 lot of work to still do; ready to roll up the sleeves and go
25 in there.

1 MS. BARANN: Congratulations.

2 MS. SCHAFER: Thank you.

3 MS. BARANN: Thank you.

4 MS. SCHAFER: Any further questions for Mr. Cady or
5 Mr. Kibby?

6 MS. BARANN: No.

7 MS. SCHAFER: No?

8 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

9 MS. SCHAFER: Okay, then we'll move onto Public
10 Comment. Mr. Cline.

11 MR. CLINE: Yes, two individuals. First one, Ray
12 Magusin.

13 MR. MAGUSIN: Good evening (sic). I got a couple
14 questions. I'd like to know where Ms. Parker is. This is
15 about the fourth meeting Ms. Parker has not been here. I
16 think it's very important that ev - everyone's gonna be
17 here, and Ms. Parker is ei - either here or is replaced.
18 I've asked about this for the last three meetings. It's
19 very important. So I'd like to say, Ms. Parker, please be
20 here, and if not, please re - replace her.

21 Another thing, this is a official meeting: I
22 pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of
23 America, and to the republic for which it stands, one
24 Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for
25 all. Something we're forgetting at the opening of these

1 meetings. That should be at all meetings.

2 Another thing, I'd like to know why this meeting
3 is not being taped. You were supposed to have looked into
4 it. You have a resolution to record this meet - meet -
5 meeting to - and it - this is an open meeting and it should
6 be videotaped. Thank you very much. Have a great day.

7 MR. CLINE: And second individual is Dennis Hayes.

8 MR. HAYES: Thank you, and for purposes of full
9 disclosure (sic) - disclosure, I'm gonna ask Mr. Magusin to
10 tape my comments, and I'll use 'em for whatever purposes I
11 wish because it's - according to law, I'm entitled to do so.

12 I have a serious question I'd like to present the
13 body here because our Council seems somewhat immobilized by
14 trepidation and confronting you with important issues. We
15 currently are faced with a police crisis, I believe. I just
16 learned today that the last candidate we tried to hire has
17 taken another position because of better wages or benefits.
18 You approved a contract, apparently, that was still subpar,
19 and I have said and I've repeated, and irrespective of how
20 anybody wants to classify, recharacterize, or reframe what
21 I've said: The market has to dictate our benefits and our
22 wages. Right now, the market pressures are combined against
23 us. We are below the market. Not only that, but new
24 economic pressures have arisen. People don't even want to
25 serve coffee to police officers anymore. Nobody's applying

1 to be a police officer, which puts a higher demand on our
2 need and depresses the supply. So I'm asking you, since you
3 seem to have all the power and all the wisdom, and we have
4 none, or we're afraid to exercise what we may have, what are
5 you gonna do to ensure that you don't create through your
6 failure to act on this financial pressing matter, create an
7 unsafe condition in our community; and I hope to hear from
8 you soon with your plans. Thank you so much.

9 MR. CLINE: And that concludes Public Comment.

10 MS. SCHAFER: Okay.

11 **BOARD COMMENTS**

12 MS. SCHAFER: We move onto Board Comment. Does the
13 Board have any comments? Any -

14 MR. FRANK: I want - just wanted to thank Mr. Cady
15 for serving as the Acting City Administrator and providing
16 this body with information, all within a timely and complete
17 basis; and to congratulate Mark Kibby, both as a Member of
18 the Board and as a citizen of Allen Park. We look forward
19 to working with you.

20 MS. BARANN: I support.

21 MS. SCHAFER: Good.

22 Okay, I have two items that I'd like to - to
23 mention. One is that we - today's meeting is being
24 videotaped. It's - it's not being videotaped; I'm sorry.
25 It was supposed to be videotaped. Sorry about that. We

1 were all set up. We thought we had our maiden voyage here,
2 but apparently, not; so I retract that.

3 The second thing that I'd like to regretfully
4 announce is that Joyce Parker has submitted her resignation
5 from the Board to the Governor, and the Governor has
6 accepted it. Joyce - and - and, you know for - speaking for
7 me personally, I will miss her expertise and her thoughtful
8 decision-making skills; that'll certainly be missed by the
9 Board. So, on behalf of the - the State, and as Chair of
10 the Board, I would like to publicly thank Joyce for her
11 service. So, the Governor will be appointing a new RTAB
12 member shortly and that will be announced as soon as we know
13 who the Governor has appointed. And I have no further
14 comments.

15 **ADJOURNMENT**

16 MS. SCHAFER: Okay. Anything else from the Board
17 Members?

18 MS. BARANN: Move to adjourn.

19 MS. SCHAFER: All right. It's been moved.

20 MR. FRANK: Support.

21 MS. SCHAFER: It's been moved and supported to
22 adjourn the meeting. All those in favor of adjournment, say
23 "aye."

24 RTAB BOARD: Aye.

25 MS. SCHAFER: Opposed?

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RTAB BOARD: (No response).

MS. SCHAFER: Hearing none, the meeting has been adjourned. Thank you.

Motion by Barann, support by Frank, to adjourn the RTAB meeting of 10/7/15. Approved unanimously.

(At 2:15 p.m., meeting concluded)

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF WAYNE:

I, Marcia Ann Tomkiewicz, certify that this transcript, consisting of 15 pages, is a true, complete and correct transcript, to the best of my ability, of the minutes of the hearing of the City of Allen Park Receivership Transition Advisory Board on October 7, 2015.

I also certify that I am not related or associated with any of the parties in this hearing.



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