

City of Lincoln Park  
Receivership Transition Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 17, 2016  
Lincoln Park City Hall  
Council Chambers  
1355 Southfield Road  
Lincoln Park, Michigan 48146

**RTAB MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**KEVIN BONDS, CHAIR**

**JOHN ZECH**

**BRANDEN DUNLEAVY**

**JESSICA THOMAS**

**GENELLE ALLEN**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**MATT COPPLER,**

**City Manager**

**DREW VAN DE GRIFT**

**Michigan Department of Treasury**

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CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:00 p.m.

MR. BONDS: Let's call this meeting to order, and we'll begin with roll call.

MR. VAN de GRIFT: Genelle Allen.

(No response.)

MR. VAN de GRIFT: Absent.

Kevin Bonds?

MR. BONDS: Here.

MR. VAN de GRIFT: Branden Dunleavy.

MR. DUNLEAVY: Here.

MR. VAN de GRIFT: Jessica Thomas.

MS. THOMAS: Here.

MR. VAN de GRIFT: John Zech.

MR. ZECH: Here.

MR. VAN de GRIFT: A quorum is present.

MR. BONDS: All right. I will entertain a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

However, before us we have an additional item which is the certified copy of Resolution 2016-128 that we need to add.

MS. THOMAS: I will make a motion to add the Resolution 2016-128 to the agenda.

1 MR. BONDS: A motion has been made. Is there a  
2 second?

3 MR. DUNLEAVY: I second.

4 MR. BONDS: Any further discussion?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, all those in favor  
7 signify by stating aye. Aye.

8 MR. ZECH: Aye.

9 MS. THOMAS: Aye.

10 MR. BONDS: Any opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, motion passes.

13 Just a friendly reminder, public must sign up to  
14 speak during the public comment portion of the meeting.

15 Okay, we're going to move right to Item C, which  
16 is the approval of RTAB minutes. This is from the regular  
17 meeting of April 19, 2016, which is Attachment 1 in your  
18 packs.

19 The chair will entertain a motion to approve the  
20 April 19th, 2016 RTAB minutes as presented.

21 MR. ZECH: I make a motion that we approve them.

22 MR. DUNLEAVY: Second.

23 MR. BONDS: The motion has been made and properly  
24 seconded. Any discussion on that motion?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, all those in favor  
2 signify by stating aye?

3 MR. ZECH: Aye.

4 MS. THOMAS: Aye.

5 MR. DUNLEAVY: Aye.

6 MR. BONDS: Aye.

7 No opposed; motion passes.

8 Old business.

9 MR. DUNLEAVY: Oh, I think special meeting.

10 MR. BONDS: Oops. My apologies. I should say  
11 old eyes.

12 All right, the Item 2 is special meeting of April  
13 26, 2016, which is Attachment 2 in your packets. The  
14 chair will entertain a motion to approve the April 26,  
15 2016 RTAB minutes as presented.

16 MR. DUNLEAVY: Motion to approve.

17 MR. BONDS: Motion has been properly made. Is  
18 there a second?

19 MR. ZECH: Support.

20 MR. BONDS: And supported.

21 Any further discussion to the motion?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, all those signify by  
24 stating aye.

25 MR. ZECH: Aye.

1 MS. THOMAS: Aye.

2 MR. DUNLEAVY: Aye.

3 MR. BONDS: Aye.

4 And no opposed.

5 All right, now we are down to old business, which  
6 is the budget update. And at this time we'll ask Mr.  
7 Coppler to please provide the update for the board,  
8 please.

9 MR. COPPLER: Good afternoon.

10 MR. BONDS: Good afternoon.

11 MR. COPPLER: So we had our public hearing last  
12 night on the budget, the requested budget. We had a few  
13 people speak during the public hearing. Council has set  
14 meetings for next Monday, the 23rd and the 24th, Tuesday.  
15 So our anticipation is we'll have the budget adopted  
16 through the council process by the 24th, which will allow  
17 us to get it into your hands according to Order 60 thirty  
18 days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year.

19 MR. BONDS: Okay.

20 Any questions by any members of the board?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. BONDS: Hearing none -- thank you, Mr.  
23 Coppler.

24 We're going to move on to new business. And why  
25 don't we, if it's okay --

1 MR. ZECH: Mr. Coppler?

2 MR. BONDS: Yes, sir.

3 MR. ZECH: Just one second. I kind of lost my  
4 train of thought there.

5 MR. BONDS: Yes, sir.

6 MR. ZECH: Did you give us the dates of the  
7 public hearings, Matt? Please?

8 You said there's two public hearings on the  
9 budget?

10 MR. COPPLER: No, there's just one public hearing  
11 on the budget; that was last night. So May 16th was the  
12 public hearing.

13 MR. ZECH: Okay, and then it comes up for  
14 approval when?

15 MR. COPPLER: We're going to have a meeting on  
16 the 23rd with council to discuss any of the amendments and  
17 changes that they're going to recommend.

18 MR. ZECH: Okay.

19 MR. COPPLER: And then May 24th, which is Tuesday  
20 of next week council will be, if everything goes right,  
21 voting to approve that.

22 MR. ZECH: Okay.

23 MR. BONDS: All right.

24 MR. ZECH: Thank you very much.

25 MR. BONDS: Thank you.

1                   Okay, so Item 3, which is new business, or  
2                   Section 3.

3                   MR. DUNLEAVY: A point of order?

4                   MR. BONDS: Yes, sir.

5                   MR. DUNLEAVY: Do we need to recognize that we've  
6                   been joined?

7                   MR. BONDS: Absolutely.

8                   (At this time, Board Member Allen present)

9                   MR. DUNLEAVY: Okay. Welcome Board Member Allen.

10                  MS. ALLEN: Thank you.

11                  MR. DUNLEAVY: Thank you.

12                  MR. BONDS: We now have a full board quorum.  
13                  Thank you very much.

14                  So on the new business, in this section we're  
15                  going to add the Resolution 2016-128 following Item 3 in  
16                  the section. So we'll start off with the approval of  
17                  Resolutions and ordinances for city council meetings.

18                  The first item is the Resolution from the regular  
19                  city council meeting of April 4th, 2016, which is  
20                  Attachment 3 in your packet. The chair will entertain a  
21                  motion to approve all Resolutions from the April 4, 2016  
22                  regular city council meeting.

23                  MR. ZECH: I move approval.

24                  MR. DUNLEAVY: Second.

25                  MR. BONDS: It's been properly made and seconded

1 -- second.

2 Any further discussion on the motion?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, all those in favor say  
5 signify by stating aye.

6 MS. THOMAS: Aye.

7 MR. DUNLEAVY: Aye.

8 MR. ZECH: Aye.

9 MS. ALLEN: Aye.

10 MR. BONDS: Any opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, motion passes.

13 Number 2, which is a Resolution from the regular  
14 city council meeting of April 18, 2016, which is  
15 Attachment 4 in your packet. The chair will entertain a  
16 motion to approve all Resolutions from the April 18, 2016  
17 regular city council meeting.

18 MS. ALLEN: So moved.

19 MS. THOMAS: Support.

20 MR. BONDS: Properly moved and second.

21 Any discussion on the motion?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, all those in favor  
24 signify by stating aye.

