

1 CITY OF FLINT
2 RECEIVERSHIP TRANSITION ADVISORY
3 BOARD MEETING

4 JUNE 29, 2016, 2:00 p.m.

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6 Meeting before the RTAB Board at
7 1101 S. Saginaw, Flint, Michigan, on Monday, June 29,
8 2016.

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10 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

11 Frederick Headen - The Chairperson

12 Michael Townsend (by phone)

13 Michael Finney

14 Joel Ferguson

15 FROM THE CITY:

16 City Attorney Sylvester Jones, Jr.

17 David Sabuda, CFO

18 Kerry Nelson, Council President

19 OTHERS PRESENT:

20 Eric Cline

21 R.L. Mitchell

22 A.C. Dumas

23 Eric Mays, Council member

24 Arthur Woodson.

25 Reported by Mona Storm, CSR# 4460

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1 Flint, Michigan

2 Wednesday, June 29, 2016, 2:05 p.m.

3 THE CHAIRPERSON: The meeting will come to
4 order, please.

5 The meeting will come to order, please.

6 First item is roll call. Let the record
7 reflect that we do have a quorum, including Mr.
8 Townsend who is participating by phone. We also expect
9 member Ferguson either by phone or person in a moment.

10 The next item is the approval of the agenda.
11 I would ask that the agenda be amended to include
12 Resolutions 260, 261 and 262 from the City Council
13 meeting of June 27th. Are there any other additions to
14 the agenda?

15 If not, is there a motion that the agenda as
16 amended be approved?

17 MR. FINNEY: Mr. Chair, I move to approve the
18 agenda as amended.

19 THE CHAIRPERSON: Is there support?

20 MR. TOWNSEND: Support.

21 THE CHAIRPERSON: Without objection, the
22 agenda as amended is approved.

23 Next item is the approval of the RTAB meeting
24 minutes from June 13th. Those were previously
25 circulated. Are there corrections or additions to

1 those minutes?

2 MR. FINNEY: Mr. Chair, I would move for
3 approval.

4 THE CHAIRPERSON: Is there support?

5 MR. TOWNSEND: Support.

6 THE CHAIRPERSON: Without objection, the RTAB
7 meeting minutes from June 13th are approved. There is
8 no special meeting, unfinished business. We'll proceed
9 to New Business.

10 Madam Mayor?

11 Mr. Jones.

12 MR. JONES: Yes, good afternoon. So I wanted
13 to come before you today to just mention a couple
14 things. One, here with us today is a new interim CFO,
15 Mr. David Sabuda. He comes to the City of Flint with a
16 number of years in Finance, having served as the CFO
17 and treasurer for the City of Berkley. He's worked in
18 Ypsilanti along with a number of other places and he
19 came in today to -- so you -- to met or to experience
20 the RTAB meeting.

21 He will be unofficially, on July 6th, I'm
22 going to make sure that he came before the RTAB or at
23 least he was introduced to you all here today. In
24 addition to that --

25 MR. TOWNSEND: Mr. Chair.

1 MR. SABUDA: Very nice to meet you both.

2 THE CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Townsend?

3 MR. TOWNSEND: Yes. I'm sorry. I'm having
4 trouble hearing the speaker, at this point, not at all.

5 MR. JONES: Okay. I'll speak louder. I'll
6 speak louder.

7 The -- the other thing is that you have a
8 number of job descriptions before you, one of which is
9 for a City Engineer as well as for a Director of
10 Community -- Director of Economic Development. These
11 are positions that we believe are extremely important
12 as we not only recover from the water crisis but also
13 as we improve our quality of life and service for
14 residents here in the City of Flint. So we hope that
15 you will give those serious consideration. You have
16 the job description as well as the salaries there
17 before you for your consideration and review.

18 THE CHAIRPERSON: Those will be presented to
19 us when?

20 MR. JONES: It's my understanding that
21 they -- let me make sure that -- I guess they're not a
22 part of your packet today so those will be coming
23 before you before the next RTAB meeting and then,
24 finally, just one -- at the last meeting, you didn't
25 approve the budget with the understanding that the

1 Council and the administration would have more
2 conversation with regarding the budget.

3 That conversation did, in fact, happen. We
4 did talk about the need to have some amendments made to
5 the budget after the first quarter and I want to say
6 that it was a productive conversation and we're looking
7 forward to bringing those amendments before you after
8 the first quarter of the year. But I wanted to let you
9 know that that conversation did take place; we did do
10 that. And we're looking forward to bringing those
11 amendments before you later in the year.

12 And that's all at this time.

13 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, very much.

14 MR. JONES: Thank you.

15 THE CHAIRPERSON: Council President Nelson?

16 MR. NELSON: GOOD afternoon. Just had one
17 thing and that is to say about the budget and we did
18 meet and we did have a productive meeting and we are
19 looking to move forward into the years -- years to
20 come. So we did meet with the administration. It was
21 very productive. And so we're ready to move forward.
22 And just that and that's the only thing I have today.
23 Thank you.

