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Treasury: W. Workman, R. Byrne, R. Widigan

GOV: H. Hollins

MSP: G. Kapp, J. Carter, S. Sipes, S. O'Neill, T. Sands

City: J. Ambrose, Liz Murphy, Chief Tolbert

1. Public Safety Update

- FPD Chief Tolbert:
 - a. 4 Homicides for the year, up from 1 this time LY.
 - b. The final reports for the evaluation of both the Police and the Fire Departments have been received. The study will be presented to City Council at the Public Safety Committee on January 22, 2015. MSP will attend as well. R. Byrne to attend.
 - c. 118 officers & civilians total.
 - d. Performance measures for officers were implemented on January 1.
 - e. Chief Tolbert is hosting town hall meetings, working on community policing.
- FFD:
 - a. City applied for \$999,103 grant from the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to purchase a new aerial truck.

2. Governor's Office Update

- District Court Consolidation:
 - a. County Commissioners voted on 12/10/14 to approve "pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in a MOU to be approved between City of Flint and Gen. County."
 - b. H. Hollins (GOV) stated J. Ambrose needs to issue an order that mirrors what the resolution passed by the County Commissioners – H. Hollins to speak to Judge Yuille.
- Local Income Tax Initiative:
 - a. H. Hollins (GOV) is trying to find a legislative sponsor.

3. Finance and Administrative Update

- Firefighters Contract:
 - a. City Council sent an alternative contract to the Emergency Loan Board on December 17, 2014. Emergency Loan Board decided in favor of the EM proposal. IAFF contract has been imposed.
- Financial Ordinances:
 - a. City Council approved first reading of Fund Balance Policy, OPEB, BSF and strategic planning processes ordinances. Purchasing Ordinance still to be moved.

4. Water Issues

- MDEQ Violation Notice:
 - a. Violation notice received 12/16/14 maximum contaminant level for TTHM exceeded. Public notice required. Notices sent out Jan 5, 2015. Most recent readings in compliance except one location. This issue has become the largest current challenge.

- b. Public Water Forum will be on 1/21/15 at City Hall. Panel will include City Officials, MDEQ, MSU Microbiologist, Genesee Co. Drain Commissioner.
- c. RFP for river water treatment consulting firm due back 1/26/15, selected MSU water expert will attend 1/21/15 Water Forum.
- d. Mayor sent a letter to Gov. and others with his Flint Water Improvement Plan which requests Federal and **State assistance**.
- e. KWA Project is on track and under budget. Expected completion is spring 2016.
- Distressed Cities Grants:
 - a. City of Flint submitted two grant requests: Leak Detection and Sewage sludge load out facility. Awards expected to be announced at the end of January.

5. **9-1-1 Reconsolidation Plan**

- Tower Transfer to Consortium:
 - a. Tower built with C-GAP funds. Construction value exceeds \$50,000; the intent to transfer was included in the last two updates to the Financial and Operating Plan.

6. **Transition Activities**

- Strategic Planning Workshop:
 - a. Two off-site workshops are planned: For Dept. Heads and Core Team on Jan 26, 2015. Then, for Council, Dept. Heads and Core Team scheduled for Jan. 28, 2015. Future Council activities, strategic plan and budget prep will be main topics. Both will be facilitated by Dr. Scorsone.
 - b. Update of Transition Management Plan: A planning calendar for the next three months is being developed.

7. **MDNR and Purchase of CSX Rail Area:**

- The City is requesting DNR authorize full amount of appraised property value to be paid by DNR grant. R. Byrne will look into this further.
 - a. **Note from City's Planning and Development Director:** In brief, the City hired an appraiser for the Grand Traverse Greenway trail to complete acquisition of the CSX properties. We forwarded the appraisal of \$170,000 to the DNR for approval to proceed with negotiations with CSX. During our negotiations, CSX disputed the appraisal and submitted their own appraisal for the property of \$330,000. After reviewing the CSX appraisal, DNR told the City that they would be willing to increase the grant up to \$215,000 for acquisition, but the City would have to make up the difference. After doing additional research on similar properties including acquisition of the Genesee Valley Trail in the City of Flint, we realize that CSX offer is not unreasonable. We asked DNR to reconsider and allow us to have our appraisal amended so that we can fully use the DNR grant for the \$330,000 asking price. (Our DNR grant allocation is \$700,000 more than enough to cover the \$330,000 asking price. Thus far, DNR has been unwilling to provide the additional funding and suggested we talk to MDOT about making up the difference. I think the MDNR is concerned about setting precedent for future trail acquisition, but I don't think it matters if MDOT is routinely paying more.