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Weekly Critical Issues —September 24, 2015

- **Allen Park**— City Council has appointed Mark Kibby as City Administrator. We have several names for serving on the RTAB that are getting vetted by the Governor's Office. A discussion list will be prepared as to where each could serve. The tender offer has been extended, so far, approximately 30% of bondholders have agreed.
- **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. If approved, it won't begin until late October. The Assistant City Manager position will be reduced to part-time due to commuting distance. A job posting for this position has been advertised.
- **Ecorse**—they received and filed the Memo from Treasury. The City indicated that if they were to agree to have River Rouge provide fire protection or if they were to go to a paid part-time department the pension liability costs would spike. Their five year financial plan will need to be reviewed once again. We need to determine who will serve on the RTAB position after Joyce leaves.
- **Flint** – Lawsuit on water rates may cause the City to rebate \$51M and repay \$15.7M. I have offered financial assistance to the City to assist in determining the financial impact of this court. Natasha will make a decision on legal representation assistance this week. A water main break under the Flint River may cost up to \$500K to repair. The City has decided to postpone the repair.
- **Hamtramck**-we have several names for the RTAB position to replace Cathy. Segal will develop a work plan for phase 3 of the pension study. The City has hired Alan Young for audit services. Katrina wants to reorganize staff. Overtime last month was \$60K, we are asking her to get quotes for a police study. Treasury will pay \$25,000 for the study. Eric and I will be meeting with individual members of the City Council in October.
- **Highland Park**-The City has had difficulty finding a collection firm to collect the past due water and sewer bills, Cathy is working with a firm and expects to hire them soon. Hiring a collection firm is a requirement of the loan agreement. Cathy has indicated that the OPEB savings of approximately \$750K will be implemented by October 1. We have a number of loan requirements that will be in the draft E-loan document. The City has purchased \$300,000 of new water meters as part to the FDCVT grant award and are installing them. The City Council conditionally approved the DWSD agreement and are asking DWSD for an extension on the number of years required for payback. Regular billing of water and sewer customers has begun.
- **Lincoln Park**-Brad is placing a PA 345 request on the November Ballot seeking approval of 6 mills to fund the City's pension system. Some of the City Council members are supporting the millage request. Brad has prepared a four month plan which is being updated. His exit will be in the first week of January. The new city manager, Matt Coppler begins work on Monday. We have met with Brad to discuss the final order.