

City of Hamtramck

Receivership Transition Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 23rd, 2016

Hamtramck City Hall

Council Chambers - 2nd Floor

3401 Evaline

Hamtramck, Michigan 48212

RTAB MEMBERS PRESENT:

KAREN YOUNG

AL BOGDAN

MARK STEMA

DEB ROBERTS

ALSO PRESENT:

KATRINA POWELL

City Administrator

DREW VAN de GRIFT

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Called to order at 1:00 p.m.

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MS. ROBERTS: It is 1:00 on Tuesday August 23rd, and I am going to call the City of Hamtramck Receivership Transition Advisory Board meeting to order.

Just a reminder, if anyone from the public would like to speak during public comment, please sign up at the podium.

Mr. Van de Grift, will you do roll call, please?

MR. VAN de GRIFT: Albert Bogdan?

MR. BOGDAN: Here.

MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Peter McInerney?

Absent and excused.

Deborah Roberts?

MS. ROBERTS: Here.

MR. VAN de GRIFT: Mark Stema?

MR. STEMA: Here.

MR. VAN de GRIFT: Karen Young?

MS. YOUNG: Here.

MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Quorum is present.

MS. ROBERTS: Thank you.

First item on the agenda, is approval of the agenda. I would entertain a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MS. YOUNG: Motion to approve.

1 MR. STEMA: Seconded.

2 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion?

3 (No response)

4 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor
5 say aye. Aye.

6 MS. YOUNG: Aye.

7 MR. STEMA: Aye.

8 MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

9 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed, the same.

10 (No response)

11 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries.

12 Next on the agenda is approval of the RTAB
13 minutes from the July 26th, 2016 regular meeting. I would
14 entertain a motion to approve the July 26th, 2016, RTAB
15 meeting minutes as presented.

16 MR. STEMA: Motion to approve.

17 MS. YOUNG: Second.

18 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion?

19 (No response)

20 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor
21 say aye. Aye.

22 MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

23 MS. YOUNG: Aye.

24 MR. STEMA: Aye.

25 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed, the same.

1 (No response)

2 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries.

3 MS. ROBERTS: Next on the agenda is public
4 comment.

5 Mr. Van de Grift, has anyone signed up for
6 comment?

7 MR. VAN de GRIFT: Indeed, Mr. Bob Zwolek.

8 MR. ZWOLEK: Good afternoon.

9 THE BOARD: Good afternoon.

10 MR. ZWOLEK: I just wanted to reiterate a point
11 that I brought up a couple months ago, we made the
12 suggestion that the TAB board meetings representing the
13 state, that they would request the state to come in and
14 review the legal activities and the legal volume here in
15 the City of Hamtramck.

16 Another item, which I understand from the
17 minutes of the last meeting, is that there were raised
18 questions about overtime. Part of our police contracts
19 requires a six month review, every six months, relative to
20 the traffic program. Whether or not it was paying for
21 itself. I see it was raised, the issue was raised at the
22 last meeting, and we have not had any review.

23 And it was acknowledged by the city manager that
24 they have no way of really tracking it at this point, it's
25 the responsibility of the court. Well, it's still in the

1 contract; not that I'm opposed to the traffic program, we
2 definitely need a traffic program here in Hamtramck.

3 But the contract specifies we need to review
4 that, for fiscal responsibility. And again, I know you've
5 raised the issue, so, it's the only comment that I have to
6 make. Thank you.

7 THE BOARD: Thank you.

8 MR. VAN de GRIFF: Mark Kouri.

9 MR. KOURI: Good afternoon, my name's Mark
10 Kouri. I want to advise the board of something that Mr.
11 Zwolek had raised a few weeks ago. It was a problem of,
12 there was assistant attorney general, former assistant
13 attorney general, a Mr. Haney, who initially filed a
14 lawsuit, which he gave copies of to the board to look at.

15 Since that time, there've been more lawsuits
16 filed involving the same unit, and other jurisdictions,
17 against the state police. And there was a sergeant out of
18 Hamtramck assigned to that. And since that time, there
19 have been more lawsuits filed in federal court by Mr.
20 Haney. And I also understand there has been a state civil
21 rights grievance filed with Michigan Department of Civil
22 Rights by two other people, based upon this same officer
23 within the department.

