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street lighting system in Detroit.

PUBLIC LIGHTING AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
Via Uber Conference
June 30, 2021

Board Member(s) in Attendance

Dr. Lorna Thomas, Chair
Patrick Padgett, Secretary
Rod Parker, Treasurer
Ric Preuss
Beau Taylor, Executive Director

Resolution:

Resolution 2021-01

Motions Carried/Failed:

Resolution 2021-01 Carried

Board Member(s) Absent

Melvin Butch Hollowell

Legal Representative(s)

George Pitchford

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Board Meeting of the Public Lighting Authority (PLA) was held on June 30, 2021, via Uber Conference. Dr. Lorna Thomas, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. She also asked that we observe a moment of silence for the DTE worker who was killed yesterday. George Pitchford then makes an announcement before proceeding.

George Pitchford, Legal Representative begins by reminding Board Members that during roll call, all Board members must identify that they are participating in this meeting virtually and that they confirm what City and State they are calling from, and that the same be recorded in the meeting minutes. George Pitchford then turns the meeting back over to Dr. Thomas.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members confirm they were participating virtually at this meeting:

Patrick Padgett, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan
Lorna Thomas, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan
Ric Preuss, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan
Rod Parker, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan
Melvin Butch Hollowell, Absent

Others in attendance included Beau Taylor, Executive Director and Legal Representative George Pitchford.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made to approve agenda by: Ric Preuss.

Motion seconded by: Rod Parker.

Roll call vote:

Dr. Thomas Yes

Patrick Padgett Yes

Rod Parker Yes

Ric Preuss Yes

Motion Carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion made to approve agenda by: Rod Parker.

Motion seconded by: Patrick Padgett.

Roll call vote:

Dr. Thomas Yes

Patrick Padgett Yes

Rod Parker Yes

Ric Preuss Yes

Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

a. Belle Isle Lighting

Our contractor installed lighting at the Belle Isle entrance, which was not done during construction. It really looked great just in time for the Grand Prix's pedestrian traffic.

b. Greektown Lighting

PLA also assisted the City of Detroit with tower lighting in various Greektown parking lots and hanging additional flood lights to mitigate young people gathering and causing disturbances.

Beau also mentioned with the upcoming budget year, he would like to pivot to preventative maintenance i.e., wood pole replacement, as well as burying wire.

c. Diversity & Inclusion/Pre-Apprentice Program Update (D. Brooks)

DéAndre Brooks, Director of Community and Government Relations is also in charge of PLA's Pre-Apprentice Program. He begins by mentioning that we've asked our contractors to employ Detroiters however, there's a huge deficit in Detroiters and more specifically minorities in the skills trade areas. So as a result we partnered with IBEW Local 17 and in conjunction with our contractors developed the program that is designed to help facilitate individuals through the process of getting into and working through an apprenticeship program. We started with five participants over the course of the last five or six months. One individual dropped out. However we replaced that individual with the two other individuals which speaks to the commitment and success of this program.

Additionally each of our contractors has selected a specific person to act as a mentor to each of the participants. Local 17 has agreed to provide some training on interviewing and test taking skills to help these individuals when it comes time to them for them apply for the apprenticeship program.

The contract and union side will focus on trade skills that are going to be needed within their specific trades. The PLA side will be working with them on life skills, career goals, personal finance, as well as the contractors assisting with obtaining their OSHA-10, CDL and CPR certification. Overall, the program is working well.

Dr. Thomas and Rod parker asked for information to distribute to the Board.

DISCUSSION and ACTION ITEM(S)

- a. Approval of FY 2021/2022 PLA Budget
Resolution 2021-01 – Authorizing Approval of 202/2022 Budget

Mohamed Hassan, CFO presented the following Budget document.

<u>Public Lighting Authority</u>		
Fiscal Year Budget		
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022		
Revenue:		
Interlocal Agreement Fees		\$ 10,500,000.00
Utility User Tax Revenue		\$ 12,500,000.00
Other Income		
Interest Income	300,000.00	
Insurance Recovery	15,000.00	
Others	50,000.00	
Total Other Income	<u>365,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 365,000.00</u>
Total Revenue		\$ 23,365,000.00
Expenses:		
<u>Operations & Maintenance Expense</u>		
Compensation	\$ 1,470,000.00	
Professional Fees	1,100,000.00	
Occupancy	250,000.00	
Time & Equipment	5,000,000.00	
Materials	1,000,000.00	
Preventative Maintenance	1,300,000.00	
Tree Trimming	500,000.00	
Office Expenses	80,000.00	
Insurance	160,000.00	
Travel, Meeting & Conferences	10,000.00	
Auto Expenses	80,000.00	
Public & Community Relations	15,000.00	
Other Expenses	25,000.00	
Total Operation & Maintenance Expense	<u>10,990,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,990,000.00</u>
<u>Debt Service on Bonds Issued</u>		
Bond Interest	\$ 8,283,750.00	
Bond Principal Payment	3,725,000.00	
Bond Rating Fees	5,000.00	
Annual Trust Fees	3,500.00	
Total Debt Service	<u>12,017,250.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,017,250.00</u>
Total Expenses		\$ 23,007,250.00
Excess Revenue over Expenses		<u>\$ 357,750.00</u>

Dr. Thomas then asks if there are any discussion regarding this item. Hearing none, Dr. Thomas asks for a motion to affirm vote to approve.

Motion made approve Resolution 2021-01: Ric Preuss

Motion seconded by: Rod Parker

Roll call vote:

Dr. Thomas Yes

Patrick Padgett Yes

Rod Parker Yes

Ric Preuss Yes

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Thomas then asks if anyone would like to give public comment. George Pitchford then asks is there any indication that anyone is waiting to make public comment. Marie Brown indicates there is no one waiting to make a comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by: Patrick Padgett

Seconded by: Rod Parker

Roll call vote:

Dr. Thomas Yes

Patrick Padgett Yes

Rod Parker Yes

Ric Preuss Yes

Motion Carried.

Dr. Thomas adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

