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HEARING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015
ALLEN PARK CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
16630 Southfield Road
Allen Park, Michigan 48101

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Suzanne Schafer, Department of Treasury
Frederick Frank
Scott Lites
Mark Wollenweber

PRESENT FOR CITY OF ALLEN PARK:

William B. Matakas, Mayor
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1 Allen Park, Michigan

2 Wednesday, November 4, 2015 - at 2:00 p.m.

3 MS. SCHAFER: Okay. We're gonna get ready, get
4 started here. The first thing I'd like to do is introduce
5 our two new Board Members. I have Mr. Mark Wollenweber and
6 Mr. Scott Lites, at the end of the table here.

7 So, with introductions made, I'll turn to Mr.
8 Cline to do a roll call.

9 ROLL CALL

10 MR. CLINE: Yes. Suzanne Schafer.

11 MS. SCHAFER: Here.

12 MR. CLINE: Kris Barann has been excused. She has
13 a - a conflict today.

14 Fred Frank.

15 MR. FRANK: Here.

16 MR. CLINE: Mark Wollenweber

17 MR. WOLLENWEBER: Here.

18 MR. CLINE: Scott Lites.

19 MR. LITES: Here.

20 MR. CLINE: We have a quorum.

21 MS. SCHAFER: Okay. Thank you.

22 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23 MS. SCHAFER: The next item of business is the
24 Approval of the Agenda. I'll entertain a motion to approve

1 the Agenda as presented.

2 MR. LITES: So moved.

3 MR. WOLLENWEBER: Second.

4 MS. SCHAFER: It's been moved and seconded. All
5 those in favor of approving the Agenda, say "aye."

6 RTAB BOARD: Aye.

7 MS. SCHAFER: Opposed?

8 RTAB BOARD: (No response).

9 MS. SCHAFER: Hearing none, we have approved
10 today's Agenda as presented.

11 Motion by Lites, support by Wollenweber, to
12 approve the Agenda for the 11/4/15 RTAB meeting as
13 presented. Approved unanimously.

14 MS. SCHAFER: I'd like to remind the - the public
15 to sign up for Public Comments or you'll not be recognized.
16 Keep in - keep in mind that comments from the speakers must
17 be civil and respectful.

18 APPROVAL OF RTAB MINUTES

19 MS. SCHAFER: Next item is the approval of the RTAB
20 Minutes. The first item is the Minutes from the October
21 7th, 2015 meeting, Regular Meeting. Do you have any
22 questions or concerns regarding the meeting minutes for that
23 October 7th meeting?

24 Hearing none, I'll entertain a motion to approve
25 the October 7th, 2015 RTAB draft Minutes with - we did have

1 a noted clarification.

2 MR. FRANK: So moved with the clarification to
3 approve the Minutes from October 7th.

4 MR. WOLLENWEBER: I'll second.

5 MS. SCHAFER: It's been moved and supported. All
6 those in favor of approving the October 7th, 2015 RTAB draft
7 Minutes with noted clarifications, please say "aye."

8 RTAB BOARD: Aye.

9 MS. SCHAFER: Opposed?

10 RTAB BOARD: (No response).

11 MS. SCHAFER: Hearing none, we have approved the
12 October 7th, 2015 RTAB Minutes with the noted
13 clarifications.

14 Motion by Frank, support by Wollenweber, to
15 approve the Minutes of the RTAB 10/7/15 meeting
16 with noted clarifications. Approved unanimously.

17 MS. SCHAFER: The next item is the Special Meeting
18 Minutes from October 26th, 2015. I will entertain a motion
19 to approve the October 26th, 2015 RTAB draft Special Meeting
20 Minutes as presented.