24 And the lawsuits speak for themselves. If you
25 read the first lawsuit that Mr. Zwolek was kind enough to

1 provide the board, you'll see that it involves the same
2 activities, the same unit, and it's really causing a lot
3 of media sensation. Hamtramck Review, channel four,
4 channel seven, have done multiple articles on this, even
5 follow-up articles on this.

6 And we just want the board to know, this type of
7 conduct, as alleged, the allegation rather lurid involves
8 allegations of race discrimination, and police misconduct,
9 and cases of police theft. And I just want to let the
10 particular board know here, that I've been looking into
11 keeping track of all this stuff, and as to one of the
12 cases that was brought by Nabih Ayad, who's a civil rights
13 leader who used to sit on the commission, civil rights
14 commission.

15 He filed a grievance against two ice cream truck
16 operators, who are were kept in the jail, the local jail,
17 for two days without food, at all, kept without food.
18 They were eventually released, their truck had been
19 seized.

20 I happened to be in city council when one of the
21 owners, before he was jailed, after he complained, he
22 said, look, my truck was seized, I have insurance. And it
23 turns out his agent says, what, I had, he's got insurance,
24 State Farm agent, they kept the guy for an extra day --
25 And --

1 MR. VAN de GRIFT: That's two minutes.

2 MS. ROBERTS: Thank you, sir.

3 MR. KOURI: Thank you.

4 MR. VAN de GRIFT: That concludes public
5 comment.

6 MS. ROBERTS: Next on the agenda, we have
7 nothing under old business.

8 First thing under new business is a discussion
9 of the update for fiscal year '17 budget. Ms. Powell, can
10 you give us an update on where we are with the amended
11 budget?

12 MS. POWELL: Yes ma'am, we will be presenting
13 the amended budget, which includes the SAFER grants that
14 we've received. On September 6th, that will be presented
15 to the city council, so you all will receive it in your
16 packet next month.

17 MS. ROBERTS: Thank you.

18 Next on the agenda is approval of resolutions
19 from the regular city council meeting of July 12th, 2016.
20 I would entertain a motion to approve all ordinances and
21 resolutions from the July 12th, 2016, regular meeting,
22 with the exception of Resolution 2016-29, award bid to
23 Century Cement.

24 MS. YOUNG: Motion to approve.

25 MR. STEMA: Seconded.

1 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion?

2 (No response)

3 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor
4 say aye. Aye.

5 MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

6 MS. YOUNG: Aye.

7 MR. STEMA: Aye.

8 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed, the same.

9 (No response)

10 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries.

11 Next on the agenda is Resolution 2016-29, award
12 bid to Century Cement, Inc., for pavement repair program.
13 Ms. Powell, would you please provide a summary of
14 Resolution 2016-29?

15 MS. POWELL: Actually, ma'am, I'm going to refer
16 this to our city engineer, who is in the audience.

17 MS. ROBERTS: Okay.

18 MS. POWELL: Mark Gaworecki.

19 MR. GAWORECKI: Good afternoon, I'm Mark
20 Gaworecki with Hennessy Engineers, the consulting
21 engineers for the city. The pavement repair program is --
22 we were asked to prepare the documents for pavement
23 repairs that were -- are needed, from main breaks, sewer
24 repairs, that that DPS has done, and we prepared documents
25 and advertised bids.

1 And we had, I believe, three bidders, that had
2 picked up plans. And Century Cement was the lowest
3 bidder.

4 MS. ROBERTS: Okay, anybody have any questions?

5 MR. STEMA: I do, I just have one question. I
6 saw that the -- theirs is fixed at \$131,000 a year? How
7 does that work, with the cement, like, is that the cap, or
8 is that automatically what we're going to pay or just
9 based on the job? Like they don't repair as much, how
10 does that work?

11 MR. GAWORECKI: It's based on the job.

12 MR. STEMA: Okay.

13 MR. GAWORECKI: Even though it says \$131,000,
14 and it says 800 square yards, they may only repair 600
15 square yards.

16 MR. STEMA: So it's possible it could come in
17 under?

18 MR. GAWORECKI: That's what they would get paid
19 for. Just what they repair.

20 MR. STEMA: Okay. So it's not like a cap, where
21 it's over or under? Okay.

22 MR. GAWORECKI: Right.

23 And one thing with Century, they held their
24 concrete prices. For the term of the contract, which the
25 last couple years, concrete prices have actually gone up

1 around 25-30 percent, and for them to hold their prices
2 for the length of a contract, that's quite unusual.
3 Because normally a lot of times, they'll ask for a five
4 percent increase, but they held it for the term of the
5 contract.