24 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.

25 We'll proceed into a series of resolutions

1 relating to the fiscal 2017 budget. These resolutions
2 were discussed at our meeting on June 13th. If you'll
3 recall Finance Chair of the City Council, Councilman
4 Kincaid walked us through these varies resolutions as
5 well as the budget itself.

6 We'll begin with Resolution 196, which deals
7 with the operating millage rate of 19.1 mills, amount
8 of tax value of property in the city. Is there a
9 motion that Resolution 196 from the City Council
10 meeting of June 9th be approved?

11 MR. FINNEY: Mr. Chair, I move approval.

12 THE CHAIRPERSON: Is there support?

13 MR. TOWNSEND: Support.

14 THE CHAIRPERSON: Any discussion?

15 If not, those in favor of Resolution 196
16 please say "aye".

17 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

18 THE CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

19 Resolution 196 is adopted.

20 Please let the record reflect that board
21 member Mr. Ferguson has joined us.

22 We'll proceed to Resolution 197, also an
23 operating millage resolution. Is there a motion that
24 Resolution 197 be approved?

25 MR. FERGUSON: So move.

1 MR. FINNEY: Support.

2 THE CHAIRPERSON: Motion is made and
3 seconded. Is there any discussion?

4 If not, those in favor of approving
5 Resolution 197, please say "aye".

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 THE CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

8 ~~MR. TOWNSEND: Aye.~~

9 THE CHAIRPERSON: Resolution 197 is approved.
10 The next item is Resolution 198 is the approval of the
11 2017/2018 master fee schedule. Is there a motion that
12 Resolution 197 be approved?

13 MR. FERGUSON: So move.

14 MR. FINNEY: Support.

15 THE CHAIRPERSON: Motion's been made and
16 seconded. Is there any discussion?

17 If not, those in favor of the motion, please
18 say "aye".

19 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

20 THE CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

21 Resolution 198 is approved.

22 Resolution 199 concerns the approval of the
23 street lighting assessment for 2017. Is there a motion
24 that Resolution 199 be approved?

25 MR. FERGUSON: So move.

1 THE CHAIRPERSON: Is there support?

2 MR. FINNEY: Support.

3 THE CHAIRPERSON: Motion's made and seconded.

4 Any discussion?

5 If not, those in favor, please say "aye".

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 THE CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

8 Resolution 199 is approved.

9 Next is Resolution 200. That concerns a
10 budget amendment to the water fund. Is there a motion
11 that Resolution 200 be approved?

12 MR. FERGUSON: So move.

13 MR. FINNEY: Support.

14 THE CHAIRPERSON: Motion's been made and
15 seconded. Any discussion?

16 If not, those in favor of approving
17 Resolution 200, please say "aye".

18 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

19 THE CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

20 Resolution 200 is adopted.

21 Next would be Resolution 201.1, which is the
22 proposed budget for fiscal year '17 and '18. Is there
23 a motion that Resolution 201.1 be approved?

24 MR. FINNEY: So move.

25 THE CHAIRPERSON: Is there support?

1 MR. FERGUSON: Support.

2 THE CHAIRPERSON: Motion's been made and
3 seconded. Is there any discussion?

4 If not, those in favor of approving
5 Resolution 101.1 (sic), please say "aye".

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 THE CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

8 Resolution 101.1 is approved. That concludes
9 resolutions ~~related~~ ~~reel~~ to the 2017 budget.

10 Next we have, under Item H, the position
11 description and salary range for the Finance Director
12 position. You'll recall from RTAB Resolution 2016-1
13 that restored the Mayor's appointment authority. All
14 position descriptions and salary ranges for both
15 permanent and interim appointments are to be approved
16 by the RTAB. We'll begin with the position description
17 itself, which is Attachment 8.

18 Is there a motion that the position
19 description be approved?

20 MR. FERGUSON: So move.

21 MR. FINNEY: I'll second.

22 THE CHAIRPERSON: Motion's been made and
23 seconded. Any discussion regarding the positioning
24 description?

25 If not, those in favor of the motion please

1 say "aye".

2 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

3 THE CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

4 Motion is adopted.

5 Next, the salary range which accompanied the
6 position description was 95,000 to 110,000. Is there a
7 motion that the proposed salary range be approved?

8 MR. FINNEY: So move.

9 THE CHAIRPERSON: Is there support?

10 MR. FERGUSON: Support.

11 THE CHAIRPERSON: A motion's been made and
12 seconded. Is there any discussion?

13 Hearing none, those in favor of the motion,
14 please say "aye".

15 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

16 THE CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

17 Motion is adopted. So the position
18 description and the salary range are approved. I
19 believe we have before us Council Resolution -- I'm
20 sorry. Resolution by the Mayor authorizing a
21 professional services agreement between Mr. Sabuda and
22 the City of Flint to give effect to the interim
23 appointment of him as Chief Financial Officer. This
24 appears to bear all the requisite signatures. Is there
25 a motion that this resolution be approved?

