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City of Ecorse

Receivership Transition Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 12, 2019-2016

Ecorse City Hall

Council Chambers

Albert B. Buday Civic Center

3869 West Jefferson

Ecorse, Michigan 48229

RTAB MEMBERS PRESENT:

ROBERT BOVITZ

JOAN BROPHY

EDWARD KORYZNO

ALSO PRESENT:

WAYNE O'NEAL

City Administrator

CASSANDRA BOOMS

Office of the City Attorney

ROBERT WIDIGAN

Michigan Department of Treasury

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1 **Called to order at 9:03 a.m.**

2 MR. KORYZNO: Okay, it's three minutes after

3 nine, and I'll call the City of Ecorse Receivership

4 Transition Advisory Board meeting to order. I'd like to

5 introduce Mr. Robert Widigan, who will become the liaison

6 for the RTAB board. And thank Drew Van de Grift for his

7 service to board for the last two and a half years. Mr.

8 Widigan, would you please call roll call?

9 MR. WIDIGAN: Yes. Robert Bovitz.

10 MR. BOVITZ: Here.

11 MR. WIDIGAN: Ed Koryzno.

12 MR. KORYZNO: Here.

13 MR. WIDIGAN: Joan Brophy.

14 MS. BROPHY: Here.

15 MR. WIDIGAN: Quorum is present.

16 MR. KORYZNO: Thank you. Next item is approval

17 of agenda.

18 MR. BOVITZ: So moved.

19 MS. BROPHY: Support.

20 MR. KORYZNO: Moved by Bovitz, supported by

21 Brophy. Any discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the

24 agenda as printed, say aye. Aye.

25 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

1 MS. BROPHY: Aye.
2 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.
3 (No response)
4 MR. KORYZNO: The agenda is approved. A
5 reminder to the public that if you wish to speak during
6 the public comment section of the meeting, it's necessary
7 for you to sign up at the sheet on the podium, or else you
8 will not be recognized.
9 Item C, approval of RTAB minutes of December
10 8th, 2015.
11 MR. BOVITZ: Move to approve the minutes of the
12 December 8th, 2015 meeting.
13 MS. BROPHY: Support.
14 MR. KORYZNO: Moved by Bovitz, supported by
15 Brophy. Any discussion?
16 (No response.)
17 MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the
18 motion, say aye. Aye.
19 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.
20 MS. BROPHY: Aye.
21 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.
22 (No response)
23 MR. KORYZNO: The minutes are approved. Item
24 two, old business. Resolution 286.15, five year budget.
25 The Department of Treasury has reviewed the proposed five

1 year budget plan submitted by the city, and I'll introduce
2 Mr. Cary Vaughn, who's the audit manager for the local
3 government financial services division in the local
4 government bureau, who, he and his staff reviewed the
5 plan.

6 Mr. Vaughn, could you comment on the five year
7 budget, please?

8 MR. VAUGHN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

9 I just set and reviewed the five year plan. The
10 city projects a balanced budget through 2020. Overall,
11 the plan looks achievable; it looks good to us.

12 The city is beginning that period of time,
13 meaning this fiscal year, with a \$4.6 million dollar
14 unrestricted fund balance. That's a good start to the
15 five years. We had several questions on the plan; they
16 were all answered to our satisfaction. We really didn't
17 have too many outstanding items on those questions.

18 Just a few of the highlights would be, the net
19 pension liability is an area of concern, as the city has a
20 \$25 million dollar net pension liability, although the
21 city has included payments for the pension, as they
22 should, in the five year plan. So they're not neglecting
23 their duty to pay down that balance, so that should not be
24 a, too large of a concern to the city, since they're
25 making it into their five year plan.

1 Their other pension, their other pension
2 benefits, or other post-employment benefits, such as
3 retiree health care, that also had a \$25 million dollar
4 balance. The last actuarial report was from 2011. That
5 is past due, in our estimation; we should have had one at
6 least in '14, so it's something that we might want to
7 address as a department, to the city. But the 25 million
8 may or may not be correct, because that was in 2011, so we
9 don't know what it's done since then.