6 MR. STEMA: Okay.

7 MS. ROBERTS: Any further questions?

8 (No response)

9 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, I would entertain a
10 motion to approve, deny or postpone Resolution 2016-29.

11 MR. STEMA: Motion to approve.

12 MS. YOUNG: Second.

13 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion?

14 (No response)

15 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor
16 say aye. Aye.

17 MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

18 MS. YOUNG: Aye.

19 MR. STEMA: Aye.

20 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed, the same.

21 (No response)

22 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries.

23 Next on the agenda is the resolutions from the
24 regular city council meeting of July 26th, 2016. I would
25 entertain a motion to approve all ordinances and

1 resolutions from the July 26th, 2016 regular city council
2 meeting, with the exception of Resolution 2016-30.

3 MR. BOGDAN: Motion to approve.

4 MS. YOUNG: Second.

5 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion?

6 (No response)

7 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor
8 say aye. Aye.

9 MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

10 MS. YOUNG: Aye.

11 MR. STEMA: Aye.

12 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed, the same.

13 (No response)

14 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries.

15 Next on the agenda is Resolution 2016-30, the
16 contract with Century Cement, which is the same contract
17 we just discussed; I don't think we need to have any
18 further discussion, unless anybody has questions. This is
19 to approve the actual contract, so I would entertain a
20 motion to approve Resolution 2016-30.

21 MS. YOUNG: Motion to approve.

22 MR. STEMA: Seconded.

23 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion?

24 (No response)

25 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor

1 say aye. Aye.

2 MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

3 MS. YOUNG: Aye.

4 MR. STEMA: Aye.

5 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed, the same.

6 (No response)

7 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries.

8 Next on the agenda are the claims and accounts
9 from the regular city council meeting draft minutes,
10 August 9th, 2016. I would entertain a motion to approve,
11 deny or postpone the claims and accounts from the regular
12 city council meeting.

13 MR. STEMA: Motion to approve.

14 MS. YOUNG: Second.

15 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion?

16 (No response)

17 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor
18 say aye. Aye.

19 MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

20 MS. YOUNG: Aye.

21 MR. STEMA: Aye.

22 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed, the same.

23 (No response)

24 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries.

25 Next on the agenda is the city administrator

1 items. We have already taken care of the approval of city
2 minutes, next would be the approval of budget to actual
3 and cash flow reports. I would entertain a motion to
4 approve, deny or postpone the budget to actual cash flow
5 reports.

6 MS. YOUNG: Motion to approve.

7 MR. BOGDAN: Second.

8 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion?

9 I think I might have had a couple questions.

10 Nope, I don't.

11 All those in favor say aye. Aye.

12 MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

13 MS. YOUNG: Aye.

14 MR. STEMA: Aye.

15 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed, the same.

16 (No response)

17 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries.

18 Next on the agenda is the approval of the
19 invoice register and preapproved expenditures. I would
20 entertain a motion to approve, deny, or postpone the
21 invoice register and preapproved expenditures.

22 MS. YOUNG: Motion to approve.

23 MR. BOGDAN: Second it.

24 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion?

25 This is where I had a couple questions. Ms.

1 Powell, or Ms. Cairns, I'm not sure who would answer this.
2 But on page five of fourteen, from 8/9, is a reimbursement
3 to Kathy Angerer, for DWMHA grants. I'm wondering why a
4 grant would be reimbursed, to a person.

5 MS. POWELL: She actually paid for the tools,
6 paint, supplies and meals, and she's being reimbursed for
7 that, through the grant.

8 MS. ROBERTS: Okay.

9 MS. POWELL: Prior to us receiving -- well, she
10 had to pay for it, because our credit card was placed on
11 hold, due to some charges that were made on it that our
12 bank had questions about. And so she had to use her
13 personal card to purchase the items, so we're reimbursing
14 it.

15 MS. ROBERTS: Is this -- there's a lot of stuff
16 on graffiti paint cover up, there's a lot of different
17 charges. Is there --

18 MS. POWELL: And she's purchased it all at the
19 same time.

20 MS. ROBERTS: But then there's some individual
21 payments to a business. So there --

22 MS. POWELL: For which?

23 MS. ROBERTS: It's on that same page. There --
24 is it Mostek Paint and Glass?

25 MS. POWELL: That's for graffiti paint, that's

1 coming out of CDBG.

