

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MAY 9, 2016 AT 7:40 P.M.
LINCOLN CENTER – 1519 WATER STREET**

PRESENT: Ald. Phillips, Doxtator, Kneebone, Shorr, and Dugan

ALSO

PRESENT: Mayor Wiza; C/T Ladick; City Attorney Beveridge; Clerk Moe; Directors Ostrowski, Schrader, Lemke, Schatschneider; Ald. Slowinski, Morrow, Ryan, McComb, Oberstadt, Johnson; Police Chief Skibba; Fire Chief Finn; Deputy C/T Freeberg; Brandi Makuski

ITEM #1 – REVIEW OF TIF DISTRICTS AND THEIR FISCAL YEAR 2015 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE.

C/T Ladick gave the attached presentation on TIF Districts and how they are performing.

ITEM #2 – FUNDING FOR TREES TO PREVENT EMERALD ASH BORER.

C/T Ladick stated last year in July there was a plan made as to how we were going to handle the emerald ash borer and it was decided we were going to treat some trees and remove some trees. There was money set aside for the removal because that is a one-time capital expense, but no money was set aside for treatment as that is an on-going operating expense and we did not expect that the bug would get here this soon.

Director Schrader stated we have 853 trees that are in the right-of-way and 325 trees that are in the parks. He stated they would like to treat the trees in the right-of-way and the ones in the parks will probably be removed due to being cost effective and the settings they are in make it easier to remove them. Of the 853 trees in the right-of-way, we would like to treat 551 of them and then remove 302 of them. Since we did not expect the bug to appear this year, we did not set up a line item in the budget for the treatment, so now they will be short funds in the operating budget. It will now be added to the budget every year. He stated that out of the 551 trees, they estimated about 225 are 7-12" diameter, which would be treated with the soil injection, which is cheaper and is typically done in the Spring and Fall, so the first treatment would be this Fall. Then about 226 trees are larger than 12" so those would need the direct injection into the tree. The direct injection is a little bit more expensive but you need it when the tree gets to that size and it is done every 2 years as opposed to every other year for the soil injections. They are estimating the treatment will be approximately \$20,000, which is an average for the every year treatments and every other year treatments. Of the 302 trees that are not being treated, they are usually less than 7", in poor condition, under powerlines, on the outskirts of town, in construction zones, etc. There is also a program for private landowners who feel strongly that they want to keep the tree that the Forestry Dept wants to remove. The City will treat the tree for the landowner, but at the land owners expense. He stated what they are seeing in other areas is that they have to treat for 10-15 years and by then the tree will either be dead or alive, but treatment can then be spread out to every 3 years or so until the bug leaves.

Ald. Phillips questioned if the trees can be saved, making this worth the cost. Director Schrader stated yes, with the treatment.

Ald. Johnson questioned the disposal of the trees that are being taken down and what the strategy will be. Director Schrader stated the contractor will be taking them and the price is built in. He stated the question has come up about removal of a tree on private land. These trees are different than dutch elm disease and oak wilt where the fungus stays in it and can spread, these are bugs and they are going to spread no matter what. There is nothing that can be done to prevent it. The larvae can live in the tree for up to a year, but they will come out eventually.

Ald. Shorr questioned the green ribbons and what they are for. Director Schrader stated they were for an awareness program but as they were putting them up they found out that they were testing for it and by the time the ribbons were all up on Friday, they found out the bugs were here.

Ald. Doxtator stated he talked to the City Forester about the effectiveness of the treatment and stated they will either be saved with the treatment or they will not. Director Schrader agreed and stated treatment is easy. You can look it up on You Tube and watch videos and can even buy products from the store, such as Bug B Gone, but the important part is to read and follow the directions.

Motion made by Ald. Doxtator, seconded by Ald. Shorr, to approve the funding for the treatment of trees to prevent the emerald ash borer as long as it gets put into the budget next year.

Ald. Dugan stated she has a tree that she has been treating on the side of her house and although it is expensive, she feels it was worth it.

Director Schrader stated he will keep everyone updated and in July when the trees leaf out, we will have a better indication on how far it has spread and where it is at by the amount of leaf cover. They usually die from the top down. If you lose 25-40% of the leaves, it is probably not worth treating. He also reminded everyone that is going to treat their trees to hire someone that is licensed and check for warranties.

