

1 CITY OF FLINT
2 RECEIVERSHIP TRANSITION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
3 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2017
4 2:00 P.M.

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6 Meeting before the
7 RTAB Board at Flint City Hall, Flint, Michigan, on
8 Wednesday, August 9, 2017.

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10 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

11 Frederick Headen - The Chairperson
12 Joel Ferguson (by phone)
13 Paul Newman

14 FROM THE CITY:

15 City Clerk, Inez Brown
16 Chief of Staff, Steven Branch
17 City Administrator, Sylvester Jones
18 Council President, Kerry Nelson
19 Deputy Finance Director, Dawn Steele

20 OTHERS PRESENT:

21 R. Eric Cline
22 R.L. Mitchell

23 REPORTED BY: Mona Storm, CSR# 4460
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1 Flint, Michigan

2 Wednesday, August 9, 2017

3 2:03 p.m.

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

6 Let the record reflect we do have a quorum,
7 including Mr. Ferguson, who is participating by phone
8 this afternoon.

9 We expect Mr. Tarver later. If he does not
10 appear, then I'll ask, without objection, he have an
11 excused absence from this afternoon's meeting, just in
12 case.

13 Next item of business is the approval of the
14 agenda. Are there any additions to the agenda?

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

17 MR. NEWMAN: Move approval.

18 MR. FERGUSON: So move.

19 MR. NEWMAN: All right. Support.

20 THE CHAIRPERSON: Without objection, the
21 agenda is approved.

22 Next item of business would be the RTAB
23 meeting minutes from July 12th. They are Attachment 1.
24 Are there corrections or additions to those minutes?

25 I have one correction on Page 26, Lines 11

1 and 12. Ms. Donahue's first name, I believe, is listed
2 as "Davida", it should be "Davina".

3 Are there other corrections or additions?

4 If not, is there a motion that the minutes of
5 July 12, 2017, with the already mentioned correction,
6 be approved?

7 MR. NEWMAN: So moved.

8 THE CHAIRPERSON: Is there support?

9 MR. FERGUSON: Support.

10 THE CHAIRPERSON: Those in favor, please say
11 "aye".

12 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

13 THE CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

14 Minutes are adopted.

15 Next we have Unfinished Business, Resolutions
16 264.1 and 327 -- I'm struggling here without my
17 glasses -- which were from the Regular, June 12th, City
18 Council meeting. It's my recollection that those were
19 held in abeyance at our last meeting because each one
20 lacked one of more of the necessary signatures.

21 Mr. Cline, is my understanding correct that
22 those missing signatures have now been supplied?

23 MR. CLINE: I have not seen any information
24 to that regard. So, if they have been provided, I did
25 not receive a copy, so I'm unable to comment on that.

1 THE CHAIRPERSON: So, as far as we know,
2 then, those resolutions are still lacking one or more
3 signatures?

4 MR. CLINE: That is my understanding at this
5 time, yes.

6 THE CHAIRPERSON: And I do see the City
7 Clerk.

8 Madam Clerk, do you have any information
9 regarding these two resolutions?

10 MS. BROWN: The two resolutions to which
11 you're referring are still in the Legal Department.

12 THE CHAIRPERSON: I see.

13 MS. BROWN: Yes.

14 THE CHAIRPERSON: We will, then, leave them
15 under Unfinished Business, for the time being, and
16 proceed on to New Business.

17 First item of business is an RTAB evaluation.

18 Mr. Cline, do you wish to summarize the
19 evaluation for us, please?

20 MR. CLINE: Yes. And I will give you -- I'm
21 sorry. I'm getting the mic adjusted here. I'll give
22 you just a brief summary of this.

23 You have before you a report developed by
24 Treasury on behalf of the RTAB, before the RTAB Board.
25 That is an evaluation that is required under Public Act

1 436 of the status of the City. This has been under
2 development for -- for a period of time. And it does
3 cover a period going back to last summer up to the
4 present time. It is an annual evaluation.

5 While there's a number of different things
6 that we try and look at, we decided to focus on, for
7 this particular evaluation, the conditions and the
8 status of the conditions that led to the original
9 financial emergency for the City.

