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City of Ecorse

Receivership Transition Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Ecorse City Hall

Council Chambers

Albert B. Buday Civic Center

3869 West Jefferson

Ecorse, Michigan 48229

RTAB MEMBERS PRESENT:

EDWARD KORYZNO, CHAIR

ROBERT BOVITZ

JOAN BROPHY

ALSO PRESENT:

WAYNE O'NEAL

City Administrator

CASSANDRA BOOMS

Office of the City Attorney

~~DREW VAN DE GRIFT~~

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Called to order at 9:00 a.m.

MR. KORYZNO: Good morning, it's 9 a.m., and I'll call the City of Ecorse Receivership Transition Advisory Board meeting to order. First item is the introduction of a new board member, I'd like to introduce and welcome Joan Brophy to the RTAB here in Ecorse. She is replacing Joyce Parker. Next item is roll call.

MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Robert Bovitz.

MR. BOVITZ: Here.

MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Joan Brophy.

MS. BROPHY: Here.

MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Edward Koryzno.

MR. KORYZNO: Here.

MR. VAN DE GRIFT: All present.

MR. KORYZNO: Next item is approval of agenda.

MR. BOVITZ: So moved.

MS. BROPHY: Support.

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

(No response.)

MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor say aye.
Aye.

MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

MS. BROPHY: Aye.

1 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.
2 (No response)
3 MR. KORYZNO: The agenda's approved.
4 Reminder to the public that if you intend to
5 speak during public comment portion of the meeting, it's
6 necessary for you to sign the signup sheet, otherwise you
7 will not be recognized.
8 Next item is approval of RTAB minutes of the
9 October 13th, 2015, meeting.
10 MR. BOVITZ: Move for the approval as presented.
11 MS. BROPHY: Support.
12 MR. KORYZNO: Moved by Bovitz, supported by
13 Brophy. Further discussion?
14 (No response.)
15 MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the
16 motion say aye. Aye.
17 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.
18 MS. BROPHY: Aye.
19 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.
20 (No response)
21 MR. KORYZNO: The minutes for October 13th,
22 2015, meeting are approved. There is no old business, so
23 we'll move on to new business, approval of the 2016
24 meeting schedule.
25 MR. BOVITZ: I checked all the dates, all the

1 dates are fine with me, but Joan, did you have any
2 conflicts with any of the dates that were proposed?

3 MS. BROPHY: Not at this time.

4 MR. BOVITZ: Okay, Ed?

5 MR. KORYZNO: No, fine by me.

6 MR. BOVITZ: Okay, so I move that we approve the
7 meeting schedule as presented.

8 MS. BROPHY: I'll support.

9 MR. KORYZNO: Moved by Bovitz, supported by
10 Brophy, to approve the 2016 RTAB meeting schedule.

11 Further discussion?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor say aye.
14 Aye.

15 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

16 MS. BROPHY: Aye.

17 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.

18 (No response)

19 MR. KORYZNO: The 2016 meeting schedule is
20 approved.

21 Item B, approval of resolutions and ordinances
22 for city council meetings, resolution from the regular
23 city council meeting of September 29th, 2015.

24 MR. BOVITZ: Move that we accept the resolutions
25 from the regular city council meeting of September 29th,

1 2015, with the exception of Resolution 270.15, the budget
2 amendment.

3 MS. BROPHY: Support.

4 MR. KORYZNO: It's been moved and supported;
5 further discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of the
6 motion say aye. Aye.

7 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

8 MS. BROPHY: Aye.

9 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.

10 (No response)

11 MR. KORYZNO: The motion is approved. Next item
12 is Resolution 270.15, budget amendment. The city has
13 acted to amend the current budget, which requires approval
14 of this Board. Mr. O'Neal, could you provide the Board
15 with a summary of the budget amendment, please?

16 MR. O'NEAL: I could, but I would like to defer
17 that to Mr. ^{Sadowski} Sedowski, the controller.

18 MR. KORYZNO: All right, Mr. ^{Sadowski} Sedowski?

19 MR. ^{sadowski} SEDOWSKI: Hi, my name's Tim ^{Sadowski} Sedowski, city
20 controller. When I was hired in, I was asked to review
21 the current budget. I went through the standard
22 schedules, I used our debt schedule, our capital asset
23 schedule. I used our BS & A to adequately predict our
24 property tax revenues.

