



Public Lighting Authority

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**OUR MISSION** is to improve,  
modernize and maintain the  
street lighting system in Detroit.

## **PUBLIC LIGHTING AUTHORITY**

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

May 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

#### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Lorna Thomas, Chair  
Nicole Spieles, Secretary  
Rod Parker, Treasurer  
David W. Jones, At Large

#### **Resolutions:**

Resolution 2016-03  
Resolution 2016-04  
Resolution 2016-05

#### **Motions (Carried/Failed):**

Resolution 2016-03 Carried  
Resolution 2016-04 Carried  
Resolution 2016-05 Carried

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board Meeting of the Public Lighting Authority (PLA) was held May 4, 2016 at the PLA, 65 Cadillac Square, Suite 3100, Detroit, MI 48226. Dr. Lorna Thomas, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 4:55 p.m., welcoming everyone.

### **ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken by Nicole Spieles, Board Secretary. Members in attendance included: Dr. Lorna Thomas, Board Chair; Nicole Spieles, Secretary; Rod Parker, Treasurer; and David W. Jones, At Large.

### **APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion made to approve the agenda by: Rod Parker, Treasurer

Motion seconded by: Nicole Spieles, Secretary

Vote called

**Motion Carried**

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **March Financials/Monthly Report – Mohamed Hassan**

- Mohamed Hassan reviewed the March, 2016 Financials.
- Total current assets: \$103,317,894; Total Capitalized Construction Cost: \$120,892,106; Total Assets: \$224,798,821
- Total Current Liabilities: \$9,565,902; Total Liabilities: \$199,104,350; Total Liabilities & Net Position: \$224,798,821
- Total Revenue: \$19,243,814; Total Expenditures: \$12,657,766; Change in Net Position: \$6,586,048
- Net Position – End of Period: \$25,694,471



**Proposed Fiscal Year Budget (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017)**

- Budget for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 was reviewed earlier during Public Hearing for Budget. No questions or comments were made.

**Project Update – Mukesh Patel, Kenneth Emerson and Tom McVicar**

- Mukesh Patel reports that PLA has completed all residential, collector and the majority of the thoroughfare lighting. Zip codes 48201, 48202, 48206 and 48207 underground lighting posed challenges which were successfully completed by replacing all underground wiring. Ken reported the scope of the Downtown project and the significant amount of work to be completed by the end of year 2016. PLA and DTE created maps of each quadrant of the Downtown project displayed in the Board Room as reference for daily construction meetings at the PLA.
- The PLA was awarded the 2016 Governor's Award for Historic Preservation in Lansing, Michigan on May 3, 2016. The PLA received the award for the rehabilitation of 57 century-old cast iron and wood streetlights in the Indian Village neighborhood.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Resolution 2016-03** Adopting the 2016-2017 Annual Budget and Appropriating Funds

Motion made to approve Resolution 2016-03 by: Rod Parker

Motion seconded by: Nicole Spieles

Vote called

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution 2016-04** Amending the 2015-2016 Annual Budget

Motion made to approve Resolution 2016-04 by: Rod Parker

Motion seconded by: Nicole Spieles

Vote called

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution 2016-05** Amending the Owner's Representative Agreement with DTE

Motion made to approve Resolution 2016-04 by: Rod Parker

Motion seconded by: Nicole Spieles

Vote called

**Motion Carried**

**MINUTES**

Motion made to approve the November 4, 2015 minutes by David Jones

Motion seconded by: Rod Parker

Vote called

**Motion Carried**

Motion made to approve the February 6, 2016 minutes by Rod Parker

Motion seconded by: Nicole Spieles

Vote called

**Motion Carried**

Minutes for Closed Session meetings held on November 13, 2015 and February 3, 2016 will be voted on during upcoming Closed Session meeting with the PLA Board of Directors.



### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ronnie Dahl, reporter with WXYZ News Detroit, addressed the PLA Board with documents obtained through Freedom of Information Act implied that, prior to her employment with PLA, Tifani Sadek served as legal counsel for MVP (Odis Jones' new company) and continues legal counseling to MVP while employed with the PLA.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further public comments, a motion was made to adjourn at 5:35 p.m.

Motion called by: Dr. Lorna Thomas

Motion seconded by: Nicole Spieles

**Motion Carried to Adjourn**