1 MR. FERGUSON: So move.

2 MR. FINNEY: Support.

3 THE CHAIRPERSON: Is there support?

4 Support. Any discussion regarding the
5 resolution?

6 MR. FINNEY: Just one question. I just want
7 to confirm that this interim appointment does not
8 require a Council resolution and I'm just looking for
9 clarification.

10 MR. MAYS: It's to be approved.

11 THE CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Jones or Council
12 President Nelson?

13 MR. JONES: Yeah. The Council did discuss
14 this on Monday and they approved it as a professional
15 service contract and so they did review that and -- and
16 I would ask Council President to come forward and -- if
17 he can confirm that, that would be perfect.

18 MR. FINNEY: Just a clarifying question.
19 Does this type of contract typically require Council
20 approval?

21 MR. NELSON: Yes.

22 MR. FINNEY: Okay. And I'm sorry,
23 Mr. Nelson.

24 MR. NELSON: Yes, sir?

25 MR. FINNEY: And so I just wanted to confirm,

1 also, that you all did approve this.

2 MR. NELSON: We did.

3 MR. FINNEY: Okay. Thank you.

4 THE CHAIRPERSON: Any other questions?

5 Questions on the adoption of the motion.

6 Any further discussion?

7 Those in favor of the motion to approve the
8 resolution, please say "aye".

9 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

10 THE CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

11 Resolution is adopted.

12 We have as the next item Resolution 205,
13 which is an application for a drinking water revolving
14 fund loan. It's my understanding that this application
15 has to be submitted to the Department of Environmental
16 Quality by this Friday, July 1st. Mr. Jones, do you
17 have any comments regarding this resolution or the
18 application?

19 MR. JONES: No. But the administration does
20 support this going forward. We -- we've had a
21 conversation with the Council with the understanding
22 that, even if the loan is approved, it -- you know, the
23 City will look at the terms before determining if we
24 accept it or not.

25 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.

1 MR. JONES: Yes.

2 THE CHAIRPERSON: And just for the record,
3 even though this particular resolution falls within
4 168-hour period during which the mayor could veto the
5 resolution, our office did receive written confirmation
6 from the Mayor regarding this resolution. She waives
7 her authority to veto this even though it falls within
8 that time period. Is there a motion that Resolution
9 205 --

10 MR. FERGUSON: So move.

11 THE CHAIRPERSON: -- be approved?

12 MR. FINNEY: Support.

13 THE CHAIRPERSON: A motion's been made and
14 supported. Is there any discussion?

15 Hearing none, those in favor of approving
16 Resolution 205 please say "aye".

17 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

18 THE CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

19 Resolution 205 is approved.

20 We will now move to Resolutions 260, 261 and
21 262 approved at the City Council meeting on June 27th.
22 These three resolutions concern millage renewals for
23 Parks and Recreation, police service and police and
24 fire services that I understand are under a somewhat of
25 a timeframe here because the intent is to place this on

1 the ballot this November.

2 We'll go in with Resolution 260. Is there a
3 motion that Resolution 260 be approved?

4 MR. FERGUSON: So move.

5 MR. FINNEY: Support.

6 THE CHAIRPERSON: Motion's been made and
7 seconded. Is there any discussion?

8 If not, those in favor of approving
9 Resolution 260, please say "aye".

10 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

11 THE CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

12 Resolution 260 is adopted.

13 Next is Resolution 261. Is there a motion
14 that it be approved?

15 MR. FINNEY: So move.

16 MR. FERGUSON: Move.

17 MR. FINNEY: Support.

18 THE CHAIRPERSON: Is there any discussion?

19 If not, those in favor of approving
20 Resolution 261 please say "aye".

21 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

22 THE CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

23 Resolution 261 is adopted. Finally,
24 Resolution 262. Is there a motion that Resolution 262
25 be approved?

1 MR. FINNEY: So move.

2 MR. FERGUSON: Support.

3 MR. TOWNSEND: Support.

4 THE CHAIRPERSON: Motion's made and seconded.

5 Is there any discussion?

6 Hearing none, those in favor of approving
7 Resolution 262 please say "aye".

8 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

9 THE CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

10 Resolution 262 is adopted. That concludes
11 new business. The next item is Public Comment.
12 Mr. Cline, any individuals sign up for public comment?