25 I adjusted the MERS to our actual valuation

1 reports, that we can base our, use our payroll figures to
2 get that dollar amount. Biweekly payroll, I updated the
3 salaries for the different departments, and I implemented
4 the grant awards and expenses.

5 Based on those schedules, I amended the current
6 years' budget, which more accurately reflects the
7 schedules the city's currently using.

8 MR. KORYZNO: Any questions from the Board for
9 Mr. ^{Sadowski} ~~Sedowski~~?

10 MR. BOVITZ: Did the treasury analyst have any
11 issues with the amendments, or was it just a formality?
12 Okay, I'm good.

13 MR. KORYZNO: Treasury -- in answer to your
14 question, Treasury didn't have any questions or concerns
15 about the budget amendment.

16 MR. BOVITZ: Okay, well I move that we approve
17 the Resolution 270.15, the budget amendment.

18 MS. BROPHY: Support.

19 MR. KORYZNO: Moved by Bovitz, supported by
20 Brophy.

21 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: The motion is approved.

5 Item two, resolutions from regular city council
6 meeting of October 13th, 2015.

7 MR. BOVITZ: Move to approve the resolutions
8 from city council meeting of October 13th, 2015, with the
9 exception of Resolution 286.15, the five year budget, and
10 Resolution 290.15, the fire department.

11 MS. BROPHY: Support.

12 MR. KORYZNO: Been moved and supported, further
13 discussion?

14 (No response.)

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

17 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

18 MS. BROPHY: Aye.

19 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.

20 (No response)

21 MR. KORYZNO: The motion is approved.

22 Next item is Resolution 286.15, the five year
23 budget. Treasury has received two five year financial
24 plans; one submitted in October, and the other was
25 submitted about ten days ago. And I'm recommending that

1 the five year financial plan be postponed, simply because
2 Treasury staff has not had the opportunity to review it.
3 So it's through no fault of the city, this is Treasury.

4 MR. BOVITZ: Okay. I'll move that we postpone
5 the adoption of Resolution 286.15, the five year budget.

6 MS. BROPHY: Support.

7 MR. KORYZNO: Moved by Bovitz, supported by
8 Brophy. Further discussion?

9 MR. BOVITZ: Well, I think this is because of
10 the new information that Mr. ^{Sadowski} ~~Sedowski~~ has discovered
11 within his new tenure, so, I would hope that this new
12 budget is more realistic going forward, so.

13 MR. KORYZNO: Any other comments? Seeing none,
14 all in favor of the motion say aye. Aye.

15 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

16 MS. BROPHY: Aye.

17 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.

18 (No response)

19 MR. KORYZNO: ~~The motion is approved.~~

20 Next is Resolution 290.15, the fire department.
21 City council has resolved its intent to maintain the
22 Ecorse Fire Department in its current form, and this
23 appears to be incompatible with the terms of a previous
24 communication with Deputy Treasurer Wayne Workman, which
25 the city council itself acknowledged, at its October 18th,

1 2015 council meeting.

2 Mr. O'Neal, could you provide some clarification
3 for the Board, please?

4 MR. O'NEAL: Thank you, Mr. Koryzno, members of
5 the TAB Board.

6 As you know, we just went through an election,
7 and one of the issues within the election itself was, the
8 fire department. They had got themselves involved in the
9 election process. As you know, we were discussing mergers
10 with the City of Ecorse -- excuse me, City of River Rouge.

11 Some -- a number of things that we were
12 discussing but had not made any decisions or whatever.
13 Those conversations were agreed to be kept confidential
14 until such time as we could come to some resolve, based on
15 our meetings that we had at the state level, and what have
16 you.

17 River Rouge chose to not hold up to that, and
18 had some information that went out to our fire department
19 and they got involved in our election process. That being
20 said, the council did not want to change the fire
21 department as it currently is.