25 MR. DUNLEAVY: Aye.



1 MS. THOMAS: Aye.

2 MS. ALLEN: Aye.

3 MR. BONDS: Aye.

4 MR. ZECH: Aye.

5 MR. BONDS: Hearing no opposed, motion passes.

6 Resolutions from the special city council meeting  
7 of April 25th, I believe that should be 2016.

8 MR. DUNLEAVY: Uh-huh.

9 MR. BONDS: Which is Attachment 5. The board  
10 took action on the items for this council meeting last  
11 month, therefore no action items is necessary.

12 So let's move to the walk on, which is Resolution  
13 2016-128 before you. And Mr. Coppler, do you want to give  
14 us a quick summary on this?

15 MR. COPPLER: Yeah, this is actually going to be  
16 in place of Item Number 1 under city manager items, which  
17 is the budget amendment moving money from the police  
18 budget under their computer equipment to the capital  
19 expenditures to allow us to purchase an animal control  
20 vehicle.

21 As I think I've said in the past, we've had very  
22 bad luck with the equipment, one being age and two just  
23 not lasting more than, you know, what is it, 15 years I  
24 guess. They just don't make them like they used to. But  
25 what we realized after the fact after it was adopted that

1 we picked up the wrong number. We picked up what was in  
2 the proposed budget rather than what is in the existing  
3 budget. So those numbers were incorrect and wouldn't  
4 allow us to undertake another purchase that we needed to  
5 take through the computer, a line item, which you'll be  
6 seeing next month. So we went back to council last night.  
7 They repealed the original amendment and replaced it with  
8 the one that's in front of you.

9 MR. BONDS: All right. The chair will entertain  
10 a motion to approve Resolution 2016-128, which this  
11 Resolution repeals the Resolution dated May 2nd, 2016, and  
12 a substitute is followed with the correct budget  
13 information and the proposed budget amendment.

14 MR. DUNLEAVY: Question.

15 MR. BONDS: Yes, sir?

16 MR. DUNLEAVY: Just a question --

17 MR. BONDS: Go ahead. We don't have a motion so  
18 --

19 MR. DUNLEAVY: Okay, motion to approve and  
20 discuss.

21 MR. ZECH: Support.

22 MR. BONDS: Okay, and supported.

23 The discussion?

24 MR. DUNLEAVY: Just a quick question. Was it  
25 your computer system that wouldn't allow the transaction?

1 I mean do you have controls built into this system that  
2 when you say it wouldn't allow it, I mean were their  
3 controls that caught this?

4 MR. COPPLER: No, because -- because the numbers  
5 were picked up wrong, so the -- we have a grant through  
6 the justice assistance funding program from Department of  
7 Justice that allows us -- through that we can buy  
8 computers, and the chief was planning on purchasing three  
9 computers through that grant for this year. And so  
10 unfortunately because we picked up next year's numbers  
11 there was about \$6,000 less in next year's numbers than  
12 this year's numbers, so it wouldn't allow us to make that  
13 -- that ultimate purchase we're going to be making next  
14 month when it comes here. So that's what kind of flagged  
15 it that there was issues because of that request to make  
16 those purchases.

17 MR. DUNLEAVY: Okay. So it would have just  
18 thrown off the budget line item and --

19 MR. COPPLER: Yeah, I mean because --

20 MR. DUNLEAVY: -- that's how it was caught.

21 Okay, that was all I had on my question.

22 MR. COPPLER: Yeah, because of our processes --

23 MR. DUNLEAVY: Yes.

24 MR. COPPLER: -- you know --

25 MR. DUNLEAVY: Okay.

1 MR. COPPLER: -- they submit the request, not  
2 enough money there; wait. There should be enough money  
3 there. You go back and look and see what happened with  
4 it.

5 MR. DUNLEAVY: Just the former auditor in me. I  
6 understand that.

7 MR. COPPLER: The process worked in that case.

8 MR. DUNLEAVY: Great. That's what I --

9 MR. COPPLER: Exactly the way it was supposed to.

10 MR. DUNLEAVY: That's what I wanted to recognize.

11 MR. COPPLER: Yes.

12 MR. BONDS: Any further discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, all those in favor  
15 signify by stating aye.

16 MR. ZECH: Aye.

17 MS. THOMAS: Aye.

18 MS. ALLEN: Aye.

19 MR. DUNLEAVY: Aye.

20 MR. BONDS: Any opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, motion passes.

23 Thank you.

24 Moving on, moving right along to the city  
25 manager's Items which is Attachment 6 in your packet.

1 City manager's Item 1 and 2, while action on these items  
2 occurred during a council meeting outside the normal  
3 review period for today's board meeting, the city manager  
4 is requesting to bring them forward for early review.  
5 Items 1 and 2 have been approved by the city council at  
6 their May 2nd, 2016 council meeting.

7 So 1 we've just taken care of. So we're going to  
8 actually move down to Item two, which is the approval of  
9 Resolution 2016-109, which is waiving bid and allow  
10 purchase of 2016 Ford F-150 Super Cab Pick-up from the  
11 state bid, which is Attachment 6b.

12 Mr. Coppler?

13 MR. COPPLER: Yeah, this is the companion to the  
14 budget amendment. This authorized us not to go out to bid  
15 but actually purchase the vehicle off the state bid.

16 MR. BONDS: Okay.

17 MR. DUNLEAVY: That, actually, the state has went  
18 out on bid for these items. I just want to --

19 MR. COPPLER: Yes. Yes. Yeah.

20 MR. DUNLEAVY: So the state isn't -- it isn't  
21 like it's a waiver; it hasn't gone through some bid  
22 process.

23 MR. COPPLER: Right, right.

24 MR. DUNLEAVY: What you're doing is you're  
25 attaching on to the state's purchase order, if you will.

1 MR. COPPLER: Yeah.

2 MR. DUNLEAVY: And receiving whatever discount  
3 they receive, correct?

4 MR. COPPLER: Correct. Yeah, the way that the  
5 ordinances are written here within Lincoln Park to take  
6 advantage of that purchasing consortium we have to waive  
7 our bid requirement.

8 MR. DUNLEAVY: Okay.

9 MR. COPPLER: That allows us then to piggyback on  
10 the state bid. But absolutely correct.

11 MR. DUNLEAVY: Well, I commend you on that,  
12 because I actually wrote a report once that said the  
13 county should look into this.

14 MR. BONDS: Well, you're on a roll today,  
15 Branden. Fantastic. Thank you.

16 So is there --

17 MS. ALLEN: I have a question.

18 MR. BONDS: Yes, ma'am.

19 MS. ALLEN: This is along the same lines. Is  
20 this part of the state's cooperative purchasing program?

21 MR. COPPLER: Correct.

22 MS. ALLEN: Actually the county does use this --

23 MR. ZECH: They read your memo.

24 MR. DUNLEAVY: They didn't when I was there.  
25 Maybe they read my report.

1 MR. BONDS: Action and progress; like that.

2 So with that having been said, the chair will  
3 entertain a motion to approve, deny, or post -- excuse me.  
4 I'm jumping ahead of myself.

5 Entertain a motion to approve, deny, or postpone  
6 Resolution 2016-109, which is waiving the bid and allow  
7 purchase of the 2016 F-150 Super Cab from the state bid.

8 MR. DUNLEAVY: I move approval.

9 MR. BONDS: A motion has been moved for approval.  
10 Is there a second?

11 MR. ZECH: Support.

12 MR. BONDS: And supported.

13 Any further discussion?

14 MR. ZECH: One quick question.

15 MR. BONDS: Yes, sir.

16 MR. ZECH: Mr. Coppler, is this fairly often that  
17 you utilize the consortium, state bids on police cars, or  
18 trucks or other things? Or is this kind of unusual?

