

## MINUTES

### MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL RECOVERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF HARRISBURG

April 25, 2012

8:30 a.m.

Council Chambers

**Present:** Fred A. Reddig, Acting Administrator, Facilitator

Mayor Linda Thompson

David Black, President & CEO, Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC

Fred W. Lighty, Esquire (Alternate), Dauphin County Board of Commissioners

Anne Morrow (Recording Secretary)

**Absent:** Wanda Williams, City Council President

#### Reports

Mr. Reddig reported that an icon has been added to the Office of the Receiver's website that provides a link that has been specifically created for the Advisory Committee activities on the home page of the Receiver's website. This icon currently has a schedule of meeting dates and a list of membership. The Minutes of the meetings will also be stored here.

Mr. Reddig noted that the Minutes from the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were distributed previously to the members. Mr. Reddig asked if there were any additional comments or corrections to those Minutes.

There were none.

Mr. Reddig reported on the Recovery Plan activities:

- The Office of the Receiver has continued to keep the process of implementing the Receiver's confirmed Plan moving forward.
- Various activities are moving ahead on the operational side.
- The City's cash flow position is stable.
- The most recent check-run has been reviewed and approved consistent with the confirmed Plan.
- We've been working with the Mayor and her Administration on filling certain key vacancy positions. The City is moving through the recruitment process for fire positions and the senior accounting position.
- One position to highlight is the City's new Chief Operating Officer (COO), Ricardo Mendez-Saldivia, who is now on board and started this week. The Office of the Receiver will be engaging with him on a regular basis as the implementation process continues to move forward.
- We are also working with the Administration on a number of other vacancies. Some of which have already been approved and others are pending. We expect action within the next week or so.

Mr. Reddig noted City Council will be considering budgetary amendments at their Budget & Finance Committee Meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council is then scheduled to take action on the budgetary amendments on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Reddig also reported on the asset monetization process:

- Three Evaluation Teams are in place, one for each of the assets.
- All proposals have been received and are under review.
- It has been determined that the Parking and Incinerator proposals are the two key priorities and those efforts are moving along the timelines that were outlined in the Receiver's Plan.
- The Water and Sewer proposals timeline may be a bit slower because of the number of respondents we received to the other proposals. In order to provide appropriate due diligence we may be looking at a possible slightly revised timeline for the Water and Sewer management proposals.

Mr. Reddig asked if there were any further comments from the Committee on the updates to the Office of the Receiver.

Mr. Black responded that everything sounds like it's moving along as scheduled. He also gave credit to Mr. Reddig and the Team in light of being absent a Receiver.

#### **Recommendations:**

No recommendations were given at this time.

#### **Public Comments:**


Susan Weldon, resident of Harrisburg and President of Non-Uniformed Employees Local

- Speaking on behalf of the Non-Uniformed Employees Local, are you, Mr. Reddig as Acting Administrator, in the near future looking to contact the three unions that are involved to start up negotiations or begin negotiations where the Receiver left off?

Mr. Reddig responded that the Team has been meeting with the bargaining units, most recently with the IAFF and the FOP. As Mr. Reddig understands it, the lead negotiator is reaching out to the AFSCME representative to arrange discussions with them. He indicated that he would follow up with the lead negotiator on Ms. Weldon's request.

Mr. Reddig asked if there were any other comments. Hearing none, Mr. Reddig called this meeting adjourned.

Approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2012.

  
Facilitator – Fred A. Reddig, Acting Administrator

  
Secretary – Anne Morrow