



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: July 1, 2014
To: Brian Kischnick, City Manager
From: Timothy Richnak, Public Works Director
Subject: July 2014 Update on DWSD

Background

During the 2015 budget presentations to city council, an update on the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department was presented. The distribution and long term costs of providing water and sewerage service to the residents and businesses of the City of Troy are directly affected by the Detroit bankruptcy and DWSD future operations and control.

Robert Daddow, Deputy Oakland County Executive, was invited and scheduled to attend a June 2, 2014 City of Troy city council study session on DWSD. Mr. Daddow, as the representative of Oakland County in mediation was advised by the federal bankruptcy court and by his in-house attorneys that the June 2, 2014 study meeting with the City Council would put him in conflict with a gag order on any public communications involving the DWSD matter.

I reached out to Mr. Daddow and asked if he could provide new information so I could update city council. He is unable to provide any information as indicated in his response to my request.

“Mr. Richnak – regrettably no. As noted in the media several weeks ago and as we chatted about, the Counties are in mediation and continually are reminded that any communications outside the mediation will meet with contempt penalties. Essentially, at this point in time, there isn’t anything I can tell you to assist in your report of July 7th – as much as I would like to do so. RJD”

I will keep in contact with Mr. Daddow and continue to be involved as much as we are allowed in order to keep city council informed.