21 MR. LITES: So moved.

22 MR. FRANK: Support.

23 MS. SCHAFER: It's been moved and supported. All
24 those in favor, say "aye."

25 RTAB BOARD: Aye.

1 MS. SCHAFER: Opposed?

2 RTAB BOARD: (No response).

3 MS. SCHAFER: Hearing none, we've approved the
4 October 26th, 2015 RTAB Special Meeting Minutes as
5 presented.

6 Motion by Lites, support by Frank, to approve the
7 Special Meeting Minutes of the RTAB 10/26/15 as
8 presented. Approved unanimously.

9 OLD BUSINESS

10 MS. SCHAFER: The next item is Old Business, of
11 which there is none.

12 NEW BUSINESS

13 MS. SCHAFER: So, we will move to New Business.
14 First up is the Approval of Resolutions and Ordinances for
15 the City Council Meetings; first item, the Resolutions from
16 the Regular City Council Meeting of September 22nd, 2015.
17 Do we have any questions or concerns regarding the
18 Resolutions from that meeting?

19 MR. WOLLENWEBER: So moved.

20 MR. FRANK: Second. I believe we approved one of
21 the Resolutions at the Special Meeting - or the prior
22 meeting which - excuse me - the prior meeting which was the
23 approval of Mark Kibby as City Administrator; we moved that
24 forward.

25 MR. CLINE: We did do that, yes.

1 MS. SCHAFER: That's correct.
2 MR. CLINE: I do not recall the -
3 MS. SCHAFER: The resolution.
4 MR. CLINE: - specific number of that resolution,
5 but that - that is correct.
6 MR. FRANK: I believe it is 15-0922-261. Support.
7 MS. SCHAFER: Okay.
8 MS. SCHAFER: It's been moved and supported. Any
9 further comments or questions?
10 Hearing none, all those in favor of approving the
11 Resolutions from the Regular City Council Meeting of
12 September 22nd, 2015, say "aye."
13 RTAB BOARD: Aye.
14 MS. SCHAFER: Opposed?
15 RTAB BOARD: (No response).
16 MS. SCHAFER: Hearing none, we have approved the
17 Resolutions from the Regular City Council Meeting of
18 September 22nd, 2015.
19 Motion by Wollenweber, support by Frank, to
20 approve the Resolutions from the Regular City
21 Council Meeting of September 22, 2015. Approved
22 unanimously.
23 MS. SCHAFER: Next are the Resolutions from the
24 Regular City Council Meeting of October 13th, 2015. Is
25 there - does the Board have any questions or concerns?

1 MR. FRANK: I had a question about the - the
2 ordinance regulating donation boxes. I know that's been up-
3 and-down for a while. But a number - there's a number of
4 communities have been engaged in litigation over the - the
5 constitutionality of those, and I just wanted to know
6 whether we have reviewed - whether the City has reviewed
7 that with our attorney and made the appropriate changes to
8 make it as least litigation-friendly possible -

9 MS. SCHAFER: Mr. Kibby.

10 MR. FRANK: - with - notwithstanding some of us are
11 lawyers.

12 MR. KIBBY: Mr. - Committee Chair, we did work with
13 the City Attorney on that. I believe it is based on the -
14 the community on the west side of the state had a - that has
15 had successful issues with their ordinance and dealing with
16 - I believe it was Planet - Planet Aid, and dealing with
17 them. So our City Attorney, Joe Couvreur, did work with the
18 litiga (sic) - or the - our commission - our committee that
19 does the ordinances to make sure that - that was there with
20 no issues. I believe they had that for about six months
21 that they've been working on that.

22 MR. FRANK: Thank you.

23 MR. CLINE: If I may - if I may add one thing, just
24 - just for the benefit of the Board, when our staff in our
25 office reviews any of the RTAB packets, anytime there's an

1 ordinance that may come before the Board, we always check
2 with the community to make sure that their legal counsel has
3 - has read the - the particular ordinance to make sure that
4 they've at least had a hand in developing, and if not
5 developing it completely, to address questions, you know,
6 just like that, and anything we are concerned about, we'll
7 certainly bring to your attention, you know, prior to the
8 meeting. So - but we - we do always check on that to see if
9 legal counsel's been involved in the development of any
10 ordinances, so.