13 MR. CLINE: We have three individuals that
14 have signed on. First individual is R.L. Mitchell.

15 THE CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Mitchell.

16 MR. MITCHELL: Yeah, good evening. I speak
17 for we the People of Flint and thank you for approving
18 all of these -- these matters that came before you and
19 the republican sanitation acts, too, like the one about
20 the bidding thing we definitely approve -- thank you
21 for doing -- doing that. If there -- and about -- even
22 though the salary -- okay. I'll just -- I just wanted
23 to, for the record, thank you peoples for doing that
24 for our Mayor.

25 MR. CLINE: Next individual, A.C. Dumas.

1 MR. DUMAS: Good afternoon. My name is
2 A.C. Dumas and I reside in the City of Flint. I want
3 to say, for the record, that Mr. Mitchell does not
4 speak for me. He speaks for himself, just -- just for
5 the record. I do want to say that, on the resolution
6 that you approved regarding the park recreation, the
7 City of Flint doesn't even own parks. We don't have
8 any parks. We don't even own parks. So -- and I know
9 this is going to be put on the ballot. I hope the
10 residents of the City of Flint will vote that down.

11 As a matter of fact, we don't have too much
12 of anything. We don't have garbage trucks, because of
13 the Emergency Finance Manager, so -- and the
14 department. The only thing we have, an asset, is our
15 water plant. And who knows what's going to happen in
16 the future?

17 So, for the police and fire millage, I'm
18 leaning toward for that to make sure we get clarity and
19 understanding from the administration because it was
20 passed before and I did not vote for it and it was
21 passed and it leaded to the resonance that certain
22 things is going to happen and those things did not
23 happen. And I want to make sure, before I support it,
24 that certain things will happen.

25 As you know, I do have probably the hottest

1 radio talk show every Saturday morning and with a vast
2 audience. And we put those things on our talk show.
3 The Mayor will be on this Saturday. Because, when the
4 citizens have questions, I like to put it out for the
5 Mayor.

6 My last thought is that, if this RTAB is to
7 approve all financial managing -- I think that's what
8 your role is -- I don't understand why we have
9 severance pay. I don't know if it came before you of
10 individuals that receive highseverance pay and
11 according to the Emergency Manager Ambrose, Board
12 Member 3 between the City -- 26, 27 and 28, it calls
13 for the signature according to former -- I'm wrapping
14 up here -- Former Bade, Chief Legal Officer of the
15 Mayor and the City Administrator. And I inform you
16 those --

17 THE CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Dumas, your time is up.

18 MR. DUMAS: Yes, sir. Can I just wrap up?

19 If not, I understand.

20 THE CHAIRPERSON: Go ahead.

21 MR. DUMAS: Okay. I just wanted to say that
22 I did for him and it did not have the signature of the
23 Mayor and that's one of the requirements of the
24 elected -- or the ordinance. Thank you.

25 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.

1 MR. CLINE: Final individual is Eric Mays.

2 MR. MAYS: I want to say to you, RTAB, that
3 you don't have to embarrass me for the third RTAB
4 meeting, Mr. Heading, as I stand here before you as one
5 of the nine Council people.

6 We all get up and put our pants on the same
7 way, I suppose. One ain't no better than the other. I
8 look at people's character, how they treat me privately
9 and how they treat me publicly. I'm a public figure.
10 I explained that everybody don't have the same view. I
11 understand clearly those of the City of Flint. That
12 was one of my dreams, to be an elected official, not to
13 have my role in democracy stole by you, the Governor or
14 nobody else.

15 People come in here and I started out the
16 same way: "The honorable Transition Receivership
17 Advisory Board", four black men in a predominantly
18 black city. I look at how people treat us and talk.
19 I'm not impressed and I made it known. I don't even
20 feel good coming here no more. You're not looking at
21 the details of the finances.

22 There's so much stuff getting past you -- and
23 you coming in here approving, looking. You promised
24 that you would meet with us like you did when you came
25 in. Make sense out of what I'm saying. It did not

1 happen. I listen to what people say, commitments they
2 make and what they do. You have lost credibility to me
3 in your official capacity.

4 I respect everybody as an individual but I
5 look at how people act in their official roles. God
6 bless you.

7 THE CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Cline, anyone else?

8 MR. CLINE: No.

9 THE CHAIRPERSON: Gentlemen, is there any
10 further business before this board?

11 If not, I'll entertain a motion that we
12 adjourn.

13 MR. FERGUSON: So move.

14 MR. FINNEY: Support.

15 THE CHAIRPERSON: Without objection, we are
16 adjourned.

17 (Meeting was concluded at 2:30 p.m.)

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1 C E R T I F I C A T E

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3 I, Mona Storm, do hereby certify that I have
4 recorded stenographically the proceedings had and
5 testimony taken in the meeting at the time and place
6 hereinbefore set forth. I do further certify that the
7 foregoing transcript, consisting of (21) pages, is a
8 true and correct transcript of my said stenographic
9 notes.

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