10 Just a few of the highlights, just briefly, they
11 projected property taxes to remain flat from '16 to '21,
12 after dropping 13 percent, from '15 to '16. Just keep in
13 mind that we not only reviewed the five year plan, but we
14 also reviewed it at -- to something in reality. So we
15 reviewed it against the 2015 audit report.

16 So those numbers are real, and then we -- we did
17 our analysis based on those 2015 numbers, and compared
18 those to them, and so that, these, the projections seem
19 realistic to us from '16 to '21.

20 The city has projected property taxes for police
21 and fire was a 32 percent increase for '16, and they had
22 said that they adjusted the millage from 15.9 to 24.4;
23 that's why there's an increase in the millage rate for
24 that.

25 Legal settlements kind of popped out at us a

1 bit, because in 2016, they're allocating zero dollars for .
2 legal settlements, but they had said that there were no
3 outstanding nuisance settlements for '16, that \$350,000
4 was expensed in 2015 for outstanding future legal
5 settlements. And so the 20 -- the zero amount for '16
6 seemed reasonable. They're budgeting \$100,000 in '17
7 through '21 for potential future legal settlements.

8 Another item that we looked at; we looked at a
9 lot, but this is one of the highlights, is public safety
10 expenditures were projected to remain relatively flat over
11 the five year period.

12 Just one note, that you might want to keep in
13 mind, while this is balanced for the next five years, the
14 trick will be sticking to the five year plan. We noticed
15 that in the 2015 audit, there were several items that went
16 over budget, but then again they had several items that
17 went under budget. So they were in that to the good by
18 \$500,000 for '15.

19 But the thing is, is you really can't go over
20 budget in your expenditure line items, that's against
21 state law, so they really need to stick with that or amend
22 the budget appropriately, before they go over budget.

23 So I think the object for the city, going
24 forward, is to stick to the five year plan as closely as
25 possible.

1 MR. KORYZNO: Any questions from the Board for
2 Mr. Vaughn?

3 MR. BOVITZ: I assume ^{that} the Mr. Vaughn and the
4 State of Michigan has done their due diligence, and if
5 you're okay with the five year budget, looks good as far
6 as your research, and how you picked it apart, then I move
7 that we adopt the Resolution 286.15, the five year budget.

8 MS. BROPHY: Support.

9 MR. KORYZNO: Moved by Bovitz, supported by
10 Brophy. Any further discussion?

11 MR. BOVITZ: Well, as a CPA, I see your tags on
12 the notes there, I'm assuming green is good, yellow may be
13 caution; I don't see any reds there on your tag, the
14 research report there, so I'm okay with that.

15 MS. BROPHY: Green is not good.

16 MR. BOVITZ: Okay.

17 MS. BROPHY: Maize and blue.

18 MR. BOVITZ: If Mr. Vaughn's good with the five
19 year budget, I'm good with the five year budget, so, I
20 move for approval.

21 MR. KORYZNO: Okay, it's been moved and
22 supported; any further discussion?

23 (No response)

24 MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the
25 motion say aye. Aye.

1 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

2 MS. BROPHY: Aye.

3 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.

4 (No response)

5 MR. KORYZNO: The motion to approve the five
6 year budget plan is approved. Next item is Resolution
7 290.15, the fire department. This was tabled before
8 because there was a memorandum of agreement between the
9 department and the city, regarding consolidation of fire
10 services with a local unit nearby. The potential of
11 consolidation, and so it appears that the five year budget
12 does not include consolidation but still allows for the
13 city to keep their budget balanced.

14 So is that, Mr. O'Neal, is that correct, that
15 you believe the city can balance its future budgets with
16 making changes to the fire department?

17 MR. O'NEAL: That's correct, but keeping in mind
18 that as any city administrator and department heads, we
19 will be viewing any that we can do consolidations of
20 services with surrounding communities. Not just because
21 we leave that stuff, we just do that.

22 And if we can do some things in our DPW, our
23 fire department, with our police department, you see the
24 gun range on there. Whatever we can, we will move forward
25 on that. Obviously, we know that only have so many places

1 left to cut or to save some monies. And hopefully, I'll
2 be coming forward with you with some appointments, things
3 like that, we'll even go further with that.