11 MR. KIBBY: I can also add the - we'll just point
12 that, additionally, the attorney did work with the attorneys
13 from Planet Aid, which is one of the largest non-profit
14 organizations, to make sure that there was no issues as well
15 so we could avoid those litigation aspects.

16 MS. SCHAFER: Thank you.

17 MR. FRANK: Thank you.

18 I had one other question -

19 MS. SCHAFER: Sure.

20 MR. FRANK: - on that point which is on the
21 approval of the Downriver Community Conference Interlocal
22 Agreement Amendment.

23 MR. KIBBY: Yeah, that was required through the DCC
24 to update some paperwork through the Brownfield Consortium,
25 and they had done this on February of (20-13), and they

1 needed to have some new signatures updated at that point in
2 time as well for the - Dec (sic) - October of -
3 September/October of '15.

4 MR. FRANK: So it has not changed -

5 MR. KIBBY: Nothing had changed on that. They were
6 just up - updating signatures.

7 MR. FRANK: Thank you, Mr. Kibby.

8 MS. SCHAFER: Are there any further questions for
9 Mr. Kibby or Mr. Cline?

10 Okay, I'll entertain a motion to approve, deny, or
11 table all the Resolutions from the Regular City Council
12 Meeting of October 13th, 2015.

13 MR. FRANK: Move to approve all Resolutions from
14 the Regular City Council Meeting of October 13th, 2015.

15 MR. LITES: Support.

16 MR. WOLLENWEBER: Second.

17 MS. SCHAFER: It's been moved and supported. Any
18 further discussion?

19 All those in favor of approving all Resolutions
20 from the Regular City Council Meeting of October 13th, 2015,
21 say "aye."

22 RTAB BOARD: Aye.

23 MS. SCHAFER: Opposed?

24 RTAB BOARD: (No response).

25 MS. SCHAFER: Hearing none, we have approved all

1 Resolutions from the Regular City Council Meeting of October
2 13th, 2015.

3 Motion by Frank, support by Lites, to approve all
4 Resolutions from the Regular City Council Meeting
5 of October 13th, 2015. Approved unanimously.

6 MS. SCHAFER: The next item of business is
7 pertaining to the Rules of Procedure Amendments.

8 Mr. Cline, would you please provide a summary to
9 the Board.

10 MR. CLINE: Yes, thank you.

11 We do have in the draft that's before you a couple
12 of different amendments to the Rules of Procedure for the
13 Board, which you'll notice article - or Section - excuse me
14 - 4.1 does list out the Members of the Board by name. Since
15 we've had some change of membership, we wanted to - to
16 update that to reflect the new composition of the Board.

17 Furthermore, going back to a discussion we've had
18 for several months now, Section 5.12, we had inserted some
19 draft criteria that would permit the video recording of the
20 Board meetings and this is based upon a discussion that my
21 staff had with the City and the City Administrator, and
22 those criteria that you see inserted into the - the Rules of
23 Procedure reflect the conversations that we had with the
24 City. We know they're slightly more generic than specifying
25 a certain rule - you know, some specific channels or

1 anything to account for in case things change in the future.
2 But - but there are - directly reflect of the discussion we
3 had and the agreement of the process of how - how this would
4 work. All the recording will be done by the City and they -
5 they will assume responsibility for - for that entire
6 process.

7 So, if the Board is approving of these changes, we
8 can get this finalized and then the recording should start,
9 I would assume, next month if the City's prepared to do so.

10 MR. FRANK: Move to approve the Amendment to the
11 Rules of Procedure in Section 5.12, adding that, and
12 revising/amending Section 4.1.