Ald. Phillips questioned if an informational sheet is available. Mayor Wiza and Director Schrader both commented that it is on-line and they already have a brochure printed on it. They are also going to put together a list of people, in town, that treat them and are licensed. He stated they are not favoring anyone, just putting together what they are aware of.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

ITEM #3 – DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER.

C/T Ladick stated we only received one proposal, which was from Portage County Gazette, which is our current official newspaper. The cost did go up 4%, which is the first time in two years.

Motion made by Ald. Kneebone, seconded by Ald. Doxtator, to approve the Portage County Gazette as the official newspaper.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

ITEM #4 – APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.

Motion made by Ald. Doxtator, seconded by Ald. Dugan, to approve the payment of claims in the amount of 785,477.13.

Ayes: All Nays: none Motion carried.

ITEM #5 – ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION (APPROXIMATELY 7:10 P.M.) PURSUANT TO WISCONSIN STATUTES 19.85(1)(E) (DELIBERATING OR NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASING OF PUBLIC PROPERTIES, THE INVESTING OF PUBLIC FUNDS, OR CONDUCTING OTHER SPECIFIED PUBLIC BUSINESS, WHENEVER COMPETITIVE OR BARGAINING REASONS REQUIRE A CLOSED SESSION) ON THE FOLLOWING: A. NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR A POTENTIAL CITY HALL SITE B. NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR EXPANDING A CITY PARK.

Motion made by Ald. Shorr, seconded by Ald. Doxtator, to adjourn into closed session at 8:03 P.M.

Roll Call: Ald. Kneebone, Dugan, Shorr, Doxtator, and Phillips Nays: None
Motion carried.

Adjournment at 8:54 P.M.

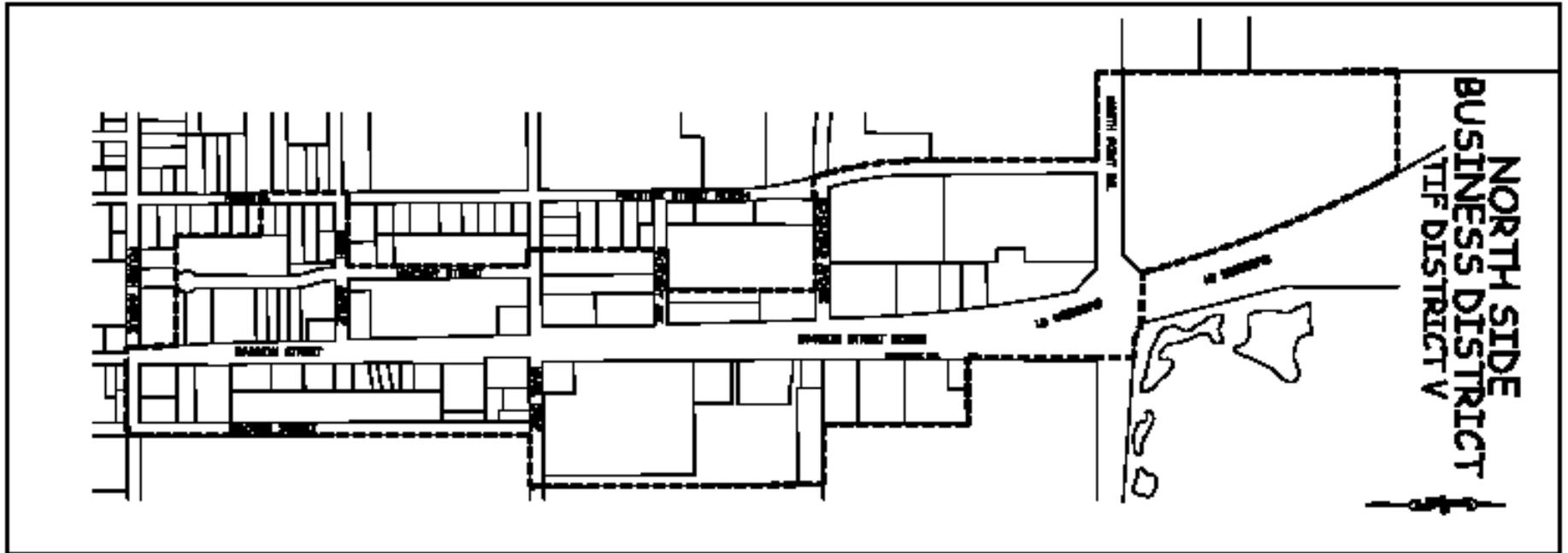
TIF District Financial Review

Fiscal Year 2015

Corey Ladick: Comptroller-Treasurer



TIF District 5 Map (Northside)



