



PUBLIC LIGHTING AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Meeting
December 5, 2018

Board Members in Attendance:

Dr. Lorna Thomas, Chair
Patrick Padgett, Secretary
Rod Parker, Treasurer
Melvin Butch Hollowell, At Large
Ric Preuss
Beau Taylor, Executive Director

Resolution:

Motions Carried/Failed:

Legal Representative(s)

George Pitchford

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting of the Public Lighting Authority (PLA) was held December 5, 2018 at the PLA, 65 Cadillac Square, Suite 3100, Detroit, MI 48226. Dr. Lorna Thomas, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Melvin Butch Hollowell. Members in attendance included: Dr. Lorna Thomas, Chair; Rod Parker, Treasurer; Rick Preuss, Beau Taylor, Executive Director and George Pitchford (Legal Counsel). Meeting began at 5:03 p.m. Patrick Padgett, Secretary joined the meeting at 5:06 p.m. There is a quorum.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made by Dr. Thomas to modify the Agenda by adding a presentation regarding the PLA/DTE OPL program.

Motioned by Ric Preuss

Motion seconded by: Melvin Butch Hollowell

Motion Carried

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion made to approve the August 22, 2018 regular Board Meeting by Melvin Butch Hollowell
Motion seconded by Ric Preuss
Motion carried

Motion made to approve the October 25, 2018 Special Board Meeting minutes by: Melvin Butch Hollowell
Motion seconded by: Patrick Padgett
Motion carried

Dr. Thomas asks for a motion to be made to enter into Closed Session, to discuss a written legal opinion that is subject to attorney client privilege.
Motioned by: Melvin Butch Hollowell
Seconded by: Rod Parker.
Motion carried.

In order to go into closed session, a voice roll call must be performed. At 5:07 p.m. Mr. Padgett, Board Secretary performed a voice roll call. All Board members unanimously approved and the board went into closed session at 5:07 p.m.

Melvin Butch Hollowell recused himself from the closed session meeting.

Dr. Thomas asked for a motion to return from closed session to return to regular session.
Motioned by: Melvin Butch Hollowell
Seconded by: Patrick Padgett.
Motion carried

Board Secretary Patrick Padgett performed a voice roll call. All Board Members unanimously approved and the Board came back to regular session at 5:30 p.m.

Discussion Item(s)

a. LCA between PLA and Stateline Construction

Dr. Thomas welcomes everyone back to regular session and asks for a motion authorizing Beau Taylor to exit the LCA with Stateline Construction
Motioned by: Ric Preuss
Seconded by: Melvin Butch Hollowell
Motion carried

b. Pole Knock downs

George Pitchford, Legal Counsel gave an update to the Board on the progress for collections for motorists who damage PLA poles. So far, \$20,000 has been collected in behalf of PLA. Currently, there are 30 open claims; 17 were uninsured and 13 of which are non-Detroiters. Going forward, the Executive Director wants to go after those uninsured on a case-by case basis; i.e., the details and amount of loss. George also recognized the efforts of the Detroit Police Department who assist with obtaining police reports.

Ric Preuss asked, what is the total number of pole knock downs? George responded – 50-60 per month. Preuss also asked, why only 30 claims? George responded that a lot of times no one is around when a pole is hit. George also mentioned now that there is a working process in place, claims going forward will move smoothly.

c. PLA Investment Policy

Beau Taylor began by showing the Board an aerial picture of a Pilot area where PLA is testing new LED lighting to expand the photometric spread. He then introduced Sridhar Lakshmanan, Consultant who presented his recommendations on long-term capital planning, to be approved by the Board.

Sridhar Lakshmanan recommends the PLA should:

- Create a restricted/separate Capital Fund
- Create a new Capital Spend line item
- Invest capital funds in an interest bearing account
- Continue to capture annual O&M savings

Melvin Butch Hollowell suggested PLA compose a letter to the Bond Council stating this separate interest bearing account will not impair debt service.

Melvin Butch Hollowell also made a motion that PLA:

1. Create a new long term restricted fund capital account;
2. Create a new capital spend line item, for an annual budget PLA Board approval for system-wide LED replacement;
3. Continue to capture O&M savings annually sustaining long term capital;
4. Subject to a Bond Council letter of affirmation.

Seconded by: Ric Preuss

Nay: Rod Parker

Motion carried

d. Finance Report

Mohamed Hassan, CFO presented the Quarter Ending 9/30/18 report.

Presentation – PLA/DTE Outdoor Protective Lighting Program

Jamal Harrison, Director of Community Engagement

Addressed the Board by stating poor alley lighting causes a public safety hazard, as many residents have alley-only access to their garages. Alley ownership and responsibility has been widely disputed, and the City of Detroit doesn't currently have the resources to install/manage these lights. So as his Lean Six Sigma (Green Belt Project) Jamal developed a clear, easy, and cost effective process for both residents and businesses to improve their alleys.

- He partnered with PLA, DTE, DoNs (Department of Neighborhoods) to create the process
- Worked with DTE and the MPSC to the monthly cost lowered to \$10.42 a month/light
- Focused primarily on neighborhood groups instead of individuals
- Developed a program that can be used for alleys, but also parking lots
- Reduced amount of negative repeat callers

- The project started with 2 pilot areas - Woodbridge, and Big 3 Auto Sales.
- Since April, 256 OPL's have been installed.

Next Steps:

- DTE has agreed to go to neighborhood meetings
- PLA has changed call center response and will be adding OPL link to its webpage
- Everyone will not reference Outdoor Protective Lights (OPLs) instead of "Alley Lights"

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Dr. Thomas adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