13 MR. WOLLENWEBER: Second.

14 MS. SCHAFER: It's been moved and - and supported.
15 Any further discussion?

16 Hearing none, all those in favor of amending the
17 Rules of Procedures, Section 4.1 and 5.12, say "aye."

18 RTAB BOARD: Aye.

19 MS. SCHAFER: Opposed?

20 RTAB BOARD: (No response).

21 MS. SCHAFER: Hearing none, the Board has approved
22 the Amendments to the Rules of Procedure.

23 Motion by Frank, support by Wollenweber, to
24 approve the Rules of Procedure Amendments.

25 Approved unanimously.

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3 MS. SCHAFER: The next item is EM Order 2014 (dash)
4 055 (dash) 08 Amendments.

5 Again, Mr. Cline, could you please provide a
6 summary?

7 MR. CLINE: Certainly. This is an order that was
8 implemented by Emergency Manager Parker. It establishes and
9 creates a disclosure team for the purposes of the issuance
10 of municipal bonds and establishes a disclosure team that -
11 and is comprised of the City Administrator, the Mayor, and
12 the Finance Director. In time of the implementation and
13 adoption of the Order, it listed out those individuals by
14 name. Given the - the changes in City Administrator and the
15 Finance Director no longer being the Interim Administrator,
16 it was time to make a change to that; and what we have done
17 is we have redrafted the Order to be reflective of positions
18 as opposed to specific names, and that way in the future
19 should - should any - anyone change for whatever reason, we
20 don't have to go back and amend this to add new names. It's
21 just by position.

22 Just as a reminder to the Board, this is an EM
23 Order Amendment, so any vote you take would be a
24 recommendation to the State Treasurer to - to authorize
25 this.

1 MS. SCHAFER: Are there any questions for Mr.
2 Cline?
3 MR. CLINE: Well, if I may add as well, we did make
4 these draft changes in consultation with the City. My
5 understanding is that they - they have seen the draft. This
6 is very simple, so, you know, don't see any particular
7 concerns. But - but they have - they have been onboard with
8 this from - from the beginning.
9 MS. SCHAFER: Thank you.
10 Any questions or comments?
11 MR. WOLLENWEBER: I'll make the motion to approve
12 and recommend to the State Treasurer the Amendment as
13 outlined.
14 MR. LITES: Support.
15 MS. SCHAFER: It's been moved and supported. Any
16 further discussion?
17 Okay. All those in favor of recommending to the
18 State Treasurer an Amendment to EM Order No. 2014 (dash) 055
19 (dash) 08, 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 recommendation to the State Treasurer for an Amendment to EM
25 Order No. 2014 (dash) 055 (dash) 8.

1 Motion by Wollenweber, support by Lites, to
2 approve the EM Order No. 2014-055-8 Amendment
3 recommendation to the State Treasurer. Approved
4 unanimously.

5 MS. SCHAFER: The next item of business is the
6 Annual RTAB Evaluation.

7 And again, Mr. Cline.

8 MR. CLINE: Yes. In the appointment, rather, of
9 the RTAB, the Governor assigned to the Board to conduct an
10 Annual Evaluation of the community. In the development of
11 the RTAB process, but - the annual evaluation process,
12 Treasury staff has conducted the evaluations with the
13 understanding and - and approval of the Board to begin to
14 move forward. We've tried to tie the evaluation process to
15 the communities, sort of their annual date, as to when the
16 RTAB was appointed. I do apologize. I intended on putting
17 this on last month's agenda since their due date is at the
18 end of October, and we pretty much just simply forgot about
19 it. But, it was - time to move forward with this. What
20 we're asking for today, you have a - a summary of the
21 evaluation for the criteria that we will be looking at; just
22 simply asking you to authorize us to move forward with this
23 and then we'll begin that process, and then all the
24 information we gather will be brought back to you. And I
25 have discussed this with the City Administrator, and after -

1 after your vote today, I'll discuss with him a little
2 further how this works. But just to keep it very simple,
3 we've tried to make this evaluation as - as simple and as
4 straightforward as we possibly can. We've eliminated any
5 sort of point system or a pass/fail rate, or any - anything
6 of that nature. We've simply made this to be a "yes" or
7 "no" type of evaluation, and the criteria that we use is
8 criteria that any local government the processes that they
9 should be doing anyway. For example, one of the questions
10 is, "Does the community utilize a capital improvements
11 plan?" Well, we know that the City already has that in
12 place because that was one of the things that they had to
13 develop at the appointment time of the RTAB. So, that is
14 something very simple that they will meet that criteria, and
15 as I said, we use a simple "yes/no" format.