19 MR. COPPLER: No, I think it's a practice that  
20 the city's been doing for quite a while.

21 MR. ZECH: Okay.

22 MR. COPPLER: I'm not sure exactly when they put  
23 that within their ordinance to be able to allow it, but  
24 they've been taking advantage of it, and you're going to  
25 see more of it coming up.

1 MR. ZECH: DUNLEAVY: Yeah.

2 MR. COPPLER: In future meetings.

3 MR. ZECH: I found that to be the best way to go  
4 in my tenure as manager of Wayne because they had better  
5 bids than we could get.

6 MR. BONDS: Any further discussion?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. BONDS: Okay, all those in favor signify by  
9 stating aye.

10 MR. ZECH: Aye.

11 MS. ALLEN: Aye.

12 MR. DUNLEAVY: Aye.

13 MS. THOMAS: Aye.

14 MR. BONDS: Aye.

15 All those opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, motion passes. Thank  
18 you.

19 Now we're going to move down to the, let's see.  
20 We are at the city manager Items 3 through 9 which are  
21 appointments which you will find as Attachment 6c in your  
22 packet. And the chair is going to entertain a motion to  
23 approve, deny, or postpone all of the appointments. And  
24 as you see, we have, you know, the list that has not only  
25 the department but also the individuals attached. So we'd



1 want to do it as a group.

2 MR. DUNLEAVY: Move approval.

3 MR. BONDS: It's been moved for approval. Is  
4 there a second?

5 MS. ALLEN: Second.

6 MR. BONDS: And a second.

7 Any discussion on this motion?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, all those in favor  
10 signify by stating aye.

11 MR. ZECH: Aye.

12 MS. ALLEN: Aye.

13 MR. DUNLEAVY: Aye.

14 MS. THOMAS: Aye.

15 MR. BONDS: Aye.

16 Any opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, motion passes.

19 City manager Items 10 through 15. The following  
20 reports have been received and filed, which is Budget-to-  
21 Actual Report, cash flow on balance sheet, check  
22 disbursement, the overtime report, tax collection and  
23 timing of revenue report, and the monthly report.

24 These do not require a formal motion, but I think  
25 I'll open it up for active discussion. Are there any

1 questions?

2 MS. THOMAS: I had a question. Yeah, I was just  
3 reviewing it and overall when I look at the percent budget  
4 used, pretty much everything is 100 or above. And  
5 obviously we're not through to the year. What are, you  
6 know, how are we addressing that or are we? When I look  
7 at the numbers here.

8 MR. COPPLER: This would include the amendment,  
9 right?

10 So there are a number that are at 100 percent,  
11 and there's a few above; I wouldn't say all of them are.

12 MS. THOMAS: Okay.

13 MR. COPPLER: But I think, again, the ones that  
14 are 100 percent are generally because we had gone through  
15 and looked at it are the ones where we aren't anticipating  
16 any additional expenditure.

17 MS. THOMAS: All right.

18 MR. COPPLER: I know there are a couple, or I'll  
19 said -- a couple; I'm using city manager speak for a  
20 couple, so it could be a lot from that perspective.

21 MS. THOMAS: Yeah, auditor speak is like, "A  
22 couple? That's two."

23 MR. COPPLER: Right. Yeah. There are some.  
24 There are some. Primarily they are in the benefit and/or  
25 the salary line items, and so one of the issues with the

1 way that we split out, especially public works numbers, so  
2 that's I think, especially in the general fund where I see  
3 a lot of that, is they haven't, I mean, they just -- they  
4 put a number in there and then they start charging to it.

5 And, you know, if that employee is working more  
6 in buildings and grounds than in water and sewer, you're  
7 going to have that offset that needs to be adjusted later  
8 on. But, you know, we hopefully have corrected how we're  
9 doing that going forward so we won't have those issues,  
10 because we're going to be charging them to, you know,  
11 rather than do it on a daily, weekly, monthly basis, we're  
12 going to set up what that percentage charge is so it's  
13 already in the budget and we won't be able to exceed that.

14 MS. THOMAS: So you're automating the process in  
15 so many words so that it -- we will mitigate the risk of  
16 error.

17 MR. COPPLER: Yeah. You know, usually I would be  
18 wanting to do cost accounting to the N-th degree, but I  
19 think with, you know, the issues that we have it's better  
20 to try to set a budget that we're going to live within  
21 rather than, you know, go the full boat with the cost  
22 accounting on it.

23 MR. BONDS: Can I ask a quick question on, it  
24 would be, for the board members it would Attachment 6e,  
25 which actually is the balance sheet?

1                   This balance sheet represents the period ending  
2                   April 30th, 2016, and I think that -- I want to make sure  
3                   that I'm reading this correctly, because when I get to,  
4                   like the first column which is general fund, which is fund  
5                   101, and we get down to the latter part where you start  
6                   with the total fund balance at six-thirty-fifteen, and the  
7                   figures there, where is -- is it -- can we adjust this so  
8                   that -- because this is the period ending April 30th, and  
9                   it will be moving forward, is there a way to put that date  
10                  next to the balance?

11                  Because I'm assuming that the fund ending balance  
12                  for April 30th is reflected in the net. Or am I  
13                  misreading this?

14                  MR. COPPLER: Yeah, where --

15                  MR. BONDS: Because I'm not seeing the current  
16                  values. You know, if I look at the June 30, '15, where is  
17                  the April 30th period reflected?

18                  MR. COPPLER: So that is the ending fund balance,  
19                  so it's the third line. You have a beginning fund  
20                  balance.

21                  MR. BONDS: Okay. Oh, the ending fund balance --

22                  MR. COPPLER: You have revenues --

23                  MR. BONDS: -- of 3.9?

24                  MR. COPPLER: Yeah. So that -- and we're going  
25                  to update this so next month's we'll see the ending period

1 for that.

2 MR. BONDS: Okay. So we'll put it in, so what  
3 will happen is the ending fund balance in parenthesis will  
4 be that -- okay. Fantastic. Because I was having a  
5 little difficulty in tying it all together.

6 Just, does everybody see what I was referring to?

7 MS. THOMAS: Uh-huh.

8 MR. ZECH: Uh-huh.

9 MR. BONDS: Okay. All right, thank you very  
10 much.

11 MR. COPPLER: Sure.

12 MR. BONDS: I believe we had some open-ended  
13 discussion, and I guess I'll be the one to bring it up  
14 this time, is on the overtime report.

15 MR. ZECH: Uh-huh.

16 MR. BONDS: I think my question is with the  
17 appointments that the board has approved today, and a  
18 large share of those in the police department, which are  
19 internal promotional opportunities, what's going to be --  
20 I mean what are we -- what's our plan with the overtime,  
21 particularly in those larger line items?

22 Because those are things that, you know, can  
23 either make or break the budget projections. What kind of  
24 dialogue is happening at this stage?

25 MR. COPPLER: So the way it was set up with the

1 police, and this was under the Emergency Manager's tenure,  
2 was that he gave authorization to the police department  
3 for their what they call the SCAT, the set team which are  
4 actually drivers of court revenue and so it's actually the  
5 chief that provides the report to me and so we can get to  
6 you to show kind of the hours spent versus the fines that  
7 are -- and fees that are coming and being generated by  
8 that work and so as the -- well, when the emergency  
9 manager was here you know, his philosophy on that was as  
10 long as the revenue being generated by the overtime was in  
11 excess of the cost he was allowing that. And so that's  
12 kind of continued into this time period as well.