TIF District 5

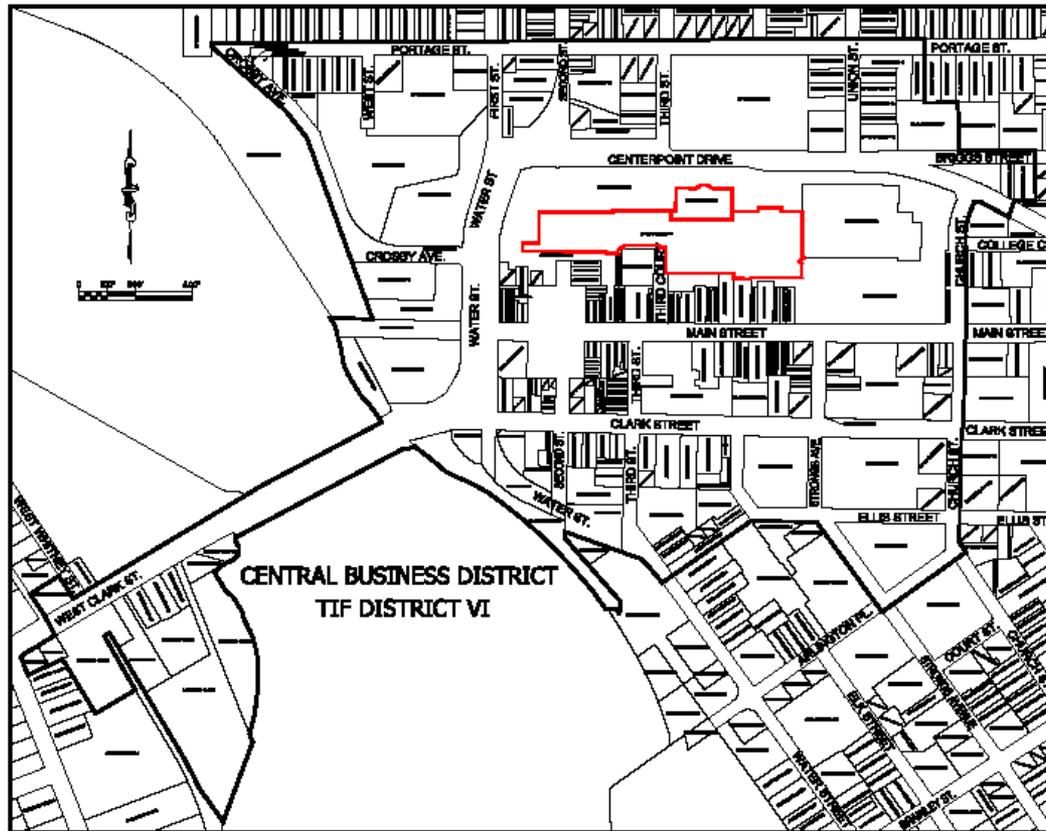
FY 2015 Financial Performance

FY 2014 Surplus/- Deficit	2015 Increment Received	Other Revenue	Expenditures	FY 2015 Surplus/- Deficit
91,368	387,984	8,778	177,448	310,682

Current Valuation/Assessment Information

Base Value	Current Value	Value Increment	2016 Increment
37,940,700	55,554,700	17,614,000	401,276

TIF District 6 Map (Downtown)



