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Upon the request of Chief General Counsel Debra N. Pospiech, Esq., the Board of Water Commissioners vote to: 1) **Approve a meeting with legal counsel in closed session pursuant to Sections 8(e) and (h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to discuss trial or settlement strategy in pending litigation; and 2) Authorize the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of the Board's vote.**

Agenda of August 16, 2017

Item No. 17-0137

Closed Session Request

TO: The Honorable
Board of Water Commissioners
City of Detroit, Michigan

FROM: Debra N. Pospiech, Esq., Chief General Counsel, Detroit Water and Sewerage Department

RE: *Detroit Alliance Against the Rain Tax, et al v. City of Detroit, et al*

MOTION

Upon the request of Chief General Counsel Debra N. Pospiech, Esq., the Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, by an affirmative roll call vote of 2/3 of the Board Members appointed and serving, hereby resolves to: 1) **Meet with legal counsel in closed session pursuant to Sections 8(e) and (h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to discuss trial or settlement strategy in the *Detroit Alliance Against the Rain Tax, et al*, case and 2) Authorize the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.**

BACKGROUND

Section 8(e) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act allow a public body to meet in closed session: "To consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body." Section 8(h) allows a public body to meet in closed session: "To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute." Section 7 of the Act requires an affirmative roll call vote of 2/3 of the Board Members appointed and serving to approve a closed session.

Respectfully Submitted,

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