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+++Weekly Critical Issues —October 16, 2015

- **Allen Park**— I have been advised that two new RTAB members are being appointed. They are Mark Wollenweber and Scott Lites. I have asked Eric to schedule an orientation for the new members before the next RTAB meeting on November 4th. The brownfield issue concerning the Southfield Lease Properties is under discussion.
- **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. I have advised Darwin to seek the City Commission's approval for the Finance Director's Search. The cost is \$10,000 for the MML Proposal. The City is discussing the purchase of public works vehicles (\$160 -\$200 K)for winter snow removal
- **Ecorse** – The City is proposing a part-time fire department. Their five year financial plan has been sent to us for review. They want the RTAB to approve on November10th. The City Council has approved. One additional RTAB member is needed (Joan Brophy).
- **Flint** – Lawsuit on water rates and the lead issues have Flint in a crisis mode. The City may be able to reconnect to DWSD by today. Natasha has sent me a revised cost (\$250K to \$350K) from Miller Canfield to represent the City in the Shears and Kincaid cases. Treasury is determining the level of support, if any, to provide the City in this matter. I informed Natasha yesterday that the legal representation is still being "discussed". Brian has asked me to prepare a FY15 Performance Report of the \$1.1M public safety grant. Telephone call between the City, Mott Foundation, and DEQ is being scheduled.
- **Hamtramck**-the RTAB position to replace Cathy. Phase 3 of the pension study will begin soon. The City has hired Alan Young for audit services but that decision was rejected by the RTAB. Greg Terrell is their next choice. The City Council is fighting about filling the vacancy on Council. The Circuit Court is now involved. Katrina released a Confidentiality Agreement with the former Police Chief due to a FOIA request. Two RTAB members are needed.
- **Highland Park**-The collection firm that has begun to collect past due (\$7M) water and sewer bills. Cathy has indicated that the City has over 500 aged payables including a DTE bill of \$200K for the water pumping station. I will be receiving an OPEB report from Meadowbrook soon. The City has purchased new water meters and will be installing them. Wade Trim has opened their water/sewer customer service office on Woodward Avenue.
- **Lincoln Park**-His exit will be in the first week of January. I have a revised EM exit schedule for you. We will be discussing the final order with Brad next week. We are hoping to find several RTAB candidates soon. E-Loan may be necessary? Five RTAB members are needed.
- **Inkster**- the City won its appeal on the water billing lawsuit. Mark said the city will be discussing its options. The City is negotiating with Wayne County on its \$4.9M sewer debt. A judgement levy for several years will be likely be placed on the July 2016 tax roll. Patrick and I will be meeting Mark on Tuesday.
- **Pontiac**-Jane Di Sessa will start on October 26. A contract has been signed and has been mailed. The Mayor and I will be meeting with two council members to discuss the hiring of an executive secretary and other issues. The Pontiac RTAB exit plan is nearing completion. The Mayor would