TIF District 6

FY 2015 Financial Performance

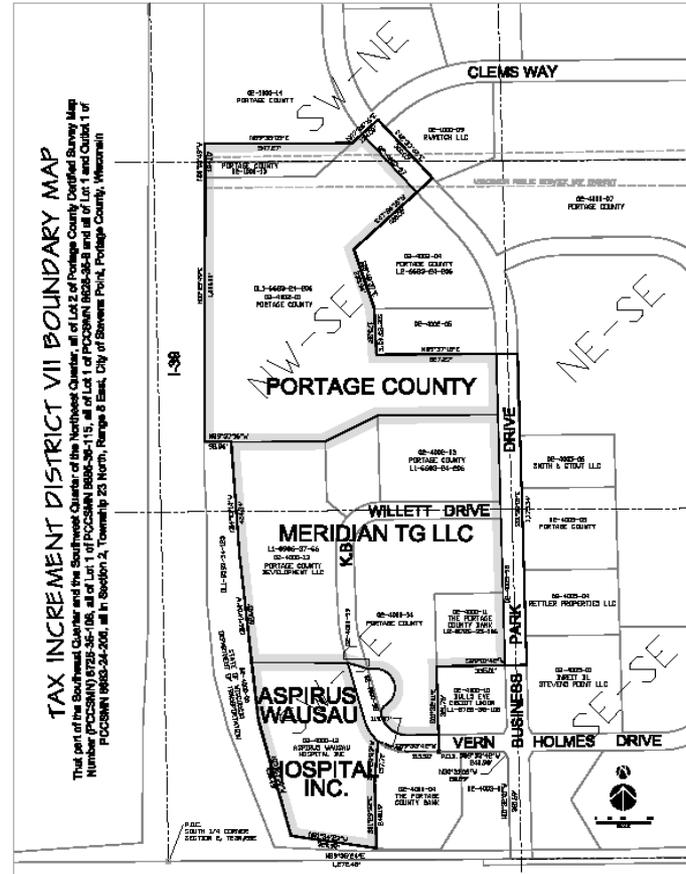
FY 2014 Surplus/- Deficit	2015 Increment Received	Other Revenue	Expenditures	FY 2015 Surplus/- Deficit
-2,865,401	47,965	848,694*	2,276,499*	-4,245,241

Current Valuation/Assessment Information

Base Value	Current Value	Value Increment	2016 Increment
46,305,600	50,257,700	3,952,100	90,035

*TID 6-Other Revenues and Expenditures: A \$750,000 pass through grant for MSTC inflated both of these numbers

TIF District 7 Map (Travelguard)



TIF District 7

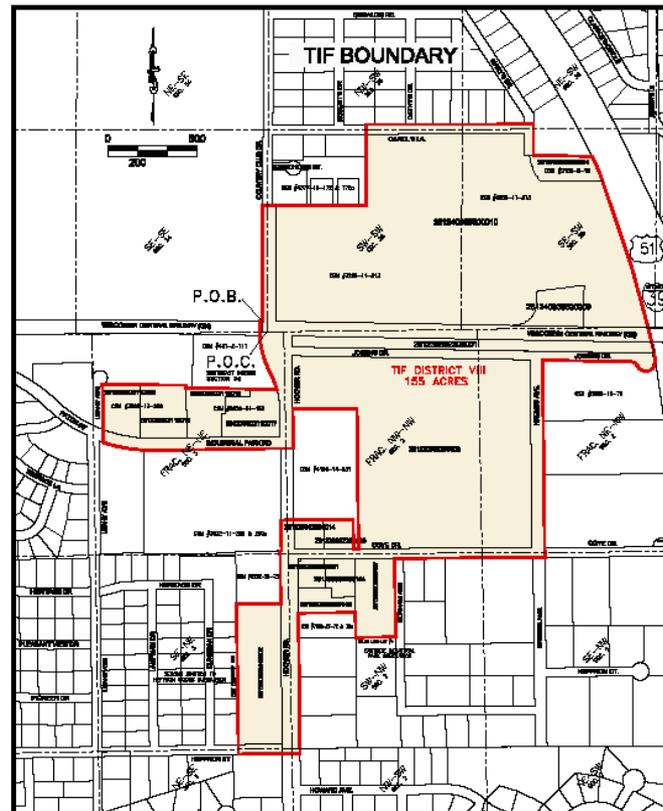
FY 2015 Financial Performance

FY 2014 Surplus/- Deficit	2015 Increment Received	Other Revenue	Expenditures	FY 2015 Surplus/- Deficit
309,928	563,758	17,806	555,849	335,643

Current Valuation/Assessment Information

Base Value	Current Value	Value Increment	2016 Increment
10,913,900	35,830,700	24,916,800	567,646

TIF District 8 Map (Spectra Print)



