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THIRD TAXING DISTRICT
of the City of Norwalk
Special Commission Meeting
September 26, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners: David Brown, Chair; Charles Yost, Debora Goldstein;
Michael Intrieri, Treasurer

STAFF: Jim Smith, General Manager

OTHERS: Steve VanderMeer, Hometown Connections

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Brown called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public was in attendance to comment.

STRATEGIC PLANNING PRESENTATION

Mr. VanderMeer was present and led the Commission and Mr. Smith in further Strategic Planning discussions. Mr. VanderMeer reviewed the outline of August 17, 2016 with the Commission.

Library Discussion

They discussed the actions for the library that came out of the August 17th meeting.

- Commissioners Brown and Yost will talk with the mayor of Norwalk to gauge interest in the library.

Both Commissioners met with Mayor Rilling to discuss this option. Mayor Rilling was going to meet with Alex Knopp (new Chairman of Norwalk Public Library) and check into the legalities and implications of having the City of Norwalk take over the East Norwalk Library. Commissioners Yost and/or Brown will follow-up with Mayor Rilling.

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Further discussion took place about the library and the changes the Board is trying to make for the good and how or whether TTD could assist or be involved. The Commissioners are still split as to whether or not they would like to see the library remain in the District and succeed.

Non-Performing Assets - Mr. VanderMeer reviewed the non-performing assets that were discussed on August 17th.

- 215 East Avenue – One idea would be to level the building and put in a parking lot that would provide revenue to TTD. Commissioner Yost would like to budget funds to plan on having an architect/planner determine what can really be done with the property and house. One possibility could be demolishing the building and then build a new multi-floor structure with underground parking, but this would need to be determined after consulting with the architect/planner. Mr. Smith reminded the Commission that no matter what is done, TTD would still need to have access to get to the substation. Commissioner Yost said he would get in touch with 3 architects for opinions.

Governance

Mr. VanderMeer indicated that now was probably the best time to introduce the General Counsel into the Strategic Planning process. Mr. Smith will contact Atty. Bove to set up time for him to meet with the Commission and Mr. VanderMeer at a future meeting to discuss how to handle Charter revisions.

Some of the items to consider changing within the Charter and/or ByLaws (once created) would be:

- TTD Board possibly becoming a 5-person Board
- Term Limits – only two 6-year term limits would be permissible
- Compensation would be the same for all Board members, which is currently at \$3,500/year
- Evaluation of Treasurer's role on the Commission
- Secretary would need to be appointed
- Elimination of District Clerk position
- CMEEC alternate delegate should be rotated every two years

The Commission, Mr. Smith and Mr. VanderMeer discussed the above items in great detail. Mr. VanderMeer will contact Ms. Tenney with possible dates for the next Strategic Planning meeting for the Commission, which should include Atty. Bove.

Mr. VanderMeer urged the Commission to get a copy of John Carver's book, *Boards That Make a Difference*, and have a look at it. TTD will order copies of the book for the Commission.

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ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COMMISSIONER BROWN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Tenney
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Third Taxing District