16 "Are you doing it?"

17 "Yes."

18 "If you are, how well is it working. If you're
19 not, why haven't you done it? Have you not had time to get
20 to it? Do you lack the resources?"

21 And if you give a host of reasons, and, "What is
22 your plan to address it going forward?"

23 We just simply compile that information. It - you
24 know, the answers will fall out however they fall out.
25 We'll bring that back to you. We also have a process to

1 allow for input and - and sort of a interview section for
2 the RTAB Members to - to give your feedback into this
3 process. When city staff - or when my staff sits down with
4 the City, we'll sit down with - with the City Administrator,
5 I'm - I'm assuming the Mayor as well, and possibly, the
6 Finance Director. We - I mean we don't put any limits on -
7 on who needs to be involved, but they'll have a fair
8 understanding of - of what we're gonna be discussing. We've
9 done these in - in several other of the RTAB communities.
10 They've all generally worked pretty well. I think this will
11 be the third or fourth time we've done this, so we're still
12 working on a kink here or there. But, generally, we've been
13 pretty happy with it, and what we're asking for today is you
14 to just give us the go ahead to - to start this process
15 because I don't want it to take too long because it - it is
16 somewhat time consuming to develop and get everything
17 scheduled, and - and then get it written up properly to
18 bring back to you. And then at the end, once final approval
19 is given, a report does go to the Governor, the - the local
20 community gets a copy, the State Treasurer gets a copy; and
21 we have tried to design it reflective of the reporting
22 requirements in Public Act 436, so we send a copy to the
23 State Senator and State Representative's offices that - that
24 represent Allen Park. So we try and mirror that as much as
25 we can and that way everyone that needs to know is aware of

1 how well the process is working, so.

2 So if there's any questions, it's fairly
3 straightforward at this point and -

4 MR. LITES: How long does the evaluation normally
5 take?

6 MR. CLINE: Well, to actually sit down with the
7 City and go through all of it, it's probably a couple hours.
8 It depends on how much we end up talking about any
9 particular point. And then to go back and write it up,
10 let's say, you know, go through a couple drafts of it and
11 everything, it probably takes a good couple of weeks. Then
12 were spursed (sic) with other projects and everything.

13 So, if we were able to sit down - I'm just trying
14 to think on the fly here - but if we - if we sat down, say,
15 sometime in early December with the City, we could possibly
16 have a draft back for you by the January meeting, more
17 likely the February meeting.

18 MR. LITES: That's my question; right.

19 MR. CLINE: Yeah.

20 MR. LITES: We'd be anticipating getting the -
21 getting the evaluation in - at the February meeting.

22 MR. CLINE: I'd say that's probably safe. You
23 know, I'll be honest, that if - sometimes we - we have a
24 little trouble with the - the timing on this because it's
25 sort of a new process for everybody, and - and like I said,

1 we have a little bit of trial and error trying to work out
2 some of the - the defects in it; but, I think we're getting
3 closer to a more streamlined process. So, I want to get
4 this one started early and get it over with, and - and get
5 it back to you as quickly as I can, so.

6 MS. SCHAFER: Any further questions for Mr. Cline?

7 Okay. I'll entertain a motion to approve, deny,
8 or postpone commencement of a Annual RTAB Evaluation.

9 MR. LITES: I would move to authorize conducting
10 the Evaluation.

11 MR. WOLLENWEBER: Second.

12 MS. SCHAFER: It's been moved and supported. All
13 those in favor of approving Treasury to commence the Annual
14 RTAB Evaluation, say "aye."