4 MR. KORYZNO: All right, any questions for Mr.
5 O'Neal?

6 (No response)

7 MR. KORYZNO: All right, seeing none, I'll
8 entertain a motion.

9 MR. BOVITZ: I'll move to approve Resolution
10 290.15, the fire department resolution.

11 MS. BROPHY: Support.

12 MR. KORYZNO: Moved by Bovitz, support by
13 Brophy, to support Resolution 290.15. Any discussion?

14 MR. BOVITZ: And as we mentioned last month, I
15 think the nature of that resolution at the city council
16 meeting was in the spirit of working under a current
17 condition. So as conditions change, I would hope that the
18 city would still explore opportunities to work with other
19 cities, like River Rouge especially. And as you're doing
20 with the City of Taylor and the police range.

21 MR. KORYZNO: All right, any further discussion?

22 (No response)

23 MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the
24 motion say aye. Aye.

25 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

1 MS. BROPHY: Aye.
2 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.
3 (No response)
4 MR. KORYZNO: Resolution 290.15 is approved.
5 Item three, new business, selection of a vice
6 chair. Because of Ms. Parker's resignation, and the
7 addition of Ms. Brophy to this board, it's necessary that
8 we revisit the board offices of vice chair and secretary.
9 So we'll begin with vice chair; is there a nomination for
10 vice chair?
11 MS. BROPHY: I'll make a motion to appoint Rob
12 Bovitz as vice chair.
13 MR. KORYZNO: And I'll support that.
14 Further discussion?
15 MR. BOVITZ: Aw, shucks.
16 MR. KORYZNO: All in favor of the motion say
17 aye. Aye.
18 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.
19 MS. BROPHY: Aye.
20 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.
21 (No response)
22 MR. KORYZNO: The motion is approved.
23 Congratulations.
24 MR. BOVITZ: Promotion.
25 MR. KORYZNO: Selection of a secretary. Are

1 there any nominations for secretary?

2 MR. BOVITZ: Well, I move that the TAB board
3 approve Joan Brophy as secretary and nominations be
4 closed.

5 MR. KORYZNO: I will support that. It should be
6 noted that the position of board secretary is -- does not
7 include actually taking minutes and so forth; it's more
8 perfunctory, so just, just so you know that, Joan. Any
9 further discussion?

10 (No response)

11 MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the
12 motion say aye. Aye.

13 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

14 MS. BROPHY: Aye.

15 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.

16 (No response)

17 MR. KORYZNO: The motion is approved,
18 congratulations. Next item is Item C, Amendment of Rules
19 of Procedure. Mr. Widigan, could you summarize this item
20 for the Board?

21 MR. WIDIGAN: Yes. Currently, our rules of
22 procedure, under Section 4.1, state, Joyce Parker, as a
23 member with relevant professional experience, the
24 resignation of Ms. Parker and the appointment of Ms.
25 Brophy, it is recommended that the Board amend the rules

1 of procedure to adopt the changes.

2 MR. KORYZNO: So, are you recommending that we
3 will amend the rules of procedure to insert Joan Brophy's
4 name as the member with relevant professional experience?

5 MR. WIDIGAN: Correct.

6 MR. KORYZNO: All right. All right, so I'll
7 entertain a motion to amend the rules of procedure to
8 insert Joan Brophy as the board member with relevant
9 professional experience.

10 MR. BOVITZ: So moved.

11 MS. BROPHY: Support.

12 MR. KORYZNO: Moved by Bovitz, support by
13 Brophy, any discussion?

14 MR. BOVITZ: Just to clarify, so, I'm still
15 representing the State of Michigan, Department of
16 Management of Budget, officially? As an appointee?