22 Now, what does that mean?

23 Does it mean that we keep a full time fire
24 department, or does that mean that we have a part time
25 fire department?

1 Do we have some kind of a combination?

2 And what they were trying to address to the
3 public was, is that we are -- we realize that it's
4 important that we have a fire department, and they want to
5 maintain their fire department.

6 Nothing has come before my city council for them
7 to even act on. So they came up with a resolution that,
8 in its current form, that they have passed a resolution to
9 keep it that way. We have had conversations, both with
10 Lincoln Park and with River Rouge, relative to our fire
11 department.

12 I've had conversations with Mr. Byrne, and Joe,
13 regarding these things, and about how we might be going
14 forward with this. It's still an active process. The
15 City of Ecorse is not ignoring the agreement that we have
16 with Mr. Workman, in his memo of, I think it's August
17 18th. We understand and we realize what we've got.

18 Keeping in mind the five year budget, had this a
19 status quo budget, that you had before, that maintained
20 the full time fire department. And it's perfectly
21 balanced going forward. So that being said, we still have
22 a work in progress and again, we're not turning our back
23 on the memo with Mr. Workman. Randy indicated he wanted
24 to talk with us next week as part of treasury, and we'll
25 talk and we'll continue on that, and keep you informed,

1 Mr. Koryzno, as to what we're doing to keep our budget and
2 the fire department.

3 MR. KORYZNO: Thank you. Any questions from the
4 Board, for Mr. O'Neal?

5 MR. BOVITZ: Yeah, I think it's a harmless
6 resolution, in the spirit of the morale of the fire
7 department, but still you'd have to comply with whatever
8 budget you're forced to work with, or if there is a
9 consolidation agreement. And so I see no problem with the
10 resolution, because it's not dictating that things are
11 going to go in a certain manner that are outside the
12 memorandum of understanding.

13 MR. O'NEAL: Correct.

14 MR. BOVITZ: So, I have no problem with that
15 resolution.

16 MR. KORYZNO: Any other questions?

17 (No response)

18 MR. KORYZNO: Thank you, Mr. O'Neal.

19 Mr. Workman asked that Mr. Byrne address the
20 Board as well, so, Mr. Byrne?

21 MR. BYRNE: Thank you, Mr. Koryzno.

22 MR. KORYZNO: Please identify yourself for the
23 record?

24 MR. BYRNE: What's that?

25 MR. KORYZNO: Please identify yourself for the

1 record.

2 MR. BYRNE: I am Randy Byrne. I'm the
3 administrative manager of the office of fiscal
4 responsibility.

5 As you know, on August 10th, there was a letter
6 that Deputy Treasurer Workman sent to Mr. O'Neal, city
7 administrator. And in this letter, it said, act quickly
8 to consolidate its fire operations with a municipal
9 neighbor such as River Rouge or Lincoln Park.

10 And what I am here to suggest is that if the
11 city would like to study this issue, Treasury is willing
12 to at least partially fund a study to take a look at what
13 the options are for the City of Ecorse Fire Department.
14 Consolidate with a city or cities, that's all on the
15 table. So, I wanted to throw that out there as an option
16 for the city to consider.

17 Thank you.

18 MR. KORYZNO: Thank you.

19 Mr. O'Neal?

20 MR. O'NEAL: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Byrne.
21 Mr. Koryzno, as you, again, as you realize, it's become a
22 very hot political potato, the fire department. I have
23 made it perfectly heard, known perfectly clear, to the
24 mayor and to council. As you know, the mayor and some of
25 the council did meet with Mr. Workman and the state

1 treasurer, relative to this issue, and we're cognizant of
2 the fact that -- as well as in his memo, that we talked
3 about the consolidation.

4 We're very, very aware of that, we realize it's
5 something we've got to do in order to be sustainable as a
6 community. That said, I appreciate the fact, and I know
7 the mayor, and Mr. Elam is here -- will appreciate the
8 fact that Mr. Byrne is here on the record, from Treasury,
9 reiterating what Mr. Workman said in his memo. I made
10 that perfectly clear.

11 But having him here today, to reinforce it,
12 helps. Because it -- you know, we're under the gun, and
13 we realize that, and we're going to do those things in
14 that letter so that we get a good report card from the
15 state, so, we're going to do what is necessary.