15 RTAB BOARD: Aye.

16 MS. SCHAFER: Opposed?

17 RTAB BOARD: (No response).

18 MS. SCHAFER: Hearing none, the Board has approved
19 Treasury to go ahead on the commencement of the Annual RTAB
20 Evaluation.

21 Motion by Lites, support by Wollenweber, to
22 approve the State Treasury to commence with the
23 Annual RTAB Evaluation. Approved unanimously.

24 MS. SCHAFER: The next item under City - Old - New
25 Business - I'm sorry - is the City - City Administrator

1 Items, of which there is none.

2 NON ACTION ITEMS

3 MS. SCHAFER: So we move onto the Non Action Items.
4 The first of that is the Budget-to-Actual Report for
5 September 2015. It has been submitted and filed, received
6 and filed; as has the Quarterly Revenue & Expenditure
7 Report. And is there any comments or questions on either of
8 those?

9 MR. CLINE: I do - do not know if - if Mr.
10 Wollenweber or Mr. Lites have any questions related to these
11 since this is their first meeting when you're looking at
12 that. I didn't have any immediate commentary on it given
13 that, you know, everyone has an opportunity to review it.
14 So, I don't know if we have any other - any other questions
15 or anything?

16 MR. WOLLENWEBER: I went through it, and both of
17 them in some detail; but, I just had some individual
18 questions which I'll be happy to take up with staff later,
19 just how they fund their define benefit or define
20 contribution system. There weren't charges from some of the
21 departments. The - had a con (sic) - one of the very
22 specific ones is the - a fire grant. I assume that's a
23 personnel grant or is that an equipment grant?

24 MR. KIBBY: There was the Safe (sic) - that should
25 have been the SAFER grant, the -

1 MR. WOLLENWEBER: Oh, okay.
2 MR. KIBBY: - for personnel.
3 MR. WOLLENWEBER: For personnel. How come it's not
4 expended out? 'Cause you - I -
5 MS. SCHAFER: That -
6 MR. WOLLENWEBER: - I assume you're hiring.
7 MR. CADY: Because of the new grant.
8 MR. WOLLENWEBER: Is it just starting?
9 MR. KIBBY: Yeah, this - this was the renewal of
10 that grant.
11 MR. WOLLENWEBER: Okay. Okay, got it. I'm fine.
12 MS. SCHAFER: You're fine?
13 That brings us to the City Administrator Update.
14 Mr. Kibby.
15 MR. KIBBY: Let me get back up again.
16 Start off first with the - we had the election
17 last night and we did have a few new members coming onboard.
18 The Mayor Matakas was able to retain his position for
19 another 4 years.
20 And back in the audience here I see Councilman
21 Sisko and Councilman Templin were both reelected. And we
22 have two new members coming onboard: It'll be Councilman
23 Rourke and Councilwoman McLeod. And so, we're looking
24 forward to having them come on - join us here.
25 We also had a road millage which was approved. It

1 was - it was a little bit closer than we would have desired,
2 but nonetheless, it was approved. It was for 1.9 mills for
3 10 years, and it'll generate about a million-four per year;
4 so we're really looking forward to being able to go and
5 start making some progress, and reevaluate (sic) - re -
6 redoing some roads and maintain some roads for long-term
7 preventative maintenance which we have not been able to do
8 for a number of years. So, it'll be a new change there.