17 MR. KORYZNO: As an appointee, that's right.

18 MR. BOVITZ: Okay.

19 MR. KORYZNO: Any other discussion?

20 MR. BOVITZ: No.

21 MS. BROPHY: No.

22 MR. KORYZNO: All right, seeing none, all in
23 favor of the motion say aye. Aye.

24 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

25 MS. BROPHY: Aye.

1 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.
2 (No response)
3 MR. KORYZNO: The motion is approved. Item B,
4 approval of resolutions and ordinances for city council
5 meetings. Item one, resolutions from the regular city
6 council meeting of November 24th, 2015. I'll entertain a
7 motion.
8 MS. BROPHY: So moved.
9 MR. BOVITZ: Support. Oh, with the exception.
10 MS. BROPHY: Oh, with exception?
11 MR. KORYZNO: If you could -- yeah, if you could
12 read the --
13 MS. BROPHY: Oh, there's some exceptions here.
14 MR. KORYZNO: Yes.
15 MS. BROPHY: Excuse me. You know what, you
16 should probably make the motion. I have a difficult time
17 reading green.
18 MR. KORYZNO: Oh.
19 MR. BOVITZ: I move that we approve the
20 resolutions from the November 24th, 2015 city council
21 meeting with the exception of Resolution 323.15, the
22 Praxair permit agreement.
23 MS. BROPHY: Support.
24 MR. KORYZNO: All right. Moved by Bovitz,
25 supported by Brophy, to approve the November 24th, 2015

1 city council meeting minutes, with the exception of
2 Resolution 323.15. Any further discussion?

3 (No response)

4 MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the
5 motion say aye. Aye.

6 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

7 MS. BROPHY: Aye.

8 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.

9 (No response)

10 MR. KORYZNO: The motion is approved.
11 Resolution 323.15, the Praxair permit agreement. Mr.
12 O'Neal, has this permit agreement been completed in
13 accordance with applicable law? I notice that there's a
14 scale approving certain expenditures?

15 MR. O'NEAL: Yes, as you know, Mr. Koryzno, we
16 can only charge our fee schedule for services that we
17 provide. One of the reasons that we did the Praxair
18 agreement note, as well as United States Steel, that
19 mirrors United States Steel.

20 Because we don't have the expertise to go back
21 there and do all those things, so the permit fee is
22 ratcheted down a little bit, if you will. And, we've got
23 the -- we have to depend on their expertise on the things
24 that they do back there.

25 While we have a separate permit, for maintenance

1 provisions, okay, if you're going to build something new
2 or if you're putting a hundred million dollar addition on
3 that, they've got, when they get their permit from us,
4 which they will according to this schedule, their onsite
5 expertise are going to make sure that that thing's built,
6 because we have no way of knowing. We have no way of
7 knowing.

8 MR. KORYZNO: Any questions for Mr. O'Neal?

9 MR. BOVITZ: I notice that this is a five year
10 agreement, and that's a positive, meaning that they can't
11 change the terms in the five years?

12 MR. O'NEAL: That's correct. That's correct.

13 MR. BOVITZ: Look at that as a positive with the
14 city, then.

15 MR. O'NEAL: That's correct. We got the same
16 thing with the United States Steel.

17 MR. KORYZNO: All right, I'll entertain a
18 motion.

19 MR. BOVITZ: Move that we adopt Resolution
20 323.15, the Praxair permit agreement, from the meeting of
21 November 24th, 2015.

22 MS. BROPHY: Support.

23 MR. KORYZNO: Moved by Bovitz, support by
24 Brophy, to approve the resolution. Any further
25 discussion?

1 (No response)

2 MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the

3 motion say aye. Aye.

4 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

5 MS. BROPHY: Aye.

6 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.

7 (No response)

8 MR. KORYZNO: Resolution 323.15 is approved.

9 Next item is item two, resolutions from regular

10 city council meeting of December 8th, 2015.

11 MS. BROPHY: You'll have to do it; if it's

12 anything's in green, I can't see it.

13 MR. BOVITZ: I move that we adopt the city

14 council meeting minutes of December 8th, 2015, with the

15 exception of Resolution 336.16, the water and sewer rates.

16 MS. BROPHY: Support.

17 MR. KORYZNO: It's been moved and supported to

18 approve the minutes from the December 8th, 2015 meeting,

19 or meetings, with the exception of Resolution 336.16. Any

20 further discussion?

21 (No response)

22 MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the

23 motion say aye. Aye.