13 I think that may be a good thing to get to you to  
14 just have the police chief come in and explain how all  
15 that works because we look at that on a monthly basis.

16 MR. BONDS: Yeah, I think that would be very  
17 helpful because I know you've included it in the  
18 department reports but I think for me I'd like to see an  
19 updated report kind of the stats from the public  
20 protection area.

21 MR. COPPLER: Sure.

22 MR. BONDS: Number of calls, cases, things of  
23 that nature because I think that will help us, you know,  
24 frame that discussion.

25 MR. COPPER: And I think in looking at the

1 overtime although there is a certain amount of what I call  
2 you know, the staffing overtime, non-planned overtime I  
3 think that's something that the emergency manager kind of  
4 reduced a lot of it with some of the changes he made that  
5 affect the bargaining agreements in terms of leave time.  
6 So a lot of that was locked down in the area that was  
7 allowed to continue was in those planned SCAT or set  
8 traffic type of details as well.

9 MS. THOMAS: So -- if I may.

10 In response to some of the new hires because  
11 there's what, three, three or four. Are there any -- will  
12 they fall in the same category as trying to manage the  
13 overtime with the new hires as well? Are we paying  
14 attention to that as we bring people more on?

15 MR. COPPLER: I think, you know, the impact of  
16 the new hires and they're still a number of the new hires  
17 are still either in FTO or in the training mode so they're  
18 -- we're probably not seeing the benefit of those new  
19 hires for awhile put it that way. But the benefit is  
20 going to be in that unplanned type of overtime so and when  
21 I refer to the unplanned if there's sick leave or injury  
22 leave by individuals, vacation causing short staffing on  
23 different shifts so we're going to see less of that  
24 because these new bodies are coming on. But again, unless  
25 we change philosophy on those planned overtimes, you know

1 we're going to see a certain amount of that. And again, I  
2 think it's something that I know in talking with the  
3 emergency manager before he left we were going to keep on  
4 it to make sure that there was always going to be a  
5 positive revenue to that expenditure.

6 MS. THOMAS: So what's the, is it just a monthly  
7 report?

8 MR. COPPLER: Yeah, we get information from the  
9 courts that he then provides as an update in terms of  
10 here's our overtime, here's the court proceeds from that.

11 MS. THOMAS: Thank you.

12 MR. COPPLER: One other thing, so you know, in  
13 approving our ability to appoint as quickly as possible  
14 the sergeant, that is going to definitely you know, help  
15 us control the overtime because you know that sergeant  
16 actually left, this week is I think his last week. So  
17 we'll be able within a few weeks to have that appointment  
18 made. That type of thing would drive overtime if we  
19 didn't have the appropriate oversight on the shift. We'd  
20 have to, you know, bring someone in on overtime. So those  
21 type of things.

22 And then the other one, with the detective  
23 because of the backlog you know, some of the cases require  
24 immediate attention so that kind of drives some of our  
25 unplanned overtime as well and so now we'll have another



1 body working on that to hopefully reduce that.

2 MR. BONDS: Mr. Zech.

3 MR. ZECH: Mr. Coppler, thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
4 Mr. Coppler, just kind of a couple of questions about  
5 police and fire? If I could?

6 MR. COPPLER: Sure.

7 MR. ZECH: You probably have told us this but and  
8 maybe it goes back to January and February and I'll have  
9 already forgotten it, but in the police department how do  
10 you work your shifts? Eight hour shifts, twelve?

11 MR. COPPLER: Twelve. Twelve.

12 MR. ZECH: Okay. So somebody who is supposed to  
13 work a 12-hour shift and they call in sick, how do you --  
14 do you bring somebody in that's off duty or do you ask  
15 people that are already on duty to work a little more to  
16 kind of -- or do you bring somebody in earlier, somebody  
17 stays later? How do you do that?

18 MR. COPPLER: It's going to depend what impact  
19 that individual's going to have on the staffing of it.  
20 Because there is a certain level that you know, we can  
21 absorb maybe one or two people not coming in. But again,  
22 I think it's probably a mix of both.

23 If they can't find someone that is able to work  
24 that shift coming up or it happens right at the time you  
25 know, like five minutes before the shift starts they're

1 probably going to ask someone to stay over or try to bring  
2 the other shift person in a little bit earlier as well.  
3 So.

4 MR. ZECH: Okay. So if somebody if --

5 MR. COPPLER: I didn't realize that the chief is  
6 here.

7 MR. ZECH: Oh.

8 MR. COPPLER: He probably can answer these  
9 questions a lot better than I can.

10 MR. ZECH: I wrestled with this a little in my  
11 time and I was curious as to how you're doing it and  
12 hopefully you're doing it better than I do.

13 CHIEF WATTERS: So with our schedule it's kind of  
14 confusing. We do work 12 hours but we work 7:00 in the  
15 morning to 7:00 at night, and 7:00 at night to 7:00 in the  
16 morning. But then we have like a power shift in between  
17 that works 3:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. So we have minimum  
18 manning.

19 MR. ZECH: Okay.

20 CHIEF WATTERS: So, as Mr. Coppler said it all  
21 depends on; so if a guy calls in sick last minute on day  
22 shift we only may need him for -- there may only be a  
23 shortage for "X" amount of hours, eight hours because we  
24 have somebody come in at 3:00.

25 MR. ZECH: Okay.

1 CHIEF WATTERS: So we can -- we'll do a call in  
2 to try and get somebody that's off to come in for a few  
3 hours or we'll just hold over somebody for four hours and  
4 we can ask somebody to come in early for four hours. Or  
5 we do have the opportunity to work short too for "X"  
6 amount of hours.

7 MR. ZECH: Okay. Your union contract, if  
8 somebody is working already and you ask them to stay,  
9 they've already worked 12 but you ask them can you stay  
10 four more hours versus somebody that's off duty that you  
11 ask to come in to fill that 12-hour shift. Is there a  
12 difference in what you pay in the way of overtime?

13 CHIEF WATTERS: No, same thing.

14 MR. ZECH: Same thing. So if somebody's home and  
15 you can get them to come in, same hourly rate even though  
16 it's overtime if somebody has to stay late?

17 CHIEF WATTERS: Correct.

18 MR. ZECH: Okay. Would you know, is that the way  
19 it works in fire as well?

20 CHIEF WATTERS: That I don't know.

21 MR. ZECH: You don't know. Okay.

22 CHIEF WATTERS: I don't know. I think they're a  
23 little different because their shifts are 24-hour shifts  
24 and we're twelves.

25 MR. ZECH: Okay. I'm curious, without letting

1 out a city secret as far as crime fighting etcetera,  
2 roughly how many cars on the road do you have like through  
3 the course of the day?

4 CHIEF WATTERS: So day shift we're going to have  
5 approximately four between 7:00 in the morning and then  
6 3:00 we'll get two more guys come in. So depending on  
7 right now we have a couple guys in training. Some of them  
8 have to double up so we could have up to six from 7:00 --  
9 from although we have about four from 7:00 to 3:00 and  
10 then 3:00 to 7:00 right around 6:00 and then from our  
11 power shift stays on; our midnight -- or night shift comes  
12 on at 7:00 so we'll have another five cars so we'll have  
13 five cars from 7:00 at night until 3:00 in the morning and  
14 then we dropped out our minimal manning is only three  
15 guys.

16 MR. ZECH: Okay.

17 CHIEF WATTERS: So at that point it's either  
18 three cars or two guys -- or two cars depending on how  
19 long that person's been on, if he can work alone or not.

