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Meeting Minutes

CHARTER SCHOOL REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Glenn Steinbrecher**

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Thursday, August 25, 2016

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301-B

Meeting convened: 5:31 P.M.

1. Roll call.

Members excused: Ruben Burgos and Gayle Peay

2. Review and approval of the minutes from the July 21, 2016 meeting.

*Ms. Scott Krei moved, seconded by Ms. Pointer-Mace, for approval of the minutes.
There were no objections.*

3. [150544](#)

Communication relating to administrative matters of the Charter School Review Committee.

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Dr. Howard Fuller said that the ML Tharps contract ends on August 31st, but they have 2 responsibilities: get monthly reports from the schools and do the final report for the 2015/16 school year. The audits needed to finish those reports don't typically come out until October/November. It is hoped that this issue relating to the dates of the reports won't be an issue with the next contract. Currently the hope is to start the contract October 1st and will run through December of the following year and there will always be a few months of overlap where the old contractor is finishing the annual report and the new one will be working on the monthly reports. Mr. Steinbrecher would like to see at least a four-year contract with the possibility of a two-year extension. Mr. Steinbrecher was concerned about how late the reports for the school years came before the committee and how that aligned with the contract expiration.

When this committee was first created, it was understood that no new city positions would be created as a result and no levy money spent on this body. The city, through the Dept. of Administration, worked with Dr. Fuller to hire Children's Research Center and ML Tharps, with the contracts being with Marquette University, not the city. Once the system became self-supporting then the city began to do the

contracting. At the end of each year, any city work that was done on behalf of CSRC was invoiced and paid back. ML Tharps will be able to complete the duties of their contract. ML Tharps will be presenting the financial report to each school board as part of the contract extension, if approved tonight.

Sharon Robinson - Dept. of Administration - they are working on the contract extension, but decisions do not need to be made tonight relating to the Request for Proposals contract. The contract will mirror what needs to be done, rather than set by calendar dates. It may or may not need to go through a Council committee. They will also meet with Mr. Steinbrecher in terms of the scope of the contract. A minimum of five people need to serve on the RFP Review Team.

Larry Hoffman - Schools and Communities United - he had two questions, one relating to the CRC contract which isn't before the Committee and about who serves on the RFP Review Team.

Ms. Pointer-Mace moved, seconded by Ms. Scott Krei, for extension of the ML Tharps contract until December 31. There were no objections.

The individual school information is still embargoed by the Dept. of Public Instruction. School leaders who have the data are also embargoed from releasing it.

Meeting adjourned; 6:01 P.M.

*Linda M. Elmer
Staff Assistant*

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