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Suzanne:

This is a list of critical issues for our weekly meeting.

Thanks,
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Weekly Critical Issues —August 31, 2015

- **Allen Park**— Discussions with leading candidate are not working out due to cost which means Mr. Kibby will be likely choice. City Council wants to appoint a CA in August or early September. We have several names for serving on the RTAB. The revised draft EM Order on the sale of City Hall property has been prepared by Eric, it includes an appraisal and a survey. Gatos vs Allen Park \$600K City and \$150 K from the MML Insurance Pool. City intends to pay lawsuit cost out of their fund balance.
- **Benton Harbor**-The lawsuit with the former Public Safety Director and two former employees is a major issue for the City. Darwin has indicated that it will cost the City \$1.7M to settle these three cases. They are only partially insured. Filling of key positions is proving to be a real issue in the City. Darwin has scheduled a meeting to discuss the interim Finance Director's position with Al Mooney. I have offered financial assistance for a search for a Finance Director. The Assistant City Manager position will be reduced to part-time due to her commuting distance. A job posting for this position will be completed soon.
- **Ecorse** – They received and filed the Memo from Treasury. The City wants to hire the Pentiuik Law Firm. We have several names for filling the RTAB position. Are we ready to approve their five year financial plan?
- **Flint** – Lawsuit on water rates may cause the City to rebate \$51M and repay \$15.7M, a decision will be made on Monday whether this becomes a class action lawsuit along with additional financial repercussions. I have offered financial assistance to the City to assist in determining the financial impact of this court decision but Natasha has not made a decision. A water main break under the Flint River may cost up to \$500K to repair.
- **Hamtramck**-We have several names for the RTAB position to replace Cathy. The pension study payment is in your in box. I am requesting permission to move from Phase 1 into Phase 3. The City has prepared an RFP for audit services. Katrina wants to reorganize staff. Overtime last month was \$60K, we are asking her to get quotes for a police study.
- **Highland Park**-The City has had difficulty finding a collection firm to collect the past due water and sewer bills, Cathy has one firm that is interested. Finding a collection firm is a requirement of the loan agreement. Cathy has indicated that the OPEB savings of approximately \$750K will not be implemented until October 1. The E-loan closing is one month away. Drew and Valerie are working with the AG's office to draft the agreement. We have a number of loan requirements that will be in the draft document. The City has purchased \$300,000 of new water meters as part to the FDCVT grant award. They are set to be installed beginning in early September. DWSD and GLWA have approved a draft agreement regarding the City's debt to DWSD. The City Council on Monday night conditionally approved the agreement. They are asking to extend the number of years required for payback. Brian Lefler has prepared a financial analysis of the agreement for the City. Is the city over its debt limit?
- **Lincoln Park**-Brad is placing a PA 345 request on the November Bailot seeking approval of 6 mills to fund the City's pension system. Brad has prepared a four month plan which is being reviewed. We have met with Brad to discuss the final order. Possible lawsuit against Gabriel Roeder.