16 Thank you.

17 MR. KORYZNO: All right.

18 MR. BOVITZ: Well, you know, last year, the
19 state offered the grant for the consolidation study, and
20 we actually had to formally condemn the non-action of city
21 council for not addressing it, so, hopefully this will
22 readdress, then.

23 MR. KORYZNO: Any other comments?

24 I feel strongly that we should table the
25 resolution, only because the letter says consolidation.

1 This says the city will maintain the fire department's
2 current form. I understand there is going to be
3 discussions and so forth, but I think, from my
4 perspective, to remain consistent with Treasury's
5 position, that's what we should do.

6 MR. BOVITZ: And the spirit at the time of the
7 resolution, and the city council politics that were going
8 on, and the morale issue, I think that was appropriate at
9 the time, but yet, for purposes of this meeting, I move
10 then that we table the resolution 286.15.

11 I'm sorry, 290.15, the fire department
12 resolution.

13 MR. KORYZNO: Thank you.

14 Is there support?

15 MS. BROPHY: Support that.

16 MR. KORYZNO: All right, it's been moved and
17 supported to table Resolution 290.15; further discussion?

18 (No response.)

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

21 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

22 MS. BROPHY: Aye.

23 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.

24 (No response)

25 MR. KORYZNO: The motion is approved.

1 Item three, resolutions from the regular city
2 council meeting of October 27th, 2015.

3 MR. BOVITZ: Move that we adopt the regular city
4 council meeting of 2000 -- November 10th, 2015, in its
5 entirety.

6 MS. BROPHY: I'll support.

7 MR. KORYZNO: Been moved and supported to
8 approve resolutions from the city council meeting of did
9 you say the --

10 MR. BOVITZ: November 10th.

11 MR. KORYZNO: November 10th, all right.

12 MS. BROPHY: I thought it was October 27th.

13 MR. KORYZNO: We're on October 27th.

14 MR. BOVITZ: Oh, I confused myself. I amend
15 that, the motion, to say that it's the meeting of October
16 27th, 2015.

17 MR. KORYZNO: All right.

18 MS. BROPHY: I'll support.

19 MR. KORYZNO: Support that? Okay, it's been
20 moved and supported. 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 resolution is approved. Item
4 number four, resolutions from the regular city council of
5 November 10th, 2015.
6 MR. BOVITZ: Joan, you better do this one; I
7 messed it up.
8 MS. BROPHY: I'll move to approve the resolutions
9 from the city council meeting of November 10th, 2015.
10 MR. BOVITZ: And I'll support that.
11 MR. KORYZNO: Moved by Brophy, supported by
12 Bovitz, to approve the city council meeting minutes of
13 November 10th, 2015.
14 Further discussion?
15 (No response.)
16 MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the
17 motion say 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. Item five,
23 claims and accounts from regular city council meeting
24 draft minutes of November 24th, 2015.
25 MR. BOVITZ: Move that we approve the claims and

1 accounts from the city council meeting of November 24th,
2 2015.

3 MS. BROPHY: Support.

4 MR. KORYZNO: Moved by Bovitz, supported by
5 Brophy.

6 Further discussion?

7 MR. BOVITZ: Just ^a ~~to~~ clarification for Joan, the
8 reason why we're only approving the claims and accounts is
9 because it doesn't fall within the timeframe for approving
10 all the actions, so that's why it's a little different
11 than the other city council minutes.

12 MS. BROPHY: Thank you.

13 MR. KORYZNO: Thanks. Seeing no further
14 discussion, all in favor of the motion say aye. Aye.

15 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

16 MS. BROPHY: Aye.

17 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.

18 (No response)

19 MR. KORYZNO: The claims and accounts are
20 approved. Item two, city administrator items. Number
21 one, city council minutes were addressed in new business.
22 Budget to actual -- number two, budget to actual report
23 for September. I'll entertain a motion to approve the
24 September budget to actual report.