9 One of the things we were talking about that we
10 did a couple of presentations for the residents through -
11 through this area - or through this facility here, and we
12 had a number of people come in. I think the first
13 presentation we had about a hundred and - about hundred twen
14 (sic) - hundred - hundred people or so, and the second one
15 we had about 35 to 40. And - but we were able to answer all
16 the questions, had engineers here, had staff from DPS and
17 roads. And the - the key thing that we - we kept telling -
18 we - we've got to build trust, and we got to show the
19 residents that we are capable of utilizing the tax dollars
20 they've granted to us with the - with all the best
21 intentions and the best product we can possibly put together
22 for them. So we do have a plan that we'll now be able to
23 move forth on and start on that in the springtime. That
24 millage will actually be on the winter tax, so we'll be
25 ready to go for the spring.

1 This is - since we last met, the Police Department
2 has finally moved over to this com - complex completely. We
3 are completely out of the old building. It has been
4 shuttered, water turned off, the HVAC system is shut down.
5 The police officers, I believe, are very happy to be over
6 here. The air quality is much, much improved. They don't
7 have to worry about leaks on their work areas and stations.

8 We do utilize a - a jail holding cell, a cage to
9 hold the - anybody we bring in, and then they are processed
10 and they are transported over to the City of Dearborn. I
11 have not gone over there myself since this has gone through,
12 but I understand that there was a welcoming message for
13 those prisoners to their new housing facility there in
14 Dearborn.

15 One of the things we are running into trouble
16 with, though, is - is hiring of new police officers and also
17 firefighters. And I know this is something that we talked
18 about at the Council meetings, and if you are watching the -
19 you know, watch the videos, you'll know it's come up a
20 number of times. We - it seems like every time we're ready
21 to hire an officer, they get a better offer from another
22 community. So, we - we're looking at some other options as
23 to how to - to maybe turn that trend, and so we're working
24 with the - right now, we're gonna be working with the
25 academies and see if we can get those people right from the

1 ground floor and get 'em as they're coming right out. It's
2 a little bit of an unusual step for - for Allen Park, as
3 years ago, you know, an upwards of 250 people would apply
4 for a position here for a police officer, and - and now
5 we're down to - I think we had nine on the last round. And
6 then you start eliminating them because of various reasons.
7 So, it's a big change for us, so we're - we're gonna have to
8 - we got to reevaluate how we do business and - and seeking
9 those individuals out. And the same said (sic) - can be
10 said for the fire department as they're running into the
11 same situation. And I think a lot of it has to do with the
12 - you know, it's not as favorable to be a police officer or
13 firefighter at this point in time as it has been in the
14 past. There - there - there's just not the - the respect
15 out there as there once was, unfortunately. And - and we've
16 also seen it come across in the DPS as well, and, you know,
17 we know the wages are low, but it is what we - what we have
18 to deal with, and so we're trying to find the right - right
19 peo (sic) - personnel to fit those spots.

20 Since we've also met there (sic), we have had - we
21 did submit a - the - the distressed cities grant to the
22 state. We had four projects totaling a million, one twen
23 (sic) - \$1,129,000.00 for the four projects. They included
24 HVA system - let me go back. They included street lighting
25 for the overall street lighting of the - of the community

1 going to an LED system, which had a savings of - of about a
2 hundred and twenty thousand per year - or I'm sorry - eighty
3 thousand on that; and then HVA system at the fire station,
4 which also would have a - a significant - significant
5 savings for the City. We have a parking and security
6 upgrades for this facility here, as well as the Community
7 Center; and - what am I missing on the third - fourth -

8 MR. CADY: The generator.

9 MR. KIBBY: Oh, yes, an important aspect to this
10 building is a generator that would be portable, which we'd
11 be able to move from this location to the Community Center.
12 It would be fully operational for the entire facility, so it
13 is a - a large unit, but something we don't have. And we'd
14 also be able to utilize that for other Downriver communities
15 through the Mutual Aid system if there's a need, that we
16 have power but others do not. We'd be able to share with
17 them as well.

