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street lighting system in Detroit.

PUBLIC LIGHTING AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Meeting

August 3, 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Board Members in Attendance:

Lorna Thomas, M.D., Chair
Rod Parker, Treasurer
David W. Jones, At Large
Donnell White

Resolutions:

Resolution 2016-06

Motions (Carried/Failed):

Resolution 2016-06 Carried

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting of the Public Lighting Authority (PLA) was held August 3, 2015 at the PLA, 65 Cadillac Square, Suite 3100, Detroit, MI 48226. Dr. Lorna Thomas, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m., welcoming everyone.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Floyd Allen, Legal Counsel to PLA Board of Directors, and members in attendance included: Dr. Lorna Thomas, Chair; Rod Parker, Treasurer; David W. Jones, At Large; and Donnell White. Nicole Spieles, Secretary was not present.

Lorna Thomas, M.D., Chair asked for a moment of silence in remembrance for the late Umakant Patel, PLA Senior Project Manager.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made to approve the agenda by: Floyd Allen, Legal Counsel to PLA Board of Directors

Motion seconded by: David Jones, At Large

Vote called

Motion Carried

MINUTES

Closed Session

David Jones, At Large, requested that the Board go into closed session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act to review minutes for Open Meetings of November 13, 2015; February 3, 2016; May 4, 2016- Budget Hearing; and May 4, 2016. And the related Closed Session minutes for November 4, 2015; November 13, 2015; and February 3, 2015. Closed Session requested to discuss legal issues.

Vote called

Lorna Thomas (yea), Rod Parker (yea), Donnell White (yea)



The Board went into closed session and reviewed the minutes and legal matters.

Motion made to approve the minutes for Open Meetings of November 13, 2015; February 3, 2016; May 4, 2016-Budget Hearing; and May 4, 2016. And the related Closed Session minutes for November 4, 2015; November 13, 2015; and February 3, 2015. Closed Session requested to discuss legal issues by: David Jones, At Large

Motion seconded by: Rod Parker, Treasurer

Vote called

Motion Carried

DISCUSSION

June 2016 Financials/Monthly Report – Mohamed Hassan

- Mohamed Hassan, CFO reviewed the June, 2016 Unaudited Financials.
- Total Current Assets: \$84,126,235; Total Current Liabilities: \$4,168,130; Total Revenue: \$22,542,664
- PLA Annual Audit to begin week of August 8th

Project Update – Mukesh Patel, Kenneth Emerson-PLA; James LeFresne-Trillium Consulting; Eric Janness, Tom McVicar-DTE

- Mukesh Patel, Sr. Vice President, Engineering: All four quadrants, including Jefferson are under construction. PLA's contractors are progressing along much faster than anticipated. PLA has received full cooperation from City departments with no delays in permits, shut downs, etc. PLA has a very strong and committed team working to achieve project completion by end of 2016.
- Kenneth Emerson, Senior Vice President, Construction: All construction has been ramped up and crews are working full speed. Temporary lighting has been placed in construction areas to ensure public safety. Mr. Emerson also noted that the construction on Belle Isle is to begin shortly, installing all solar lighting. PLA is also moving forward with lighting in the new stadium area.
- James LeFresne, Trillium: Mr. LeFresne introduced himself to the Board and attendees, giving his background and history of working with the PLA early in the construction project. He reported that PLA has created a construction schedule that he reviews to ensure that the project remains on track. All of the Contractors' contracts were signed in April with construction beginning in late June/early July. Mr. LeFresne stated that he has, "high confidence that construction will be completed by the deadline." He states that he has several large reports of his findings. Mr. Jones asked for reports, states he has not seen any reports.
- Tom McVicar, DTE: Mr. McVicar provided a presentation of the metrics he and Mr. Janness prepared for the construction project to monitor the weekly progress of the Downtown construction.



Master Pole Attachment Agreement – Tifani Sadek, Legal Counsel

- Ms. Sadek gave an overview of the Master Pole Attachment Agreement for the Board's review while still in process. Dr. Thomas moved that the Agreement be finalized no later than the end of the construction project.

Ethics Ordinance – Tifani Sadek, Legal Counsel

- Ms. Sadek presented the Ethics Ordinance draft to the Board as a consolidated document for all PLA Ethics Ordinances. Dr. Thomas moved that the Ordinance be completed for presentation at the next PLA Board Meeting.

Request for Special Meeting to Approve Audit on September 28, 2016, 5:00pm – Nicolette Carlone, CEO

- Ms. Carlone requested that the Board hold a special meeting to approve the Audit on September 28, 2016, 5:00pm. Dr. Thomas recommended a teleconference that Board members not able to attend can call in to.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 2016-06 Resolution Amendment to Bylaws

January or February, 2017 meeting set to take action to set Board Meeting dates and selection of Board Officers

Motion made to approve by: Lorna Thomas, M.D., Chair

Roll Call requested by: Donnell White

Seconded by: Rod Parker, Treasurer

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

R. Bradley Lambert, legal counsel for Odis Jones, former CEO of the PLA came forward. He stated that he was under the assumption that he was on the agenda for the meeting. He was present to discuss outstanding legal invoices on behalf of Mr. Jones.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Lorna Thomas, M.D., Chair, to adjourn at 6:54 p.m.

Motion Carried to Adjourn