20 MR. ZECH: Okay. So when it comes to the  
21 overtime is that like for specific assignments if like you  
22 have somebody who's on a drug task force or someone who's  
23 doing traffic and writing speeding tickets or whatever, is  
24 that where your overtime goes or is it mostly just to  
25 cover having enough people on the road?

1 CHIEF WATTERS: No. A majority of our overtime  
2 right now is our SET which is our Selective Enforcement  
3 Traffic or our SCAT unit which is our undercover drug  
4 enforcement unit. And basically and I could show you --  
5 provide you guys the numbers next month and I think you'll  
6 be amazed at the difference between what we pay out and  
7 what is brought in. And it's a very successful program  
8 both of them and what you -- not only does it bring in  
9 revenue which we're not supposed to say revenue for  
10 tickets but it is what is, that's what it does.

11 MR. ZECH: Right.

12 CHIEF WATTERS: And it also brings -- so it's  
13 tickets. We have booking fees. Every person that comes  
14 through our station pays a booking fee to be booked in and  
15 if their car is towed we have fees that go on those.  
16 There's all kinds of different things that we clocked off  
17 that kind of makes up for those. Also if it's a narcotic  
18 unit that brings in a car, if we seize that car we're  
19 getting approximately \$750 for each car if it's pushed  
20 off, if it's the first offense and it doubles and triples  
21 and goes on.

22 MR. ZECH: What I'm hearing here is and again I'm  
23 not trying to be smart here and all that, is this is very  
24 common amongst the tri-county area we'll say, police  
25 departments. Again, the fire chief isn't here but this is

1           fairly common where traffic and drug enforcement, narcotic  
2           enforcement is where most of your police departments  
3           whether it's little cities, big cities, medium cities find  
4           themselves and the revenue issue is key.

5                   CHIEF WATTERS:   Uh-huh.

6                   MR. ZECH:   And if the revenue weren't there I  
7           think you'd have to be in a situation where you'd have to  
8           hold the overtime down?

9                   CHIEF WATTERS:   Yeah.

10                  MR. ZECH:   And all.   But thank you for your  
11           information.

12                  MR. BONDS:   Thank you.

13                  MR. DUNLEAVY:   Just so I understand, some of the  
14           revenue or some of the overtime is a result of court time,  
15           too, isn't that correct?

16                  CHIEF WATTERS:   Yes.

17                  MR DUNLEAVY:   Because somebody gets a ticket in  
18           the afternoon, they have to appear in court whenever the  
19           person is there?

20                  CHIEF WATTERS:   Occasionally, yes.   So what we do  
21           now is we set up our schedule, the officer's schedule,  
22           send it over to the court so they make every attempt to  
23           schedule their court during their working hours.

24                  MR. DUNLEAVY:   Okay.

25                  CHIEF WATTERS:   Occasionally, you know, the

1 midnight guys they're occasionally get court but it's been  
2 limited down quite a bit.

3 MR. DUNLEAVY: The question I would have related  
4 to this is and you can't answer it; it seems to me there  
5 was some real improvement in overtime in the fire  
6 department if you look at last year versus this year.

7 CHIEF WATTERS: Uh-huh.

8 MR. DULEAVY: Was that the result of changes in  
9 contracts or --

10 CHIEF WATTERS: Yes.

11 MR. DUNLEAVY: Okay.

12 CHIEF WATTERS: Yeah, it's a minimum manning  
13 issues that they were changed.

14 MR. DUNLEAVY: Okay.

15 MR. ZECH: Perhaps at a future meeting the fire  
16 chief could be present and we could speak with him a  
17 little bit about his -- the way in which he or she  
18 operates the department?

19 MR. COPPLER: Yeah. Definitely.

20 MR. BONDS: Thank you very much. Appreciate it.  
21 I have another question.

22 MR. COPPLER: Sure.

23 MR. BONDS: I'm in the city of parks monthly  
24 performance report and it's the treasurer section. Do you  
25 get a -- I don't know, if the treasurer is here? Okay.

1 MR. COPPLER: Yeah.

2 MR. BONDS: If you could talk about the  
3 collection process for delinquent property? Because I'm  
4 looking -- I mean it looks like it's a challenge to say  
5 the least what's delinquent and what's been collected as  
6 of March 1st. Are they currently utilizing any third  
7 party collection agency or is this all internal?

8 MR. COPPLER: Yeah, I think right now it's all  
9 internal. All those that know better than me, speak.

10 MS. GRIGGS: In general. I'll try not to  
11 overstep. But they do go delinquent to the county as of  
12 March 1st for real properties so those are being collected  
13 by Wayne County now at this point but the personal  
14 property the treasurer does collect in house. We don't  
15 hire a third party at this point.

16 MR. ZECH: Mr. Chairman?

17 MR. BONDS: Yes, sir?

18 MR. ZECH: If I could comment. That's probably  
19 something that you will have to take a look at, Mr.  
20 Manager. I realize the treasurer is an elected position.  
21 And we have to --you have to concern yourself with that.  
22 And that the treasurer is a separate elected person and  
23 but with the help of the city council and just looking at  
24 the numbers here, the getting some outside help, you're  
25 foregoing that and it will most of the communities have



1 had to go that route to try to get that number closer to  
2 that zero.

3 MR. COPPLER: I don't know historically if the  
4 city's every tried that or not. I know other places I've  
5 been, you know, it is a difficult tax to collect.

6 MR. BONDS: Yeah.

7 MR. COPPLER: But again, if you know, you put the  
8 right people in place and I think, you know, Ms. Lulko who  
9 is our treasurer, you know, has a lot of concern about  
10 this as well and so I think she's been looking at  
11 different --

12 MR. ZECH: I'm not suggesting that --

13 MR. COPPLER: Yeah, no, -- just want to make sure  
14 you know she's on our team so.

15 MR. ZECH: I hate to say it but sometimes when  
16 you have the situation and you seize some personal  
17 property that you're going to sell to cover what's owed by  
18 the owner of that personal property it has a way of  
19 circulating out within the community, "Oh, boy, the city  
20 has now seized somebody's personal property" and people  
21 suddenly get religion.

22 MR. COPPLER: I know the city clerk kind of  
23 whispered in my ear that Ms. Lulko has done some  
24 extraordinary-type collection where she actually goes on  
25 site with police officers to help incentivize that.

1 MR. ZECH: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

2 MR. COPPLER: She is here. If you want we can  
3 have her come up and address this anymore or we can have  
4 her at the next meeting.

5 MR. ZECH: I just look at that number and you  
6 know, and I think that perhaps -- I applaud her efforts.  
7 But perhaps she needs to or you and the rest need to think  
8 about putting full court press on to try and bring that  
9 number down.

10 MR. COPPLER: Sure.

11 MR. BONDS: Thank you. Appreciate that. You  
12 actually said exactly what my follow up was.

13 MR. ZECH: Okay.

14 MR. BONDS: I that you know, just to reiterate  
15 the RTAB and one of our top priorities is obviously in  
16 conjunction with the city government because I know that  
17 you all are doing as well which is looking at every  
18 possible revenues so that we make sure that we keep the  
19 budget projections on target and looking for relief where  
20 we can find it. And this seems to be up here a pocket a  
21 where as Board Member Zech has rightly so pointed out some  
22 due diligence could be applied. So we'll probably -- well  
23 not probably but at the next meeting if we could have, you  
24 know, kind of make sure the treasurer is present because  
25 we'd probably like to have an active discussion on this as

1 well.

