

# Cockrel, Detroit City Council resume negotiations on Cobo

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Negotiations on a proposed regional authority to run Cobo Center resumed this afternoon between Detroit Mayor Ken Cockrel Jr. and the Detroit City Council.

javascript:void(0);Cockrel, Deputy Mayor Saul Green, Council President Monica Conyers and President Pro Tem JoAnn Watson, and attorneys representing the mayor's office and the council were seen shuttling in and out of Wayne County Circuit Judge Isidore Torres' courtroom.

Torres is hearing the council's lawsuit to block transfer of Cobo from the city to the regional authority. Torres had been expected to rule on whether Cockrel's veto of the council's rejection of the authority was legal.

Instead, Torres has been meeting with the two sides the past several days. No apparent resolution was reached today.

"We had a discussion, but can't comment on the substance," said Cockrel, as he and Green left Torres' courtroom just after 6:30 p.m.

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