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street lighting system in Detroit.

PUBLIC LIGHTING AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
Via Uber Conference
Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Board Member(s) in Attendance

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

Resolution:

Resolution 2021-03

Motions Carried/Failed:

Resolution 2021-03 Carried

Legal Representative(s)

George Pitchford

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Board Meeting of the Public Lighting Authority (PLA) was held on December 15, 2021, via Uber Conference. Dr. Lorna Thomas, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. George Pitchford then makes an announcement 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, County 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:

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

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

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made to approve agenda by: Butch Hollowell.

Motion seconded by: Rod Parker.

Roll call vote:

Dr. Thomas Yes

Patrick Padgett Yes

Butch Hollowell Yes

Ric Preuss Yes

Rod Parker Yes

Motion Carried.

APPROVE MINUTES of the October 26, 2021, Special Board Meeting

Motion made to approve agenda by: Ric Preuss.

Motion seconded by: Patrick Padgett.

Roll call vote:

Dr. Thomas Yes

Patrick Padgett Yes

Rod Parker Yes

Butch Hollowell Yes

Ric Preuss Yes

Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

a. Tree Trimming Update

Highlights that PLA is working on right now is that we have had two tree crews working for us for some time now. We will drop down to one during the winter months, because we will be able to get more done in better weather. To date we have done surveys as well as addressed complaints in Districts 2, 3, half of District 4 and 7. We're moving through the city at a good clip, getting tree trimming needs as well as complaints. In the past, we did not have crews to specifically address tree complaints; and we have also been able to assist the city in emergency situations. Overall, we're happy with the tree program and will continue to use it next spring.

b. Capital Funds Project (Woodward Underground Project)

PLA would like to bury wire and our own internal funding will not allow us to bury all wire in the city. So what we're doing is going in with the city on grant applications for the Infrastructure Bill to get money. We selected Woodward Avenue from New Center to Tuxedo as a pilot area. This area was selected because it was the only area that was not buried on Woodward. We've done an assessment and had an amount set aside for this project. However on performing field assessments, we have determined that the cost will be more. The plan is if we can do it for less than what we have allocated in the budget, we will remit the remainder of the budget to the capital fund. In addition, we will figure out a way to carry forward into the next years budget if we do not complete the project in this budget year.

c. PLA Human Resources

This is for our General Manager who slowly gained more experience and increased responsibility during the pandemic, The Executive Director asks to increase his salary and is bringing it before the board for consideration.

DISCUSSION and ACTION ITEM(S)

- a. Capital Funds Project (Woodward Underground Project)
Resolution 2021-03 Authorizing Approval of Additional Capital Funds
- b. Executive Director's Contract Extension
- c. PLA Human Resources (General Manager Compensation)

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

ACTION ITEM(S):

Motion made to approve Resolution 2021-03: Ric Preuss

Motion seconded by: Patrick Padgett

Roll call vote:

Dr. Thomas Yes
Patrick Padgett Yes
Butch Hollowell Yes
Rod Parker Yes
Ric Preuss Yes
Motion Carried.

Motion made to Extend Executive Director's Contract: Rod Parker

Motion seconded by: Patrick Padgett

Roll call vote:

Dr. Thomas Yes
Patrick Padgett Yes
Butch Hollowell Yes
Rod Parker Yes
Ric Preuss Yes
Motion Carried.

Motion made to authorize Executive Director to increase General Manager's salary due to extra duties during Pandemic: Melvin Butch Hollowell

Motion seconded by: Ric Preuss

Roll call vote:

Dr. Thomas Yes
Patrick Padgett Yes
Butch Hollowell 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: Melvin Butch Hollowell**

Roll call vote:

Dr. Thomas	Yes
Patrick Padgett	Yes
Butch Hollowell	Yes
Rod Parker	Yes
Ric Preuss	Yes

Motion Carried.

Dr. Thomas adjourned the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