2 MR. COPPLER: Sure.

3 MR. BONDS: I think I have one more question and  
4 again it's open to any of the other fellow board members.  
5 On your report on page 16 and it's in the fire section I'm  
6 -- kind of want to -- if you could expand a little bit  
7 where the third bullet talks about the development of a  
8 billing process for the fire code enforcement team's  
9 activities?

10 MR. COPPLER: So one of the new initiatives that  
11 was put in place under the emergency manager is the  
12 inspection bureau. We have hired a part-time marshal to  
13 do inspections and actually have I believe six  
14 firefighters trained now in doing building inspections,  
15 fire inspections. We've -- they've slowly started doing  
16 that process and of course a part of all this is going to  
17 be the billing for those inspections. And, you know,  
18 right now trying to remember exactly where that discussion  
19 has been left but I think we're going to be doing it  
20 internally in the same manner that we're doing it I think  
21 through the building department to handle the building on  
22 that. I think it's more just from his perspective closing  
23 the loop on that to make sure everything's in place so we  
24 can start the billing once we get full swing.

25 MR. ZECH: Okay, so the billing is billing of

1           stat time against this or is this billing of outside  
2           parties?

3                   MR. COPPLER:  Yes.

4                   MR. ZECH:  What does the term billing actually  
5           mean?

6                   MR. COPPLER:  So we will have a fee for the fire  
7           inspection and so that's what they were referring to so  
8           we'll be billing the property owner for the inspection  
9           that we'll be conducting on an annual basis.

10                  MR. BONDS:  Okay.  So we'll be getting a new fee  
11           schedule from the city?

12                  MR. COPPLER:  Correct.  Well, I think actually we  
13           bring - It's already --

14                  MR. BONDS:  Oh, it's already built in?

15                  MR. COPPLER:  Yeah, it was already built in to  
16           that.  What I was thinking you were going to say and that  
17           I anticipated was that you'll start seeing revenue coming  
18           in from that, yeah.

19                  MR. BONDS:  Well I just want to make sure it was  
20           in the fee schedule that we have been provided.

21                   Yes, sir.

22                  MR. ZECH:  Mr. Chairman, thank you.

23                   Mr. Copper, is the fire inspections done by the  
24           fire marshal's etcetera, is the -- is there sort of a goal  
25           of like you're going to visit every commercial building or

1 industrial building, like for every apartment complex or  
2 motel let's say, like once a year, every other year? Is  
3 there a program?

4 MR. COPPLER: Trying to remember exactly -- it's  
5 been a few months since I've talked about this. I think  
6 the intention is on a two-year cycle to have all the  
7 buildings -- I think that's the goal. It's probably going  
8 to take a few years to get there. You know this program  
9 we've actually hired the part-time inspector back in  
10 December so it's been a slow build up and that's why you  
11 really are not seeing a lot, if any, revenue coming in  
12 yet. His work's been more on the complaint basis. Maybe  
13 a couple preventative inspections. But we're going to see  
14 that as part of next year more.

15 MR. ZECH: And so is the getting to every other  
16 year inspection, is that a new goal? Or is an old goal  
17 that you're trying to meet?

18 MR. COPPLER: Well, I can't speak in whether it's  
19 an old goal or not but it's a goal that the fire  
20 department put in place for this program.

21 MR. ZECH: Does the city of Lincoln Park, do you  
22 when someone sells their home does it have to be certified  
23 before it can be passed to a new owner? A city inspection  
24 program for that?

25 MR. COPPLER: The city does require a pre-sell

1 inspection. It's just an exterior inspection. It's not  
2 an interior inspection.

3 MR. ZECH: Okay. Is it being considered for it  
4 to be an interior as well to have a plumber or electrical,  
5 the furnace certified etcetera?

6 MR. COPPLER: I know I've thought about it. I  
7 have had some discussions with our building department  
8 about it but we haven't really got to the point where  
9 we're looking to change the code yet on it.

10 MR. ZECH: Has that been discussed in the past  
11 and it's been kind of passed over because of being  
12 politically sensitive or didn't feel there was the  
13 manpower to do it and why make it a program and not be  
14 able to fulfill it?

15 MR. COPPLER: And there may be a council member  
16 in here right now that I know have had a conversation  
17 about this. But I think, you know, and actually there is  
18 another council member I've talked to about this. You  
19 know look to some of our neighbors. I think Wyandotte is  
20 one of the communities that does the full inspection upon  
21 sale. So I think there, you know, at the council level  
22 there's been discussion. And I can't speak to why the  
23 code is the way it is.

24 MR. ZECH: Okay.

25 MR. COPPLER: Whether they've thought about it or

1 spoke about it in the past. I think it--

2 MR. ZECH: What about rentals? Like apartment  
3 complexes and/or a single family home that's a rental. Do  
4 you require them to be inspected on an every other year  
5 basis or do they have to register that it's a rental home  
6 for instance?

7 MR. COPPLER: We do have a rental registration  
8 program that also is -- requires an inspection to go along  
9 with that. I think, you know, the trouble we've had and  
10 the challenge we're having is getting a good handle on all  
11 the rentals. You know the more obvious ones are easy but  
12 you know, we're constantly finding new rentals that aren't  
13 registered within the system.

14 MR. ZECH: Yeah. That's a common issue.  
15 Watching the water billing is a way and/or else watching  
16 who own -- what shows up on the role as far as who owns  
17 the place and then who comes in with the check to pay the  
18 water bill sometimes is an indicator of -- or water turn  
19 on and turn offs and new names. But it's difficult. Is  
20 there some concern amongst the council or amongst the  
21 staff of about this seems to be more and more single  
22 family homes are going to renter occupied and less single-  
23 - and less owner occupied?

24 MR. COPPLER: Well, there is concern. I think we  
25 had that period probably from 2008 up until here very

1 recently where we've seen, you know, through the  
2 foreclosure process and you know, the sale by the county  
3 where you have large numbers of properties being bought by  
4 you know, a single individuals. And I think we're  
5 starting to turn that tide. Council also had a  
6 presentation of one the initiates that the emergency  
7 manager had was taking the first right of refusal  
8 foreclosures and conveyed those through an RFP process to  
9 a developer. And we had our first big report on that. I  
10 think the first 16 parcels that was acquired through that  
11 process are out for sale and most of them are under -- or  
12 pending right now to sell and he's getting a lot higher  
13 values than what they anticipated in that.

14 You know, if you give every one of those on the  
15 agreement I think the vast majority, I should say, are to  
16 be sold as single family. And it looks like based upon,  
17 you know, his investment which is averaging about \$27,000  
18 per home and we're seeing the sale pending prices to be in  
19 the -- the, you know upper sixties to low eighties which  
20 are far above what the values were before this.

21 MR. ZECH: So the city of Allen Park does try to  
22 when the county offers property to it you do try to buy it  
23 and then either vacant land or occupied buildings or  
24 occupied homes and you try to buy it?

25 MR. COPPLER: Yeah, this first -- this past year



1 was the first time I believe that the city in the scale  
2 that they did it, took the first right of refusal. And  
3 it's something that based upon what we're hearing now  
4 they're going to have to -- council will have to make a  
5 decision whether to continue that program going forward.  
6 But again, early returns, you know, in terms of the amount  
7 of money that's being invested and they're averaging about  
8 \$27,000 investment per home, and overseeing in terms of  
9 the sale price which is going to have a cumulative effect  
10 on all the properties across the city especially when they  
11 go to sell. And the fact that they're putting single  
12 families back into them, they're not turning into rentals  
13 like we saw over the last four or five years. I think  
14 there's value in attempting to do that again.