24 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

25 MS. BROPHY: Aye.

1 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.
2 (No response)
3 MR. KORYZNO: The motion is approved.
4 Next item is Resolution 336.16, water and sewer
5 rates.
6 MS. BOOMS: One five.
7 MR. KORYZNO: One five. Oh, that's an error on
8 our agenda. Thank you. Mr. O'Neal, can you inform the
9 Board of the budgetary impact of these changes? And if
10 they're included in the Board's five year budget?
11 MR. O'NEAL: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Koryzno.
12 Yes, the reason for the change for the rates.
13 The rates that were in place before -- the minimum bill
14 allowed the resident to have 5,000 gallons as part of the
15 minimum bill. The rates were changed to have a commodity
16 charge for if they didn't sell any water, we would have
17 money to operate the system, it's good practices.
18 MR. BOVITZ: Mm-hm.
19 MR. O'NEAL: So, the new commodity rate is
20 effective without the use of any water. The basic rate.
21 Then we charge a -- excuse me. A flat rate. Then we have
22 a commodity rate that starts at gallon one. So instead of
23 giving everybody 5,000 gallons.
24 Also, you're set on your REUs, your Residential
25 Equivalent Unit. So if you have an apartment complex, and

1 you have 32 units, you get 32 minimum bills like you
2 should, instead of the houses supporting the apartments.

3 And those are some of the things that weren't in
4 place before. And as we go through, Mr. Koryzno and
5 members of the board, as we go through -- it's a process,
6 that we effectuate these rates. Just like Praxair and
7 United States, and now we're on this.

8 We're going to be going through a meter change
9 out program. We know that we have a lot of straight pipes
10 out there and things like that. And so we're -- that's
11 just one more step in the process, if you will. But this
12 gets us running.

13 MR. KORYZNO: Very good. Any questions for Mr.
14 O'Neal from the Board?

15 (No response)

16 MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, I'll entertain a
17 motion.

18 MR. BOVITZ: I move that we adopt the Resolution
19 336.15, from the meeting of December 8th, 2015.

20 MS. BROPHY: Support.

21 MR. KORYZNO: Moved by Bovitz, support by
22 Brophy, to approve Resolution 336.15; any further
23 discussion?

24 (No response)

25 MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the

1 motion say aye. Aye.

2 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

3 MS. BROPHY: Aye.

4 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.

5 (No response)

6 MR. KORYZNO: Resolution 336.15 is approved.

7 MR. BOVITZ: Just a point of order -- the last
8 memo from the city, since you caught one of the state's
9 mistake, I'll notice the typo on the City of Ecorse. U.S.
10 Steal, S-T-E-A-L. No pun intended with the U.S. Steal,
11 right? Okay. We're even.

12 MR. KORYZNO: All right, item three, is claims
13 and accounts from regular city council meeting draft
14 minutes from December 22nd, 2015. I'll entertain a motion
15 to approve the claims and accounts.

16 MR. BOVITZ: Move that we approve the claims and
17 accounts from December 22nd, 2015, city council meeting.

18 MS. BROPHY: Support.

19 MR. KORYZNO: Moved by Bovitz, support by
20 Brophy, to approve the claims and accounts. Further
21 discussion?

22 MR. BOVITZ: Just noticed that annual audit
23 report was submitted by Raymond? And I'd like to see a
24 copy of that, if I could, once it's official? But yeah,
25 now -- even between now and the next meeting's fine.

1 MR. KORYZNO: Staff will provide a copy to the
2 Board.
3 MR. BOVITZ: That's all.
4 MR. KORYZNO: Any further discussion?
5 (No response)
6 MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the
7 motion say aye. Aye.
8 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.
9 MS. BROPHY: Aye.
10 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.
11 (No response)
12 MR. KORYZNO: The claims and accounts are
13 approved for the December 22nd, 2015 meeting.
14 Item four, city administrator items. Number
15 one, city council minutes, were addressed in new business.
16 Number two, budget to actual report for November; I'll
17 entertain a motion to approve the November budget to
18 actual report.
19 MS. BROPHY: So moved.
20 MR. BOVITZ: Support.
21 MR. KORYZNO: Moved by Brophy, support by
22 Bovitz, to approve the November budget to actual report.
23 Any discussion?
24 MR. BOVITZ: Just to know if there's a little
25 different format, because Mr. Sidowski's making some

1 changes internally, just to make it -- is the city council
2 requesting those changes, or from administration
3 standpoint, are you working closer to get those changes?