18 Finally, we're - we are wrapping up - it's the end
19 of the construction season. We're wrapping up some road
20 projects, some things that you have actually allowed us to
21 put - put forth - forward a couple months ago. Those
22 projects are now wrapped up on the street improvements, and
23 - and that'll go hand-in-hand with our road millage for next
24 year. We've got additional block grant dollars that we need
25 to put forth in a - after we budgeted additional money as

1 well to put towards the road. So, we're - we're gonna be
2 really focused next spring on roads. These people are gonna
3 have to be understanding. There's gonna be a lot of
4 barricades, but that'll be progress there.

5 And then, finally, we had some good news here. I
6 think we announced maybe last time at the October meeting
7 that Zeal Credit Union had named us the "hardest working
8 city" in - in Metropolitan Detroit. A couple weeks ago, we
9 were at the - you know, the local Mexican restaurant, and
10 WCSX was there 'cause we were named the "city of the week"
11 for - for that radio station. And then just last week, we
12 were named - named the "second happiest city" in Michigan.
13 So, things are going very well here, and - and the people
14 enjoy living here, and I - I tell you, I think the - a lot
15 of people - I enjoy working here as - and I know the other
16 people as well. So, we're very excited. There's a - the
17 future's looking very good.

18 MS. SCHAFER: Thank you.

19 Do you have any questions for Mr. Kibby?

20 Thank you very much.

21 PUBLIC COMMENTS

22 MS. SCHAFER: Okay, that brings us to Public
23 Comment. Mr. Cline.

24 MR. CLINE: Just one individual, Harry Sisko.

25 MR. SISKO: Hello, the usual - only have one. But,

1 Harry Sisko, Councilman. And I'd like to welcome the new
2 Board Members, Mr. Wollenweber, good to see you again -

3 MR. WOLLENWEBER: Thank you.

4 MR. SISKO: - and, Mr. Lites. Welcome to Allen
5 Park.

6 And I - I just want to talk about the election a
7 little bit that we had yesterday, and that - you know, we
8 had Mayor Matakas reelected by a 62 to 38-percent margin. I
9 think - believe it's the first time that a mayor has been
10 reelected in the last 20 years.

11 MAYOR MATAKAS: Twenty-five.

12 MR. SISKO: Twenty-five? Twenty-five.

13 So, that's a positive thing.

14 The two new members from the - that are gonna be
15 on the Council, Ms. McLeod and Mr. Rourke, are gonna be
16 fantastic additions, and I think we're in good shape. And
17 we passed a road millage, which says a lot about our city,
18 and the trust that they have for us, which is headed by the
19 Mayor and our City Administrator, and our previous City
20 Administrator, which was Mr. Cady. And, I - I'd like at
21 some point for everybody to consider looking at us as not
22 being a financially distressed city anymore, and I - I pray
23 that that happens in a short amount of time because we're
24 ready. We have proven - if - and when you do the review,
25 you're gonna see that we - I believe we've done all the

1 things that we're supposed to do and we're ready as a city.
2 And so - and I - I thank you for all your work that you've
3 done moving us forward. Thank you.

4 MR. CLINE: That's it.

5 BOARD COMMENTS

6 MS. SCHAFER: Okay. Moving onto Board Comments.
7 Does the Board have any comments?

8 No comments?

9 ADJOURNMENT

10 MS. SCHAFER: All right. Then the next item is -
11 I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

12 MR. WOLLENWEBER: So moved.

13 MR. FRANK: Support.

14 MS. SCHAFER: It's been moved and supported. All
15 those in favor of adjournment, say "aye."

16 RTAB BOARD: Aye.

17 MS. SCHAFER: Opposed?

18 RTAB BOARD: (No response).

19 MS. SCHAFER: Hearing none, the meeting is
20 adjourned. Thank you.


21 Motion by Wollenweber, support by Frank, to
22 adjourn the RTAB meeting of 11/4/15. Approved
23 unanimously.

24 (At 2:31 p.m., meeting concluded)

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COUNTY OF WAYNE:

I, Marcia Ann Tomkiewicz, certify that this transcript, consisting of 29 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 November 4, 2015.

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