15 MR. ZECH: So when you say first right of refusal  
16 so the city indicates to the county that if you can't sell  
17 this at the auction we will buy it?

18 MR. COPPLER: No, we --

19 MR. DUNLEAVY: What happens is the delinquent  
20 properties go back to the treasurer.

21 MR. ZECH: Uh-huh.

22 MR. DUNLEAVY: And the treasurer collects the  
23 money on behalf of it and also charges a fee. If the  
24 bills aren't paid and this isn't 100 percent exact, but if  
25 the bills aren't paid within a certain period of time it

1 turns the delinquency back over to the county. But what  
2 it does it advances the city full collection of the money.

3 MR. ZECH: Sure.

4 MR. DUNLEAVY: And then it credits back next year  
5 for the ones it didn't collect and it allows the local  
6 cities to budget a little bit better because they know the  
7 revenue is coming in, not how the revenue is coming in.

8 MR. ZECH: And then --

9 MR. DUNLEAVY: The treasurer goes out and bonds  
10 for that.

11 MR. ZECH: Yes.

12 MR. DUNLEAVY: What happens is once it goes into  
13 delinquency the city has the first right of purchasing the  
14 property or acquiring the property. If the city doesn't  
15 wish to purchase the property then it goes on to the  
16 county's auction.

17 MR. ZECH: To the auction. Okay.

18 We found and some of my -- some of the  
19 neighboring communities around Wayne, we found it --  
20 because as Brendan was describing, of course you work with  
21 the treasurer on getting the revenue etcetera. But we  
22 found that taking a proactive approach and buying the  
23 homes before they go to auction -- again, you have to  
24 have somebody go out and take a look at them, you gotta  
25 analyze whether they're occupied or not. And is the

1 occupant the person who's losing the house perhaps. Or is  
2 it their tenant that's occupying it? Is it a vacant store  
3 front? Is it a vacant tool and dye shop and what could be  
4 maybe the ramifications of environmental issues. But we  
5 found that it was to our advantage and we saw that in our  
6 neighboring communities were doing that as well to try to  
7 have the city become proactive in that because what was  
8 going on here in Lincoln Park with the drop of housing  
9 values and the foreclosures etcetera was going on all over  
10 the place and the percentage of renter occupied was  
11 growing in all the communities and it was creating some  
12 difficulty in terms of appearance and maintenance of  
13 properties and that's why it was so important to have a  
14 rental inspection program. A registration program and an  
15 inspection program because some of the people were buying  
16 them were not very diligent about what they were doing  
17 with the property and so you found a lot of complaints  
18 from the people that were renting them. They would come  
19 to the city and say I've contacted my landlord ten times  
20 about this and I can't get any help and so you know,  
21 you've got to instruct them to go to the court and deal  
22 with it in court as far as putting their rent money in  
23 escrow and it gets quite involved but I applaud what  
24 you're doing and I would suggest that you might find that  
25 going further what you're doing be more advantageous in

1 terms of pleasing to the residents and to the city  
2 council.

3 MR. COPPLER: I think again based upon the early  
4 you know, review of what's been going on I think council  
5 is hopefully impressed with what the developer has done  
6 thus far and sees the benefit of continuing that. From I  
7 guess the good side, you know, we've received some of the  
8 numbers on what we're looking at for the upcoming process  
9 and where we had about 89 to 90 homes last year, right now  
10 the number is about 60. So that number is declining a  
11 little bit. It's still early. You know June. When July  
12 comes around that number may bounce up if people haven't  
13 met their payment obligations in June. But it's a little  
14 bit you know, encouraging at this point.

15 MR. ZECH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

16 MR. BONDS: Thank you. And thank you for the  
17 technical.

18 Yes, sir?

19 MR. DUNLEAVY: Just one other comment. In  
20 another life the city of Port Huron has a pretty active --  
21 I used to audit the city of Port Huron. They have a  
22 pretty active program in trying to make sure property  
23 stays up and passes and also as a commercial I kind of  
24 always commend Wyandotte because they're militant on  
25 before a property is sold that it's up to code and that

1 everything's up to snuff and as a result I think  
2 Wyandotte's a pretty solid community and the homes are  
3 pretty solid also.

4 MR. COPPLER: Yeah, I think that's, the challenge  
5 going forward is how to not just elevate the housing stock  
6 but at least keep the housing stock at a certain and  
7 level.

8 MR. DUNLEAVY: That being Wyandotte would be a  
9 good example.

10 MR. BONDS: Yeah, Wyandotte with its properties.

11 MR. COPPLER: And I think that's where the full  
12 inspection on a purchase is necessary. So.

13 MR. BONDS: Okay. Great discussions. And I feel  
14 like I have driven all this. But I do have one more  
15 revenue question and it's on page 18 of the police report.  
16 And it's two-fold. One is on the value of narcotics  
17 seized. For my own edification can you please help me to  
18 understand how is value assessed and to which budget line  
19 does this -- is this applicable? Because I'm looking at  
20 the budget area of 305 in the police department and I'm  
21 not seeing it unless it's rolled into either miscellaneous  
22 or whatever. But if you can help me understand one, how  
23 is the value assessed and then two, what budget line do  
24 these monies fall into?

25 CHIEF WATTERS: So, the value we get from the

1           narcotics seizures would be from our push off vehicles,  
2           our seized vehicles or seized money.

3                   MR. BONDS:   Okay.   Okay.

4                   CHIEF WATTERS:   We just, you know --

5                   MR. BONDS:   So it's a combination of --

6                   CHIEF WATTERS:   We just, you know, it's not just  
7           one.  It's a whole different recipe of different things  
8           that we get from off the street.  What we do, we'll go on  
9           a search warrant and they'll hit -- they just recently I  
10          think it was two weeks ago it was a grow operation, an  
11          illegal grow operation.  So there's the seizures that  
12          they'll get from cash and then they'll get supplies used,  
13          those type of things and those are later sold at auction  
14          and those proceeds, too.  But there's all kinds of  
15          different proceeds.  We'll get cash.  Push off,  
16          forfeiture, but that's all what it is.

17                   MR. BONDS:   Great.

18                   And which budget line?  Because I'm not seeing --  
19          I mean I'm probably seeing it, I just don't know.  Because  
20          I don't see a forfeiture line.

21                   MS. GRIGGS:   So there's actually a separate fund.  
22          It's 265 is the fund number.

23                   MR. BONDS:   Oh, 265.

24                   MS. GRIGGS:   So it's going to be more back.  So  
25          that's where all the drug and forfeiture funds go.

1 MR. BONDS: Okay.

2 Thank you very much.

3 MS. GRIGGS: You're welcome.

4 MR. BONDS: Both of you. Thank you.

5 Any other questions from the board?

6 Okay. Thank you for those answers.

7 City administrator's report which is the look  
8 ahead memo which is attachment 7 of the packets.

9 MR. COPPLER: Real quick, we already talked about  
10 the budget. The second thing is that you'll be seeing at  
11 the next meeting quite a bit of activity relating to  
12 public works. It'll be public works month next month. We  
13 have the contracts or the awards for the road projects  
14 coming in. As well as some of the items for the last  
15 night in terms of purchase of equipment and vehicles.