10 We did discuss this with City officials -- or
11 some city officials and a number of the RTAB members.
12 We did determine, through those discussions, that there
13 seems to be a general consensus that the conditions
14 that led to the overall financial emergency are not
15 likely to be repeated and that, despite a number of
16 ongoing challenges that the City's still addressing,
17 there is a level of stability that has been present
18 that hasn't been available, shall I say, in recent
19 years.

20 Also, we did look at a number of other issues
21 and did receive a lot of input. I don't want to get
22 into going point-by-point because we did cover a lot of
23 information on this. But let's say that we did get a
24 lot of input regarding staffing issues at the City,
25 general operations, finances, State aid, the financial

1 direction of the City and the future role of the RTAB.

2 I am happy to address any questions that you
3 may have. I think the report is pretty thorough and
4 sort of speaks for itself. But I think that, overall,
5 it's a pretty decent evaluation for the City. A lot of
6 progress has been made. There have been a number of
7 things tackled. There are still a number of things
8 that need to be addressed but --

9 So any questions?

10 THE CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Newman, any questions?

11 MR. NEWMAN: No, not at this point. Thank
12 you.

13 THE CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Ferguson?

14 MR. FERGUSON: Yes?

15 THE CHAIRPERSON: Any questions?

16 MR. FERGUSON: No.

17 THE CHAIRPERSON: Then, without objection,
18 the report will be considered received.

19 Next item of business would be the Mayor and
20 Council President.

21 Council President Nelson?

22 MR. NELSON: I'm good.

23 THE CHAIRPERSON: Any comments?

24 MR. NELSON: No comments.

25 THE CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Branch or Mr. Jones,

1 any comments on behalf of the Mayor?

2 MR. JONES: Nothing, nothing. Thank you.

3 THE CHAIRPERSON: Next item of business would
4 be the approval of resolutions and ordinances for City
5 Council meetings. We'll begin with the Regular City
6 Council meeting of July 10th, 2017.

7 Mr. Cline?

8 MR. CLINE: Yes. I'll try and get all of
9 these in order here.

10 We have Resolution 289.1, which was
11 consideration of an obsolete property rehabilitation
12 exemption for a period of eight years.

13 We have Resolution 378.1, which is to extend
14 the time period for citizens to make tax payments
15 without penalty. That time period is being extended
16 from July 31st to August 15th.

17 We have Resolution 358, which is a contract
18 with Nan McKay & Associates for rental inspection
19 services, in the amount of \$240,000.

20 Resolution 380, which is a settlement
21 agreement, on Thompson V Flint, in the amount of
22 \$7,500.

23 And Resolution 384, which sets a public
24 hearing date for July the 24th for the City's
25 comprehensive five-year plan.

1 THE CHAIRPERSON: Any questions for Mr. Cline
2 regarding those resolutions?

3 If not, is there a motion that the
4 resolutions from the July 10th City Council meeting be
5 approved?

6 MR. FERGUSON: So move.

7 MR. NEWMAN: Support.

8 THE CHAIRPERSON: Motion's made and
9 supported. Any discussion?

10 Those in favor, please say "aye".

11 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

12 THE CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

13 Motion is adopted.

14 Mr. Cline, Resolution 359.

15 MR. CLINE: Yes. This is a contract
16 agreement with the firm GCR Tires for the annual supply
17 of tires for the vehicle fleet. It's a contract in the
18 amount of \$120,000. I believe that that is lacking one
19 of the necessary signatures. I did not look that up,
20 again, before the meeting. I do apologize. But, if
21 memory serves me correctly, it is lacking the signature
22 of the Chief Legal Officer, though I might be incorrect
23 on that.

24 MR. JONES: Council President.

25 MR. CLINE: I'm sorry?

1 MR. JONES: Council President.

2 MR. CLINE: Council President. I do
3 apologize. So I'm not certain as to why that is
4 missing but that is the status of that issue.

5 THE CHAIRPERSON: And do we know whether that
6 signature has now been supplied or not?

7 MR. NELSON: It will be signed.

8 THE CHAIRPERSON: We'll temporarily hold that
9 in abeyance, then, and proceed to resolutions from the
10 Special City Council meeting of July 17th.

11 I believe there was no activity there for us
12 to consider; is that correct?

13 MR. CLINE: That is my understanding, yes.

14 THE CHAIRPERSON: So then we will proceed to
15 the resolutions from the Regular City Council meeting
16 of July 24th, 2017.

