PUBLIC LIGHTING AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Meeting
October 9, 2014, 5:00 pm

MINUTES

Board Members in Attendance:  Lorna Thomas
                                      Eva Garza Dewaelsche
                                      David W. Jones
                                      Nicole Spieles

Resolutions:  Resolution 2014-19
               Resolution 2014-20

Motions (Carried/Failed):  Resolution 2014-19 Carried
                           Resolution 2014-20 Carried

CALL TO ORDER
The Board Meeting of the Public Lighting Authority was held October 9, 2014 in Auditorium on the 13th Floor at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center. Lorna Thomas, Chair of the Board, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL
Roll call was taken by Eva Garza Dewaelsche and members in attendance included: Lorna Thomas, Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Nicole Spieles and David W. Jones.

APPROVE AGENDA
Motion made to approve the agenda by: Eva Garza Dewaelsche
Motion seconded by: Nicole Spieles

Motion Carried

MINUTES
Motion made to approve the June 11, 2014 minutes by Eva Garza Dewaelsche
Motion seconded by: Nicole Spieles
Vote called

Motion Carried

DISCUSSION

• Board Chair introduced all new employees of the Public Lighting Authority: Shirley Aldana, Adam Troy, Sandra Hughes O’Brien, Katrina Crawley (who was absent), Archie Lytle, Lisa Poole, MaryAnn Carney, Michael Harrington and Monica Ross.

• August Financials/Monthly Report – Nicolette Carlone and Mohamed Hassan
  – Lorna Thomas asked if the spend rate increased over the past two to three months due to accelerated pace of the project. Nicolette Carlone confirmed that is correct.

• 2014 Audit – Michael Nicholas (George Johnson & Company)
  – Mike offered to make a presentation to the Board (free of cost) on a topic that might be of interest to them (items noted on page 10 of the Wrap-Up Report). Lorna Thomas accepted this offer and will get back to Mike with a confirmed topic.
- David Jones asked whether Internal Controls were a part of the audit. Mike Nicholas and Mohamed Hassan explained that, while it is not required by GASB or State Law, George Johnson & Company did not find any errors or misstatements while reviewing the Internal Controls. Mohamed Hassan (Accountant of the Board) reconciles all financials and reviews Internal Controls monthly and has not found any material weaknesses.

- Eva Garza Dewaelsche asked if the PLA is required to have an independent auditor as well as an accounting staff. Odis Jones answered “no, but I do it in order to give the PLA another layer of oversight.” She also asked if the Board can request special reporting from the independent auditor if needed. Mike Nicholas and Mohamed Hassan both answered “yes,” but those requests should come through the CEO.

- Sandra Hughes O’Brien gave an overview of the Memo of Understanding between the PLA and M-2 Rail, verifying a cost savings to the PLA of approximately $650,000.00.

- The Board needed clarification on Page 4, Paragraph 11 of the M-2 Rail Contract – “or any other party.”

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Resolution 2014-20 Accepting Fiscal Year June 30, 2014 and 2013 Audit**

Motion called by: Eva Garza Dewaelsche  
Motion seconded by: Nicole Spieles  
Vote called by: David Jones  
Lorna Thomas (yea), Eva Dewaelsche (yea), Nicole Spieles (yea), David Jones (yea)  
**Motion Carried**

**Resolution 2014-19 Authorizing the CEO to Enter into an Agreement with M-2 Rail**

Motion made to approve Resolution 2014-19 with an amendment to Page 4, Paragraph 11, striking the words “or any other party.”

Motion called by: David Jones  
Motion seconded by: Eva Dewaelsche  
Roll call vote by: David Jones  
Lorna Thomas (yea), Eva Dewaelsche (yea), Nicole Spieles (yea), David Jones (yea)  
**Motion Carried**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Roy McCalister, Jr., President of Greenwich Park Association, expressed the community’s concern and wanted to ensure that the wiring would not be done underground but overhead.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other public comments, a motion was entertained and supported to adjourn at 6:02 p.m.

Motion called by: Lorna Thomas  
Motion seconded by: Eva Dewaelsche  
**Motion Carried to Adjourn**