25 MR. BOVITZ: So moved.

1 MS. BROPHY: Support.

2 MR. KORYZNO: Moved by Bovitz, support by

3 Brophy, to approve the September budget to actual reports.

4 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 budget to actual report is

13 approved.

14 MR. BOVITZ: This is why the clarification,

15 since there was no meeting last month, this is the fact

16 that we approved the last two months of activity?

17 MR. KORYZNO: We're on the way the next is for

18 October.

19 MR. BOVITZ: Oh, I'm sorry, okay. I've got two

20 strikes against me today.

21 MR. KORYZNO: One more.

22 MR. BOVITZ: So I'm out of shape --

23 MR. KORYZNO: Next item is budget actual report

24 for October.

25 MR. BOVITZ: There we go. Okay approve -- move

1 to accept the budget to actual report for October.
2 MS. BROPHY: Support.
3 MR. KORYZNO: Moved by Bovitz, support by Brophy
4 to approve the October budget to actual report.
5 Further discussion?
6 (No response.)
7 MR. KORYZNO: Seeing none, all in favor of the
8 motion say aye. Aye.
9 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.
10 MS. BROPHY: Aye.
11 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.
12 (No response)
13 MR. KORYZNO: The budget to actual report for
14 October is approved.
15 Item four, approval of budget amendment 2015-3
16 was addressed in new business.
17 Item five, approval of Gallagher Bassett
18 insurance renewal, third party administrator, was
19 addressed in new business.
20 Item six, approval of Lucier v City of Ecorse
21 settlement, addressed in new business.
22 Item seven, approval of Campbell versus City of
23 Ecorse settlement, that was also addressed in new
24 business.
25 Item eight, approval of adoption of water meter

1 testing ordinance, that was approved in new business.

2 Item nine, approval of adoption of the
3 inspection of residential dwellings prior to sale or
4 transfer ordinance was addressed in new business.

5 Item ten, approval of adoption of the rental
6 property registration ordinance. That was approved in new
7 business.

8 Item 11, approval of adoption of the ICMA-RC 401
9 and 457 plan documents, that was addressed in new
10 business.

11 Item 12, approval of termination of employee was
12 addressed in new business. And finally, item 13, checks
13 released, is only informational.

14 MR. BOVITZ: Just for clarification for Joan,
15 also, the reason why we say it's addressed in new business
16 when we adopt the minutes of the council meeting, is it's
17 approving all resolutions and that's just for our
18 clarification, so if there's ever a question, all the
19 backup information's in our meeting packet. Which we
20 would address at that point.

21 MS. BROPHY: Okay. Interesting.

22 MR. KORYZNO: Next item is city administrator
23 report, Mr. O'Neal?

24 MR. O'NEAL: The one item for the termination
25 was not in the minutes, so I just want to bring that to

1 your attention, the termination of the employee, was not
2 brought to the council meeting, so, that was an
3 informational item.

4 MR. KORYZNO: Oh, okay.

5 MR. O'NEAL: That I brought to you, that, you
6 have to approve all terminations. So you have to act on
7 that, one way or another. I'll just leave it.

8 MR. KORYZNO: All right.

9 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: He's right, we omitted that
10 from our agenda. That was the termination of Officer
11 Blade, I believe.

12 MR. KORYZNO: All right.

13 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Ask any questions, I suppose,
14 that the board would like.

15 MR. KORYZNO: All right, do you -- are you
16 comfortable with speaking about this?

17 MR. O'NEAL: No, I'm not. I would defer that to
18 the city attorney.

19 MR. KORYZNO: All right.

20 MS. BOOMS: Cassandra Booms, city attorney's
21 office. As you know, hirings and firings need to be
22 approved by the TAB board. It was submitted by the city
23 administrator; city administrator is working with the
24 legal department to carry out this termination, so.
25 That's about the only report I have.

1 MR. KORYZNO: All right, so the termination has
2 taken place?

3 MS. BOOMS: Yes.

4 MR. KORYZNO: All right. So, were all
5 procedures and policies followed by the city?

6 MS. BOOMS: Yes. Yes.

7 MR. BOVITZ: Since you're up there, on the other
8 case settlement, any comments on those, as far as the
9 city's position?