17 MR. CLINE: All right. Again, I'm going to
18 bypass a couple of resolutions that were just more
19 procedural things for those meetings because it's
20 really not necessary for us to address those.

21 Beginning with Resolution 396, you have a
22 contract with DHT Transport for the removal and
23 transport of sewage sludge in the amount of \$85,000.

24 You have Resolution 397, a contract with
25 McKay Electric for electrical supplies. This is a

1 three-year contract in the amount of \$108,000 per year.

2 Resolution 398, which is a change order with
3 M&M Pavement Marking, in the amount of \$7,888, to do
4 some additional marking on one City street.

5 Resolution 399.1, which is an agreement with
6 the Genesee County Land Bank Authority to manage grant
7 funds related to the Chevy Commons.

8 Resolution 400, which is a budget amendment
9 in the amount of \$60,000, related to revenue and
10 expenditures for medical marijuana provision centers.

11 Resolution 404 is a change order with
12 Zito Construction, regarding right-of-way restoration
13 for the waterline replacement projects. That's a
14 change order in the amount of \$5.3 million.

15 You have Resolution 405 is a change order
16 with Berger Chevy for truck equipment, in the amount of
17 \$6,795.

18 Resolution 406 is a contract with Ritz Safety
19 for safety supplies. This is a three-year agreement in
20 the amount of \$44,000 per year.

21 Resolution 407 is a three-year agreement with
22 Mid-State Bolts for miscellaneous nuts, bolts and
23 fasteners, in the amount of \$52,000 per year.

24 Resolution 408 is a contract with Staples for
25 office supplies, in the amount of \$109,000.

1 Resolution 409 is a grant agreement with the
2 Michigan Secretary of State for new voting system
3 equipment.

4 Resolution 411 is a budget amendment in the
5 amount of \$60,000 with the Mott Foundation. And those
6 funds will be allocated to the waterline replacement
7 project.

8 Resolution 412 is a budget amendment in the
9 amount of \$156,000, also with the Mott Foundation, for
10 blight elimination activities.

11 You have Resolution 414, which is an order to
12 reallocate some space within City Hall here to the
13 Flint Police Department.

14 And Resolution 415, which is to make an
15 appointment to the Land Bank Authority Citizens
16 Advisory Council.

17 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions for Mr. Cline
18 regarding these resolutions?

19 Is there a motion that the resolutions from
20 the Regular City Council meeting of July 24th be
21 approved?

22 MR. NEWMAN: So move.

23 THE CHAIRPERSON: Is there a support?

24 MR. FERGUSON: Support.

25 THE CHAIRPERSON: Any discussion?

1 Those in favor of the motion, please say
2 "aye".

3 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

4 THE CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

5 Motion is adopted.

6 That leaves Resolution 413.

7 MR. CLINE: 413 is a budget amendment in the
8 amount of \$8 million to receive funds from the Michigan
9 Department of Health and Human Services. Those are
10 grant funds to be allocated for activities related to
11 waterline replacement projects within the City.

12 THE CHAIRPERSON: And I believe we separated
13 this out, both because it's a budget amendment and
14 because of the dollar amount.

15 Ms. Steele, can you update us regarding,
16 further, what the status of this grant is. Have all
17 steps been taken to accept the grant --

18 MS. STEELE: Yes.

19 THE CHAIRPERSON: -- once the resolution's
20 approved?

21 MS. STEELE: Yes. And they're actually
22 starting to use some of the funding, so it's --
23 everything should be in place on that one.

24 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Thank you.

25 MS. STEELE: Uh-huh.

1 THE CHAIRPERSON: Any questions regarding
2 Resolution 413?

3 If not, is there a motion that Resolution 413
4 be approved?

5 MR. NEWMAN: Move approval.

6 THE CHAIRPERSON: Support?

7 MR. FERGUSON: Support.

8 THE CHAIRPERSON: Any discussion?

9 Those in favor of the motion, please say
10 "aye".

11 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

12 THE CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

13 Motion is adopted.

14 That brings us to Item D under New Business,
15 City Administrator Items. Mr. Jones?

16 MR. JONES: Yeah, this is the
17 Budget-to-Actual and Dawn Steele will cover that
18 report.

19 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.