4 MR. O'NEAL: That's what we're doing
5 administratively.

6 MR. BOVITZ: Okay, so it's welcomed and
7 encouraged by the city council, make it more meaningful
8 for them, and at the city council meeting, are they
9 actually going through the numbers, and, or -- ?

10 MR. O'NEAL: We go through the numbers with
11 them, both -- and also, we have a opportunities to meet
12 with individuals, I know Mr. Eliam comes in all the time,
13 and if he sees something that tickles his fancy, and we go
14 over it. And, we have a new council person on board, and
15 of course we're mentoring him and bringing him on board.
16 It's good.

17 MR. BOVITZ: And he's young. Just that Mr.
18 O'Neal, since he's been on full time, he's been meeting
19 with the budget, with the directors and going through
20 budgets, trying to get more understanding of how people
21 are understanding, you know, the working budget, so, I
22 congratulate you on keeping people informed, from a
23 monetary standpoint. Fiscal responsibility.

24 MR. KORYZNO: All right, any further discussion?

25 (No response)

1 MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the
2 motion to approve the November budget to actual report say
3 aye. Aye.

4 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

5 MS. BROPHY: Aye.

6 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.

7 (No response)

8 MR. KORYZNO: The motion is approved.

9 Number three, approval of Municode contract,
10 republishing of the code. It was addressed in new
11 business.

12 Number four, approval of employment contract;
13 addressed in new business.

14 Number five, approval of indemnification and
15 hold harmless agreement for use of gun range, was
16 addressed in new business.

17 Number six, approval of adoption of a public
18 utilities policy. Mr. O'Neal, can you share with the
19 Board if this policy was approved by the city council?

20 MR. O'NEAL: Yes, Mr. Koryzno, the policies that
21 are in there were approved by the council. As you know,
22 the public utilities policy mirrors what's required by
23 anybody that has utility by the Public Service Commission.
24 We didn't have it. We have it now, as well as the
25 investment policy.

1 MR. KORYZNO: The reason I ask, because the
2 staff couldn't find a meeting where it was approved.
3 MR. O'NEAL: I could swear that we had a meeting
4 --
5 MS. BOOMS: It should have been adopted with the
6 water and sewer rates.
7 MR. O'NEAL: Yes, thank you.
8 MS. BOOMS: So it would be resolution -- City
9 Attorney Cassandra Booms. It would be Resolution 334.15,
10 on December 8th minutes.
11 MR. KORYZNO: 334.15?
12 MS. BOOMS: Yes.
13 MR. BOVITZ: Yup, it's there.
14 MS. BOOMS: Yup, it is.
15 MR. KORYZNO: All right. Very good. But --
16 MS. BOOMS: They were reviewed by the city
17 attorney's office.
18 MR. KORYZNO: All right, very good. Great. So,
19 this has been approved by virtue of the Board's approval,
20 and the --
21 MS. BOOMS: Correct, you've already had this and
22 you approved it.
23 MR. KORYZNO: All right. Number seven, approval
24 of adoption of the banking and investment policies, same
25 question. It was answered at 334 --

1 MS. BOOMS: It was answered -- again, Cassandra
2 Booms, city attorney's office. It would be 335.15.

3 MR. KORYZNO: All right. Thank you, Ms. Booms.

4 MS. BOOMS: You're welcome.

5 MR. KORYZNO: Number eight, water and sewer
6 rates; addressed in new business.

7 Number nine, Praxair agreement for construction
8 and permit procedures, addressed in new business. Number
9 ten, checks released. Absent any questions from the Board
10 on this informational item, the report will be received
11 and filed.

12 Any questions from the board members?

13 (No response)

14 MR. KORYZNO: All right, next item is number
15 four, city administrator report. Mr. O'Neal?

16 MR. O'NEAL: Thank you Mr. Koryzno, members of
17 the board. Very briefly, when we look forward to the
18 annual report from the RTAB and the state treasurer's
19 office, relative to how the City of Ecorse is moving
20 forward -- you've got your standards that you set up last
21 year. I still have it on my desk, in the same spot.