10 MS. BOOMS: No, we're satisfied with the
11 settlement, we're relying on our attorney's advice, and
12 his memos were in there. We're satisfied. And we're also
13 very pleased that we have not had any new lawsuits. So
14 our list is getting shorter and shorter. It's got -- good
15 news, that they're cleaning up.

16 MR. KORYZNO: All right, any further questions?
17 All right, thank you. Mr. O'Neal?

18 MS. BOOMS: We probably will need a motion,
19 though, to approve --

20 MR. KORYZNO: Yes. We're going to be moving in
21 that direction.

22 MS. BOOMS: Okay.

23 MR. O'NEAL: Nothing from me.

24 MR. KORYZNO: All right, I'll entertain a motion
25 to approve termination of employee.

1 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Mr. Blade.
2 MR. KORYZNO: Mr. Blade.
3 MR. BOVITZ: So moved.
4 MS. BROPHY: I'll support.
5 MR. KORYZNO: Moved by Bovitz, supported by
6 Brophy.
7 Any further discussion?
8 MR. BOVITZ: Since it's confidential, I --
9 there's nothing more to discuss at this point, so I just
10 assume that that -- all legal matters have been pursued
11 and that everything is compliant? So.
12 MR. KORYZNO: All right. Seeing none, all in
13 favor of the motion say aye. Aye.
14 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.
15 MS. BROPHY: Aye.
16 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.
17 (No response)
18 MR. KORYZNO: The motion is approved. All
19 right.
20 MR. O'NEAL: Thank you, Mr. Koryzno.
21 MR. KORYZNO: Thank you for that clarification,
22 Mr. O'Neal.
23 MR. O'NEAL: As a way of background information,
24 for you. Now that we've got the election behind us, the
25 mayor and I have been working on a town hall meeting that

1 will take place next Tuesday, here at city hall. Where
2 we, we're going to address a number of issues and bring
3 the general public up to speed on what we're doing here in
4 Ecorse.

5 We're going to talk about Mr. Workman's letter.
6 I appreciate what was brought up today about the five year
7 budget, and about Mr. Workman's memo. So I'm going to be
8 discussing that in detail. And about the report that will
9 be coming forthcoming, from the TAB board when you do your
10 review of Ecorse and give us our little report card, and
11 those types of things.

12 And as I told you a year ago, I still have it on
13 my desk, and I use it as a road map, so that we can move
14 Ecorse forward. The mayor is very, very aware of that, as
15 well as the council people. So we have a town hall
16 meeting that's going to address any number of issues, and
17 I'll touch on a few of those as we go through.

18 As you -- as I brought the TAB board aware of
19 some time ago, about a year ago, the -- we had a producer
20 from California's interested in doing a reality show
21 called "Downriver" here, in surrounding Ecorse and some of
22 the downriver communities. And they did some filming.
23 They've continued doing filming, and they've been back a
24 couple, of three times.

25 I think they just about finished with it;

1 they're finishing the pilot. The reality show has been
2 picked up by a studio, so it's going to be coming to --
3 some thing's coming to fruition. We have an agreement
4 with the studio that it has to be approved by the city
5 council.

6 Perhaps tonight, it's on the agenda for tonight.
7 They've proposed to pay the City of Ecorse \$10,000 an
8 episode for it. We're looking at having it -- an
9 entertainment attorney look at the contract to make sure
10 that everything is right and proper.

11 But the individual that is spearheading this
12 thing, and I had an opportunity to Google his information,
13 and he has been nominated for an Emmy award. He has done
14 "Undercover Boss", he's done the Discovery Channel
15 "Sharks," he's done the other one, where you are, "Locked
16 Up Abroad", or something like that. He's done a lot of
17 these different things. And he's quite known for what he
18 does, and so we're curious to see how this thing comes
19 out.

20 I know that the mayor and myself and the police
21 chief, Mr. Moore, has been interviewed many, many times
22 for many hours, and we'll see what happens with that. I
23 get a kick out of that.

24 Anyway, as you know, our DPW superintendent has
25 resigned. He had given us permission before to advertise;

1 we've done that on MML website. I'll be interviewing
2 individuals for that position, and hopefully have somebody
3 before you, before, at the January meeting.