20 MS. STEELE: Good afternoon, again. We
21 provided to you the Budget-to-Actual dated June 30th.
22 That is the end of our fiscal year. However, we are in
23 the process of closing out the books so those won't be
24 the final numbers.

25 As I looked through each of the funds, the

1 City is looking good, as far as remaining within their
2 allocated budgets. Revenues are coming in as
3 projected. Expenditures are within the line items or
4 below.

5 All funds, cash balances were positive,
6 except for our grant funds because the funding comes in
7 a little bit later, as they are reimbursable grants.
8 So I don't expect any issues with that going forward.

9 If you guys have any questions or concerns,
10 I'd be more than happy to answer any of them.

11 THE CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Newman, any questions?

12 MR. NEWMAN: No, I have no questions on this
13 one.

14 THE CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Ferguson, any questions
15 regarding the Budget-to-Actual report?

16 MR. FERGUSON: No.

17 THE CHAIRPERSON: We'll consider the report
18 received.

19 MS. STEELE: Great. Thank you.

20 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.

21 MR. JONES: Thanks, Dawn.

22 THE CHAIRPERSON: Next item of business is
23 Public Comment.

24 Mr. Cline?

25 MR. CLINE: Mr. Chairman, before we get to

1 Public Comment, I did receive Resolution 359 from the
2 Clerk's office with all signatures present.
3 Apparently, it was just a slight oversight in getting
4 the signature on that one. But that has been signed
5 and I do have the original. I'll get a copy for our
6 records here after the meeting.

7 But I have looked at this. I have no
8 concerns about that contract and we now have all the
9 signatures necessary. So --

10 THE CHAIRPERSON: Given that, then, is there
11 a motion that Resolution 359 from the Regular City
12 Council meeting of July 10th, 2017 be approved?

13 MR. NEWMAN: Move approval.

14 THE CHAIRPERSON: Is there support?

15 Support.

16 Any discussion?

17 Hearing none, those in favor of the motion,
18 please say "aye".

19 MR. NEWMAN: Aye.

20 THE CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

21 Motion is adopted.

22 MR. CLINE: All right.

23 THE CHAIRPERSON: That brings us to Public
24 Comment.

25 MR. CLINE: It's just one individual who

1 signed up for public comment, R.L. Mitchell.

2 MR. MITCHELL: Good evening, Frederick. My
3 comments about the Amwood Water Transfer up in Burton.
4 The jobs will get done when the Mayor get around to it.
5 When the -- when the Burton Mayor come and negotiate.
6 And we -- we officiate you, actually, to come in, okay,
7 the Flint peoples (sic).

8 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, Mr. Mitchell.

9 MR. MITCHELL: You're welcome.

10 MR. CLINE: That's all.

11 THE CHAIRPERSON: One last item. There was a
12 question asked during Public Comment at our last RTAB
13 meeting regarding the disposition of City Council
14 resolutions by this Board. And there may have been
15 some confusion regarding either the nature of the
16 question or the answer, which I think has been cleared
17 up in the week or so after the last meeting.

18 But, to put on the public record this
19 afternoon, for the avoidance of any confusion or doubt,
20 any City Council resolutions must be approved by this
21 Board before they can take effect.

22 So, if this board disapproves a resolution,
23 the resolution has no effect. If this Board takes no
24 action, either because it tables a resolution or holds
25 a resolution in abeyance, for example, because we need

1 additional information, then the resolution takes no
2 effect. Or, in those instances where a resolution
3 comes to us without one or more of the req signatures
4 and we send the resolution back to the City, it takes
5 no effect.

6 So I wanted to make that statement, just to
7 avoid any confusion on anybody's part, based upon
8 discussion we had at the end of last month's Board
9 meeting.

10 Given the fact that there is no further
11 business before this Board, is there a motion that the
12 Board adjourn?

13 MR. NEWMAN: So moved.

14 THE CHAIRPERSON: Is there support?

15 I will support the motion.

16 Without objection, we stand adjourned.

17 (Meeting was concluded at 2:25 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Mona Storm, do hereby certify that I have recorded stenographically the proceedings had and testimony taken in the meeting at the time and place hereinbefore set forth. I do further certify that the foregoing transcript, consisting of (19) pages, is a true and correct transcript of my said stenographic notes.

Date

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