

Ecorse Receivership Transition Advisory Board (TAB)
Minutes
December 10, 2013
9:00 AM

Ecorse City Hall
2nd Floor Council Chambers
Albert B. Buday Civic Center
3869 West Jefferson
Ecorse, MI 48229

(Approved January 14, 2014)

Members Present:

Robert Bovitz
Edward Koryzno
Joyce Parker

Staff Present:

Angela Dempkowski
Drew Van de Grift
Tim McCurley

Members Absent:

None

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call – Mr. Koryzno called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Let the record show that all Board members are in attendance.
- B. Approval of Agenda – By motion made (Parker) and supported (Bovitz) the Board unanimously voted to approve the agenda.
- C. Approval of November 12, 2013 TAB draft minutes – By motion made (Parker) and supported (Bovitz) the Board unanimously voted to approve the November 12, 2013 TAB Regular Board meeting minutes as presented.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Ecorse City Council Resolutions (TAB requested additional information)
 - 1. Resolution #221.13 – Majestic Contractors' Bid for Repair of Water Mains

Koryzno – Entertain a motion to approve Resolution #221.13 for the award of a water main repair contract to Majestic Contractors.

By motion made (Parker) and supported (Bovitz) the Board unanimously approved the motion.

2. Justification for Additional Vendors

Koryzno – The City has justified the addition of certain payments to the list of payments to be preapproved.

Koryzno - Entertain a motion to approve the revised list of preapproval of certain payments with one omission. The list of payments to be preapproved will be provided to the City and recorded in the minutes.

By motion made (Bovitz) and supported (Parker) the Board unanimously approved the motion.

3. Approval of Payments – Unpaid Tax Bills Payment Plan

Koryzno – The City has submitted a payment plan for the approximately \$400,000 in unbudgeted accounts payable that have been discovered. This plan obliges the City to make some payments immediately, and to resolve these liabilities by the first quarter of 2014.

Parker – Are the legal fees included in the plan and how do you intend to pay them? Did the City Attorney go through the process going back to 2010 to find out why the fees are outstanding and does the City actually owe those amounts? Have you reached out to the former City Attorney Karen Folks to get her feedback?

McCurley – The City Attorney will review the matter regarding the legal fees to confirm the fees are actually owed. Yes, the City reached out to the former City Attorney Karen Folks and her recommendation was to speak with our new City Attorney regarding this matter.

Parker - What is the arrangement with the parcels that are delinquent? How much is included in the \$400,000 and has anyone evaluated whether the City will maintain ownership of these parcels?

McCurley – City Administrator John Openlander is recommending that the City do nothing about these parcels at this time. It may make sense to let the properties go into foreclosure as it may be more money to pay the taxes than what the value of the property is.

Parker – Regarding the Mill Street property – do you have two potential offers related to that property?

McCurley – There is at least one offer, but I do not know the details. City Administrator John Openlander will provide the details of that property to the Board.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2014 Meeting Schedule

Koryzno – Entertain a motion to approve the 2014 TAB Meeting Schedule.

By motion made (Bovitz) and supported (Parker) the Board Unanimously approved the motion.

B. Approval of Resolutions & Ordinances for City Council Meetings

1. Resolutions from Regular City Council meeting of October 29, 2013

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2. Resolutions from Regular City Council meeting of November 14, 2013

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Koryzno – The TAB notes that the City Council failed to act on a duly submitted agenda item to save the City money by consolidating its jail and dispatch services. Such inaction may jeopardize the CGAP grant which was awarded for this purpose. This failure is noted as an instance of poor parliamentary procedure and poor financial planning.

Parker – Please provide the TAB more detail regarding the denial of the CGAP grant monies.

By motion made (Parker) and supported (Bovitz) the Board unanimously approved the motion. Resolution #282.13 of November 14, 2013 Council Meeting is NOT APPROVED.

C. Letter from City Administrator dated November 27, 2013

1. Paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 6, and 7 have been addressed above.
2. Paragraph 2 – October Budget to Actual Financial Report

Koryzno - Entertain a motion to approve the October Budget to Actual Financial Report.

By motion made (Bovitz) and supported (Parker) the Board unanimously approved the motion.

3. Paragraph 5 – Approval of Interim City Administrator Contract – Resolution #299.13 from November 26, 2013 Council Meeting.

Koryzno – Resolution #299.13 was approved at the November 26, 2013 Council Meeting. The TAB recognizes the importance of appointing an Interim City Administrator without delay.

Koryzno – Entertain a motion to approve the November 26 Council Resolution #299.13 to appoint and contract with Interim City Administrator, D. Wayne O'Neal.

By motion made (Bovitz) and supported (Parker) the Board unanimously approved the motion.

IV. NON ACTION ITEMS

- A. The quarterly report due dates will be due to line-up with the City fiscal year quarters – October, January, April, July.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nathaniel Elem, Ecorse, Michigan – Elected officials pay.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and without objection, Mr. Koryzno adjourned the meeting at 9:29 am.

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