22 We're looking forward to meeting with the
23 individuals from the RTAB to go over those things. I
24 think one of the biggest points is the five year balanced
25 budget. Some of the things that we have in the balanced

1 budget about paying off half of the bonds. And we want to
2 do that, for obvious reasons.

3 I will tell you that there's an item that
4 Cassandra and I have to deal with after we leave this
5 meeting; we're talking about the reality show coming up,
6 "Downriver". I know I've talked about this on several
7 occasions with the board.

8 There are some contractual things that we have
9 got to get finalized out with Cassandra and their attorneys.
10 They want to announce the pilot, they want to make an
11 announcement. I know that Mr. Moore's been interviewed;
12 I've been interviewed for hours on, and the mayor.

13 They've been all around, and we're looking with
14 excitement as to how it will come across. Hopefully,
15 we'll come across in a positive light. Quite frankly,
16 they have asked us, I don't know what they asked Mr.
17 Moore, I wasn't there. I don't know what they asked the
18 mayor; I wasn't there. I know what they asked me, and I
19 answered some questions very poignantly and confidently,
20 and hopefully they come across in the spirit of which they
21 were asked.

22 Knowing full well that some of the questions
23 were asked before the election, and I was told that the
24 answers wouldn't come out until after the election.
25 Because I don't get involved in elections. I see 'em and

1 that and I don't get involved with that.

2 But you know how that is. Comes across, well,
3 what are you doing, so. Everything in my perspective is
4 positive and Ecorse is on point. And I trust Mr. Moore
5 and the mayor, obviously, they came along positive, but,
6 again, the person that's the director of this is the same
7 person that did Undercover Boss. And he's been nominated
8 for Emmys and what have you, and he's quite a character.
9 So we're looking forward to those two things.

10 Thank you.

11 MR. KORYZNO: Any questions for Mr. O'Neal from
12 the board members?

13 (No response)

14 MR. KORYZNO: All right. Next item is public
15 comment. Per the board rules of procedure, you'll have
16 two minutes to speak. Mr. Widigan is retrieving the list
17 of individuals who have signed. And we'll announce your
18 name.

19 Pardon?

20 MR. WIDIGAN: No public comment.

21 MR. KORYZNO: No public comment today. All
22 right. Board comments. Any comments from the board
23 members?

24 I'd just like to, for Ms. Brophy's information,
25 inform you that the evaluation of the city's performance

1 during the past year, that Mr. O'Neal referred to, will be
2 done by the treasury staff, and then presented to us for
3 review and approval. The board members will also be
4 interviewed by treasury staff, as well.

5 MS. BROPHY: This is the annual report?

6 MR. KORYZNO: Yeah, the annual, by, appointment
7 by the governor includes an annual evaluation. Then, I'd
8 also like to commend Mr. O'Neal and the city staff for
9 completing the five year budget, and having it balanced
10 and being positive, so, good job.

11 MR. O'NEAL: Thanks to Tim Sidowski.

12 MR. KORYZNO: All right, next item is
13 adjournment. Entertain a motion to adjourn.

14 MS. BROPHY: So moved.

15 MR. BOVITZ: Support.

16 MR. KORYZNO: Moved by Brophy, support by Bovitz
17 to adjourn the meeting. All in favor of the motion say
18 aye. Aye.

19 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

20 MS. BROPHY: Aye.

21 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.

22 (No response)

23 MR. KORYZNO: City of Ecorse RTAB meeting is
24 adjourned at 9:31 a.m. Thank you.

25 (Meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.)

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5 I certify that this transcript is a complete, true, and
6 correct transcript to the best of my ability of the RTAB
7 meeting held on January 12, 2016, City of Ecorse. I also
8 certify that I am not a relative or employee of the parties
9 involved and have no financial interest in this case.

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13 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: January 20, 2016

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15 s/ *Amy Shankleton-Novess*

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17 Amy Shankleton-Novess (CER 0838)

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