16 MR. BONDS: Any questions? Yes, sir.

17 MR. ZECH: Thank you again, Mr. Chairman.

18 Mr. Coppler, I'm kind of curious. Earlier in the  
19 agenda we -- there were approvals made of certain  
20 individuals to be hired or promoted or whatever. Is it  
21 the tradition of the city of Lincoln Park that the name be  
22 shared with the council and with this board to say John  
23 Doe or Mary Smith is being hired or promoted or changing  
24 from this title to that title? Is that part of the  
25 tradition or maybe in the ordinance about hiring that the

1 name is shared or is that something that you like to do  
2 that was how, you know?

3 MR. COPPLER: I can't speak to the history  
4 exactly how it was done but I think you know, depending --  
5 well, I can't -- I'm not even going to try to speak for  
6 how it was done.

7 MR. ZECH: I know some communities have nepotism  
8 rules in their charter or in their, we'll call it bylaws  
9 and rules and so just to try to keep everybody on the up  
10 and up they'll say the name realizing that, you know, it  
11 could be an in-law of somebody and all that would get  
12 thwarted. But I was just curious if it's required by your  
13 council or by your charter that the name of an individual  
14 be stated?

15 MR. COPPLER: I don't know if there's any  
16 requirement. I think it's something that I know in  
17 talking with different council members they like to be  
18 aware of these type of actions --

19 MR. ZECH: Okay.

20 MR. COPPLER: -- of the city so we're trying to  
21 again, you know, provide them as we provide to you the  
22 same information.

23 MR. ZECH: Yeah, okay.

24 MR. COPPLER: So they can see what --

25 MR. ZECH: Because I know it's not a privacy



1 matter particularly.

2 MR. COPPLER: It's all public record.

3 MR. ZECH: It's all public and transparent and  
4 all but I was just wondering about that because different  
5 communities have different traditions.

6 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

7 MR. BONDS: Thank you.

8 MS. THOMAS: Mr. Coppler, I do just have one  
9 quick question in regard to the forms that have been  
10 submitted. You know, just out of curiosity as I read  
11 through many of these it says "Budget neutral" but I guess  
12 in theory if someone's moving from a part-time position to  
13 a full-time position I guess I'm not following how that  
14 would be budget neutral given that they are potentially  
15 receiving benefits now at that point. Can you help  
16 explain that or help me understand that?

17 MR. COPPLER: Yeah. Yeah, I'll use that when we  
18 already have that position. Not the person but the  
19 position's already budgeted so if we have an authorization  
20 for, you know, 40 police officers and we have a vacancy  
21 you know, promoting one up from a part-time into a full-  
22 time position that's already been budgeted it would be  
23 budget neutral.

24 MS. THOMAS: Okay. So you're going off FTEs?

25 MR. COPPLER: Yeah. So if we're creating a new

1 position, you know, that's not going to be a budget  
2 neutral transaction. There's going to be an inactive.  
3 That's where we would say, you know, for instance I think  
4 for the detective, you know, there's you know,  
5 historically there's been that position but what was  
6 contemplated in the budget that the EM put in there, that  
7 position wasn't in there. So even though we're not  
8 increasing the number of FTEs in doing that, it is  
9 increasing what the salary wage piece is for it but it  
10 wouldn't impact the benefits in terms of the health care  
11 type of thing. So that's where -- you know, I think we've  
12 put in there that it's going to be about a \$4,000 increase  
13 because of that. So if it's budgeted it's going to be  
14 budget-neutral from our perspective.

15 MR. BONDS: Any other questions?

16 (No response)

17 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, let's move into public  
18 comment please.

19 MR. VAN de GRIFT: City councilmember Kelsey.

20 COUNCILMEMBER KELSEY: Thank you.

21 Nice discussion. Have you hear the term  
22 clawback, that the county uses? You're aware that we lose  
23 money in them, am I correct?

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Uh-huh.

25 COUNCILMEMBER KELSEY: Is anybody doing anything

1 about that? We're talking about that? We're talking  
2 about finances. We're talking about looking the money,  
3 you're talking about buying houses and all that. I mean  
4 that's a big -- when we went through the change in 2008 as  
5 well as everybody else, a lot of money was lost. A lot of  
6 water fund money was lost. It was not made up. The  
7 county took their share, we got absolutely nothing. Go  
8 ahead and comment. Is what I'm saying, it's just -- just  
9 so we're all on the same page here.

10 MR. ZECH: Well, clawback has several meanings.  
11 But I'm familiar with meanings in terms of tax abatement  
12 but I'm not sure I'm following this.

13 COUNCILMEMBER KELSEY: From what I understand is  
14 that the --

15 MR. BONDS: I'm sorry, this is not an open  
16 discussion.

17 COUNCILMEMBER KELSEY: I'm sorry. Then I've got  
18 three minutes so I'll go. What I understand and I'm  
19 calling the county now to understand from Andrio Condrevas  
20 (sic) which is the A.A. to Mr. Evans. Is what happens is  
21 that we lose or the house is lost to foreclosure. The  
22 city loses it to the county, the county turns around and  
23 sells it and they lose on it. They take their money,  
24 whatever they get. The water fund money that we throw on  
25 the taxes, we lose it. The tax money that's our portion

1 that goes to the city is lost. There's not ten cents on  
2 the dollar, there's not two cents on the dollar. Nothing.  
3 It's called a clawback. I talked to Paul Clement from the  
4 State House and he explained that to me, too. I guess  
5 that's common in Wayne County. I don't know about Oakland  
6 and all that.

7 The other comment I'd like to make is that you  
8 are aware and I know you read the papers as well as I do,  
9 is that the cities were sued for the issue of right of  
10 first refusal when they gave them to the person to do  
11 those house renewals. And it still went to court.

12 So the council was sued as well as the rest of  
13 the cities for doing that, okay?

14 And it still went to court to process to be  
15 determined whether that's legal or not. Okay.

16 So some of the stuff sounds great but on the  
17 receiving end where I sit out there just like you do.  
18 It's not all what it seems to be.

19 The last comment I'll make is that the Highland  
20 Park has not paid its water bill. And in the paper all  
21 the communities, suburban communities by court order back  
22 in 1995 or 1999, according to the paper we will all be  
23 assessed an amount of money for the non-payment of  
24 Highland Park and they're in a lawsuit with the state.

25 So some of these things, gentlemen, that are not

1 -- and ladies, are not in our control. Just so you  
2 understand that. We are a small entity and I'm not giving  
3 you a civics lesson but you know as well as I do we're a  
4 small city that has a county and has a state that we  
5 interact with. And some things are not even in our  
6 control for money so I would just wish you would keep that  
7 in mind when you do things like that. There are other  
8 pieces to the puzzle and the need to be looked at besides  
9 what you look at here. And thank you for your time.

10 MR. VAN de GRIFT: That concludes public comment.

11 MR. BONDS: Okay. Board comments?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. BONDS: Any board comment?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. BONDS: Hearing none, is there a motion for  
16 adjournment?

17 MR. ZECH: So moved.

18 MS. THOMAS: Support.

19 MR. BONDS: All those in favor signify by stating  
20 aye?

21 MR. ZECH: Aye.

22 MS. THOMAS: Aye.

23 MR. DUNLEAVY: Aye.

24 MR. BONDS: Aye. Good meeting. Thank you.

25 (At 2:00 p.m. meeting concluded.)

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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 May 17, 2016 at the City of Lincoln Park. 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:

May 27, 2016

*s/ Amy Shankleton-Novess*

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