2 MS. ROBERTS: Okay, but so all these are in
3 addition to what was reimbursed to Ms. Angerer?

4 MS. POWELL: No, she's only being reimbursed --
5 this is the student intern grant, is what she's being
6 reimbursed for. These other things are for CDBG. They're
7 not -- she's not being reimbursed for those.

8 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. But my question was, how
9 much tools and paint were bought, for graffiti?

10 MS. POWELL: They are two separate -- there's
11 two separate issues. The paint, supplies, and meals that
12 she charged was for an intern grant for grounds. That was
13 separate. This is actual, just, we do this every month,
14 we purchase paint for CDBG with Mostek, to cover graffiti.

15 MS. ROBERTS: Okay.

16 MS. POWELL: So she's not being reimbursed;
17 they're totally different items.

18 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. There's a boatload of them,
19 so that's why I'm asking.

20 MS. POWELL: We have a lot of graffiti that
21 needs to be covered.

22 MS. ROBERTS: And then on the next page, the
23 weekly tutoring sessions at the library, those go on
24 through the summer?

25 MS. POWELL: They go on all year. With a math

1 tutor.

2 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. Did we ever find out who
3 was attending those sessions? Like if somebody was
4 attending those sessions?

5 MS. POWELL: He keeps a list of people who
6 attend. He is also employed by the city part time, at the
7 library.

8 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. The motion before us is to
9 approve the invoice register and preapproved expenditures.
10 All those in favor say aye. Aye.

11 MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

12 MS. YOUNG: Aye.

13 MR. STEMA: Aye.

14 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed, the same.

15 (No response)

16 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries.

17 Next on the agenda is the approval of Resolution
18 2016-30, the contract, well -- that we've already
19 addressed. Okay. That was already addressed.

20 Next on the agenda is approval of Resolution
21 2016-38, contract with PK Contracting for street striping
22 program.

23 While this item occurred during a council
24 meeting outside the normal review period for today's board
25 meeting, the city manager is requesting that we bring the

1 item forward for review. Ms. Powell, would you please
2 provide a summary of this item for the board?

3 MS. POWELL: Yes ma'am. Also I'm going to defer
4 this to our city engineer. Ryan Kern, Hennessy
5 Engineering.

6 MR. KERN: Good afternoon, Ryan Kern, of
7 Hennessy Engineers.

8 THE BOARD: Good afternoon.

9 MR. KERN: This project involves the restriping
10 of all major streets that are owned or maintained by the
11 city. That'd be Hamtramck Drive, Caniff, and Holbrook.
12 We're not doing the section of Holbrook just east of
13 Campau over to Conant, because the city recently got word
14 that we're going to be receiving federal aid assistance to
15 reconstruct that road, in the 2018 construction season.

16 Also, part of this project, we're going to be
17 restriping all crosswalks and stop bars within the
18 vicinity of schools. Public schools, charter schools, and
19 school in the city. That's basically what this involves.

20 MS. ROBERTS: Any questions?

21 MR. STEMA: I actually, just because I wasn't
22 sure -- this has been approved already by the council,
23 right?

24 MR. KERN: Yes.

25 MR. STEMA: I thought so. Okay.

1 MS. ROBERTS: I would entertain a motion to
2 approve, deny or postpone Resolution 2016-38, contract
3 with PK Contracting for street striping.

4 MR. STEMA: Motion to approve.

5 MS. YOUNG: Second.

6 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion?

7 (No response)

8 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor
9 say aye. Aye.

10 MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

11 MS. YOUNG: Aye.

12 MR. STEMA: Aye.

13 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed, the same.

14 (No response)

15 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries.

16 Next on the agenda is approval to fill a vacant
17 Department of Public Works clerk position.

18 Ms. Powell, would you please provide a summary
19 of this item for the board?

20 MS. POWELL: Yes, ma'am.

21 So we had a recent vacancy in the Public Works
22 Department. One of our employees got a promotion and is
23 now running a -- is an executive director for a nonprofit.
24 And Shuhada Rahman has actually been here at the city,
25 working in the clerk's office as well as the Water

1 Department, through a temp agency, for the last year.

2 Once this position became available, we
3 advertised the position, and Shuhada was selected to fill
4 the position in the Water Department. So we're excited to
5 have her on board, she is a resident, or, actually, she
6 lives right outside of Hamtramck, in Detroit, in
7 Bengaltown. She is Bengali, she speaks Bengali, so we're
8 excited about having her on staff.