4 I'm not sure how the time's going to go, so I
5 beg you to bear with us on the timing, so that if I'm not
6 exactly according to Hoyle on your timing, I'm trying.
7 You know how these things take. And Mr. Lawrence has been
8 gone now for about a month, and so, well, we're doing what
9 we can in house.

10 Some of the things that we're going to be
11 talking about on the the town hall meeting is perhaps, a
12 city attorney position. Bringing that in house, to try to
13 reduce costs. We're going to talk about that.

14 Water department and certificates of occupancy,
15 we have -- it's come to our attention that we have some
16 large property owners that do not have certificates of
17 occupancy. You'll notice on the -- in the minutes where
18 we've got the residential dwelling and all that, so we're
19 trying to attack the problems with the slumlords, and
20 boarded up buildings and all those things.

21 We're trying to do some of those things. We're
22 reviewing all the large property owners to make sure that
23 they're compliant with their C of Os. It's come to our
24 attention that they don't have water meters in their
25 buildings. They've put straight pipes -- we're pursuing

1 this through legal channels. So we're not just picking on
2 any one individual, but we're looking at a number of
3 individuals, because it's becoming plainly apparent to us
4 that this is widespread.

5 With that, we're also looking at doing a
6 complete meter change out program, for the City of Ecorse.
7 We're losing between \$700,000 and \$900,000 worth of water
8 a year, so we're looking at doing that meter change out
9 program so that we can approach this. It was noted in the
10 2008-2009 audit report, that we're losing somewhere around
11 115,000 units of water a year.

12 I don't believe that has been addressed, but
13 we're addressing that now. And the only way to really do
14 this is to do a meter change out program, so you can go to
15 every house. We have to get in every house, and do that.
16 And we're looking at back to -- a little less than a two
17 year payback from the savings. And there's other
18 efficiencies for that, as well.

19 And I've touched on briefly, before, about we're
20 looking forward to the next Treasury review, and what the
21 City of Ecorse has done going forward. With Mr. Workman's
22 memo, with the TAB board, and getting Ecorse on the right
23 path, and getting out from receivership and all working
24 together and move us in -- into the same way.

25 We've got a majority, a super majority on

1 council, who wants to do the same thing. So it's all
2 good. It's very good.

3 MR. KORYZNO: Any questions for Mr. O'Neal from
4 the Board? I have one, does the city have a master meter,
5 where all the water is measured when it comes into the
6 city?

7 MR. O'NEAL: We have some large meters. I'd be
8 remiss if I said yes. I know most cities do; I would
9 believe that we do. We've got a handle on what we buy,
10 and of course what we sell. And our loss rate is about
11 12.69 percent to overall. But, 50 percent of our water is
12 used by United States Steel, so if you multiply that times
13 two, we've got a 25 percent loss rate, in our residential
14 area.

15 And we also have done a test, to take a look at
16 the number of actual reads we get, and we're lucky to get
17 60 percent, 50 percent reads in our residential. So, you
18 can see where the water's going.

19 MR. KORYZNO: Are the current meters electronic?

20 MR. O'NEAL: They're electronic but we can't get
21 reads, because they're straight pipes in there.

22 MR. KORYZNO: Oh.

23 MR. O'NEAL: And they've disconnected the
24 touchpads, and they've done everything under the sun --

25 MR. BOVITZ: So you're not technically losing

1 the water, you're just not capturing the billing --

2 MR. O'NEAL: We're not capturing the billing,
3 and we're --

4 MR. BOVITZ: So it's how collectible will the
5 billings be, you know, that would go into your cost
6 recovery study.

7 MR. O'NEAL: Well that's another issue, but
8 right now, we're -- what we've got on the agenda tonight
9 is to change the water rates. Because the water rate had
10 been insufficient. So we've got a new water rate, that
11 will allow us -- right now, our water rate gives 5,000
12 gallons away free. So the -- our minimum billing doesn't
13 start until after 5,000 gallons.