TIF District 8

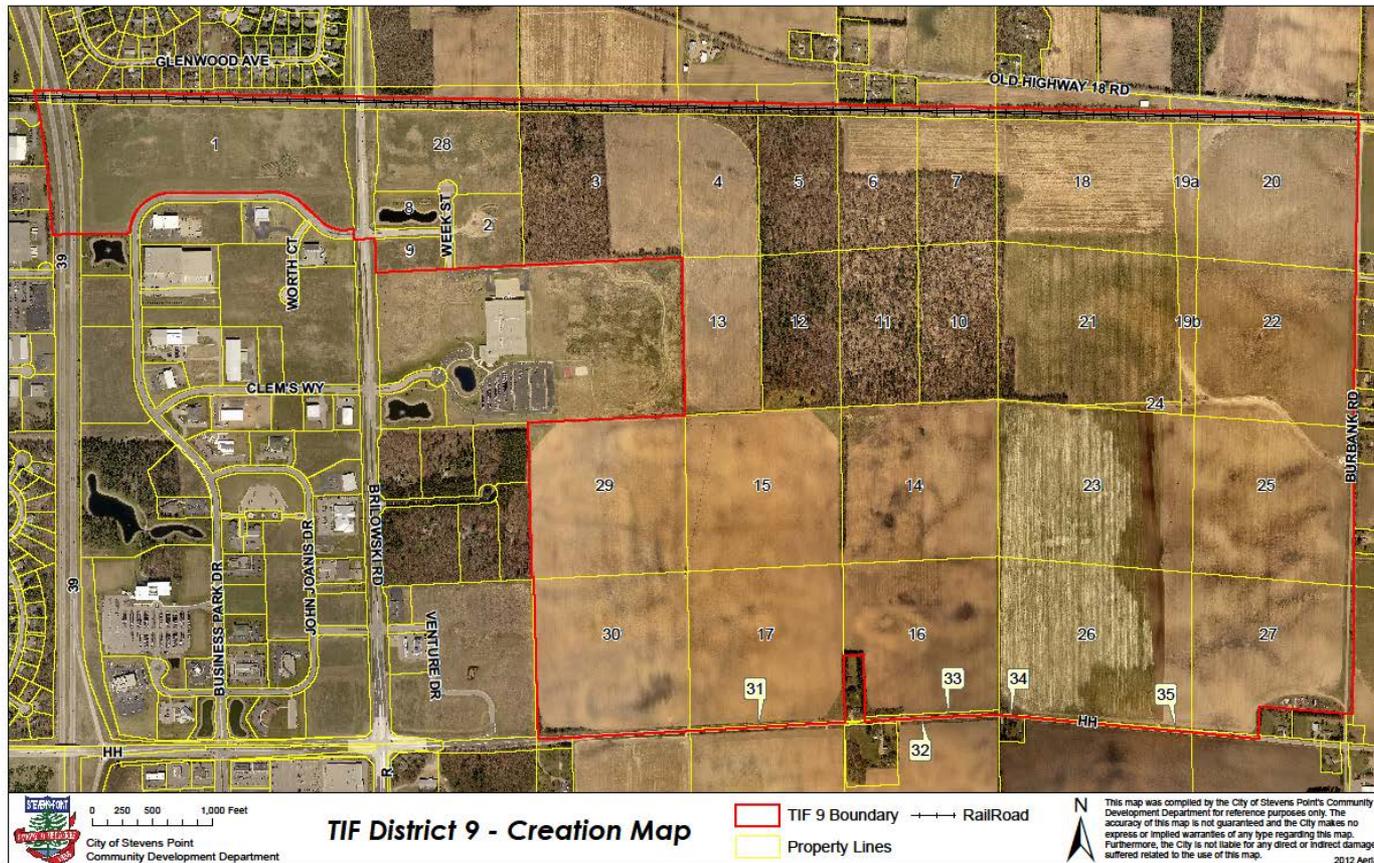
FY 2015 Financial Performance

FY 2014 Surplus/- Deficit	2015 Increment Received	Other Revenue	Expenditures	FY 2015 Surplus/- Deficit
-380,297	0-still below	3,661	1,400	-378,036

Current Valuation/Assessment Information

Base Value	Current Value	Value Increment	2016 Increment
19,785,300	19,115,100	-670,200	0-below base

TIF District 9 Map (East Park Commerce Center)



TIF District 9

FY 2015 Financial Performance

FY 2014 Surplus/- Deficit	2015 Increment Received	Other Revenue	Expenditures	FY 2015 Surplus/- Deficit
864,286	143,700	400	269,127	739,259**

Current Valuation/Assessment Information

Base Value	Current Value	Value Increment	2016 Increment
446,800	23,512,600	23,065,800	525,477

**TID 9 Surplus: A significant portion of TID 9 surplus will need to be used for intersection improvements.