9 MS. ROBERTS: Good any questions?

10 MR. STEMA: This is already in the budget, was
11 it a budgeted position or -- originally this was empty,
12 right?

13 MS. POWELL: Yes, budgeted position, right. And
14 it's also a union position, as well.

15 MR. STEMA: Okay.

16 MS. ROBERTS: I would entertain a motion to
17 approve, deny or postpone to fill the vacant Department of
18 Public Works clerk position.

19 MR. BOGDAN: Motion to approve.

20 MR. STEMA: Seconded.

21 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion?

22 (No response)

23 MS. ROBERTS: All those in favor say aye. Aye.

24 MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

25 MS. YOUNG: Aye.

1 MR. STEMA: Aye.

2 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed, the same.

3 (No response)

4 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries.

5 Next on the agenda is approval of hiring a part
6 time city planner.

7 Ms. Powell, would you please provide a summary
8 of this item for the board?

9 MS. POWELL: Yes, ma'am.

10 In this year's budget, I requested this position
11 in the budget because it's much needed here. We don't have
12 a city planner currently, or in the past, the city would
13 contract with a city planner, which costs us \$125 an hour.

14 We need to completely redo our land development
15 codes, as well as our zoning ordinances. In addition to
16 our master plan, we need to make sure that they are all
17 compatible; right now they are not.

18 So it made more sense for the city to bring on
19 board a part time city planner, which will hopefully
20 evolve into maybe something later on, in the years to
21 come, where we could actually have a planning department.
22 It's crucial for this community to have someone in place
23 that knows how to write ordinances, and understands, you
24 know, planning and zoning and can work with the building
25 department and whatnot, and economic development, to get

1 some things we need here.

2 So we're excited about having Ms. Markowitz on
3 board, if the board approves her. You can tell by her
4 resume, she's had quite a bit of experience, and we can't
5 wait for her to get started.

6 MS. ROBERTS: So, you said she was going to do
7 zoning ordinance, master plan, what else?

8 MS. POWELL: Everything related to city
9 planning, ordinance, everything. These are things that
10 right now, we need to have redone, to make them more
11 business friendly, more user friendly, and to make sure
12 that they actually correlate with the master plan; right
13 now they don't.

14 So there are things in the master plan that we
15 can't implement, because our ordinances don't allow us to.
16 So this is someone who's going to be sitting down, doing
17 nothing but knocking out ordinances, working with the
18 planning and zoning boards, as well the DDA and economic
19 development and the building department, to make sure that
20 all of our ordinances are applicable to our community.

21 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. The DDA was one of my
22 questions, so these two positions will work together?

23 MS. POWELL: Yes.

24 MS. ROBERTS: And, is the part time, how many
25 hours are we budgeting for?

1 MS. POWELL: We're only able to provide 29 hours
2 a week, per the Affordable Care Act. So it will start off
3 as that. She's going to be really busy.

4 MS. ROBERTS: Okay.

5 I know we had budgeted for this, but this
6 position is more, I mean, this comes before HR, and our
7 purchasing, and our other positions that are vacant?

8 MS. POWELL: This one, we are in the process of
9 interviewing people for all of those other positions, as
10 well.

11 MS. ROBERTS: Okay.

12 MS. POWELL: You'll probably see that coming
13 before you next month.

14 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. I would entertain a motion
15 to approve, deny or postpone the hiring of a part time
16 city planner.

17 MR. STEMA: Motion to approve.

18 MS. YOUNG: Second.

19 MS. ROBERTS: Any further discussion?

20 MR. BOGDAN: Had the council approved this?

21 MS. POWELL: It doesn't have to go to council.

22 MR. BOGDAN: Okay.

23 MS. POWELL: It's not a department head
24 position.

25 MR. BOGDAN: Okay.

1 MS. ROBERTS: Any further discussion?

2 (No response)

3 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor
4 say aye. Aye.

5 MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

6 MS. YOUNG: Aye.

7 MR. STEMA: Aye.

8 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed, the same.

9 (No response)

10 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries. Next on the
11 agenda is the approval of the citywide overtime report.
12 Ms. Powell, could you please provide a summary of the
13 progress the city is making in regards to this issue?