14 So when they do do that tonight, you'll have a
15 minimum bill plus, it starts metering from gallon one. So
16 there's a number of issues that we're finding that's been
17 going on for a long time, and we're gaining on it, but now
18 that I've got Mr. ^{Sadowski} ~~Sedowski~~ on board, he's helping me
19 tremendously in that area.

20 There's lots of stuff to do, Mr. Koryzno.

21 MR. KORYZNO: I understand, very good. Thank
22 you. Our next item is public comment, Mr. Van De Grift
23 will call your name; at that time, approach the podium.
24 Per the Board's policy, you'll have two minutes to speak,
25 and Mr. Van De Grift will serve as timekeeper.

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MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Multitasking.

MR. KORYZNO: He's young.

MR. BOVITZ: He's the sergeant at arms, too.

MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Ms. Marilyn Oliver.

MS. OLIVER: Good morning, Marilyn Oliver.

MR. KORYZNO: Good morning.

MS. OLIVER: First, I'd like to welcome Ms. Brophy to the TAB board, and also I want to say, as a concerned citizen, I -- we are pleased with the progress that's being taken here at Ecorse, now. And we're looking forward to great things happening in the coming year, and I think as each month goes by, you will receive more positive reports from Ecorse.

And I'd also like to tell you that a group of concerned citizens we're trying to promote community engagement, so tonight we're having our first tree lighting event that we can find on record in Ecorse so I just want to let you know that things are improving, and we are hopeful and I want to say happy holidays to you.

MR. KORYZNO: Thank you, Ms. Oliver.

MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Ms. Samos.

MS. SAMOS: Oh, just call me Katherine, please. I've been called worse. I just want to also say ditto to what Ms. Marilyn Oliver had to say. Also, just wanted to also mention that Wayne, I think, is doing a great job. I

1 support him every month, every meeting, even at council.

2 And I'm very, very happy to hear what I heard
3 today. So again, welcome to the TAB board, Ms. Joan,
4 sorry if I don't pronounce your last name, I'm bad at it,
5 but anyways, I just really enjoyed hearing what I heard
6 today, and I know, like Ms. Marilyn said, we're going to
7 be moving forward here, positively.

8 I now, even more, want to stay in the City of
9 Ecorse myself as a resident, so I wish all of you luck and
10 happy holidays, and I thank you for doing what you're
11 doing.

12 MR. VAN DE GRIFT: Thank you. That concludes
13 public comment.

14 MR. KORYZNO: All right, the next item on the
15 agenda is board comments, any comments from -- ?

16 MR. BOVITZ: Joan, it's customary we have a five
17 minute dissertation here on your experience.

18 MS. BROPHY: I can do it in 30 seconds.

19 I just wanted to say, that I'm pleased and
20 honored to have been appointed. I'd like to thank the
21 state and also the city; I hope that I can help move
22 things along for you, the way I see things are already
23 moving.

24 MR. KORYZNO: Well, we look forward to working
25 with you in the coming months.

1 MR. BOVITZ: And, ditto what I said at the last
2 meeting about the master plan and finding excitement in
3 the future of Ecorse. At the salute to government, last
4 Thursday, at PNC Bank, both Mayor Tidwell and Phil McKenna
5 were there, and it just was nice to see them outside of a
6 formal meeting, and I said I really do enjoy coming here
7 and seeing the progress that Ecorse is making. So thank
8 you, residents, for coming and speaking up for your
9 progress and what you do.

10 And I want to come to the tree lighting.

11 MS. SAMOS: Free coffee, cookies and cocoa and
12 all that, so.

13 MR. KORYZNO: All right, next item is
14 adjournment.

15 MR. BOVITZ: So moved.

16 MS. BROPHY: Okay. Support.

17 MR. KORYZNO: Okay, moved by Bovitz, support by
18 Brophy to adjourn the meeting. All in favor say aye. Aye.

19 MR. BOVITZ: Aye.

20 MS. BROPHY: Aye.

21 MR. KORYZNO: Opposed, same sign.

22 (No response)

23 MR. KORYZNO: The meeting is officially
24 adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

25 (Meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.)

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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 December 8th, 2015, City of Ecorse. 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: December 15, 2015

s/ Amy Shankleton-Novess

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