14 MS. POWELL: Yes, ma'am. If you'll recall, last
15 month our overtime costs were higher than normal. This
16 month, all of our overtime was down over \$16,550.

17 MR. STEMA: I just did some quick math on this,
18 and still, if you calculate it out over 12 months, you're
19 still going to be over budget in some areas if you don't
20 keep shrinking. So, I, just -- summer months, I'm
21 assuming, maybe you probably get more overtime because
22 people taking vacations, and still needing to fill spots.
23 Is that normally the case for the police department,
24 probably the fire department?

25 MS. POWELL: The fire department always has a

1 lot of overtime; the police department, keep in mind,
2 because of the traffic programs, they're allowed the 32
3 overtime hours for pay period.

4 MR. STEMA: Yes.

5 MS. POWELL: I guess the department has high
6 overtime because in the summer, they're allowed to take
7 two weeks of vacation, I think it's two weeks, and then
8 two weeks in the wintertime. So there's time off plus
9 we're losing officers to other communities that are
10 offering higher pay, so that's going to be something
11 you're going to be seeing coming down the pike, we'll see
12 running forward.

13 So, the hiring of new officers probably in the
14 next month or so, or next month and the following. So,
15 we're always trying to keep our overtime down, we do
16 everything that we can, to do that. But sometimes it's
17 just operationally running into it.

18 MS. ROBERTS: I would entertain a motion to
19 approve, deny, or postpone the citywide overtime report.

20 MR. STEMA: Motion to approve.

21 MS. YOUNG: Second.

22 MS. ROBERTS: Any discussion?

23 (No response)

24 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, all those in favor
25 say aye. Aye.

1 MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

2 MS. YOUNG: Aye.

3 MR. STEMA: Aye.

4 MS. ROBERTS: Opposed, the same.

5 (No response)

6 MS. ROBERTS: Motion carries.

7 Next on the agenda is the 31th District Court
8 revenues, for information only.

9 MS. POWELL: Can I comment on this?

10 MS. ROBERTS: Yeah.

11 MS. POWELL: Okay, so we did meet with the court
12 administrator to find out if it was possible for us to
13 break this out any further. He said their program does
14 not break it out any further; he is trying to find a
15 different solution. But apparently it's quite a process,
16 to try to break out exactly how much we're receiving in
17 traffic tickets. Because so much of it goes to the state,
18 so much of it goes here and there. So, he's going to try
19 to figure it out, but, as it stands right now, there is no
20 way for us to break that out.

21 MS. ROBERTS: And isn't that a little bit
22 difficult? You'd have to know the time the ticket was
23 written, to try to track that.

24 Anything else?

25 MS. POWELL: No, ma'am.

1 MS. ROBERTS: Next on the agenda is board
2 comment.

3 MR. BOGDAN: One of the things that came up
4 during public comment was this issue on the legal issues,
5 and the discrimination issues. Is it possible to get a
6 report on what that's all about, so I understand better?

7 MS. ROBERTS: Is it possible to have the city
8 attorney give us a summary of the issues that are
9 outstanding? The lawsuits that are outstanding? Number,
10 maybe what -- maybe the numbers.

11 MS. POWELL: For a number I'd also have a closed
12 session. I mean, they're lawsuits, so we're not able to
13 comment on those. I can actually provide a list of all
14 the lawsuits that we have currently.

15 MR. BOGDAN: What are the suits, and then if
16 there are any kind of trend, of one particular department,
17 or group, or -- ?

18 MS. POWELL: We can certainly ask for that, for
19 your next packet. I can get that provided.

20 MR. BOGDAN: Okay.

21 MS. ROBERTS: Thank you. Any other comment?

22 (No response)

23 MS. ROBERTS: Seeing none, I would entertain a
24 motion to adjourn.

25 MR. BOGDAN: Move to adjourn.

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MS. ROBERTS: All those in favor say aye. Aye.

MR. BOGDAN: Aye.

MS. YOUNG: Aye.

MR. STEMA: Aye.

MS. ROBERTS: Thank you.

It is approximately 1:25. We are adjourned.

(Proceedings adjourned)

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I certify that this transcript is a complete, true, and correct transcript to the best of my ability of the RTAB meeting held on August 23rd, 2016, City of Hamtramck. I also certify that I am not a relative or employee of the parties involved and have no financial interest in this case.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: September 1, 2016

s/ Amy Shankleton-Novess

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