DETROIT PUBLIC LIGHTING AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES

OF

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 3, 2013

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The newly-formed (5-person) Detroit Public Lighting Authority (hereinafter referred to as "The Authority") held its regularly scheduled public meeting on Wednesday, April 3rd, 2013 on the 13th floor of the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, located at 2 Woodward Avenue, (within Council chambers) in Downtown Detroit, Michigan, 48226.

PRESENT: DETROIT PUBLIC LIGHTING AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS

Marvin Beatty, Vice-Chair
John Davis, Treasurer
Cedric Dargin, Board Member
Beau Taylor, Legal Advisor
Michael Einhauser, Secretary

EXCUSED ABSENCE
MAUREEN STAPLETON, CHAIRPERSON

MAYOR'S OFFICE
Beau Taylor, Legal Advisor

FLOYD ALLEN & ASSOCIATES (A.K.A. ALLEN LAW GROUP)
Ronald Lipscomb, Esq. Attorney for Detroit Public Lighting Authority

MAYOR'S OFFICE
Kriss Andrews, Program Manager, City of Detroit

Reporter-of-Minutes: Madelyn Hurt

DETROIT PUBLIC LIGHTING AUTHORITY APRIL 3, 2013

I. CALL-TO-ORDER

- There being a quorum present, Vice-Chair Marvin Beatty called the regularly scheduled meeting of the newly-formed Detroit Public Lighting Authority to order on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 5:07 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

- Roll call was taken by Vice Chair Beatty. Board Members Einhauser, Davis, and Dargin acknowledged their presence, followed by Vice Chair Beatty acknowledging same.
- Vice Chair Beatty noted for the record: That Chairperson Maureen Stapleton would not be present at today's meeting due to a prior noted commitment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The Minutes of Wednesday March 27th and March 13th, 2013 were previously emailed to The Chair.

- Vice Chair Beatty indicated: The minutes of March 27th and March 13th needed to be reviewed and approved at the Board's April 10th meeting.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF RFP

- THE Chair stated that on today's agenda was the approval of the Communications RFP (presented to the Board on March 26, 2013) that spoke to the services to be provided to The Authority by way of a variety of communication tools; such as website

development, along with other communication necessities, in which the Board may need over their period of service.

- The vendor-of-choice was indicated to be: BERG MUIRHEAD & ASSOCIATES.
- A motion was brought forward by Mr. Einhauser, stating that:

MOTION

BOARD MEMBER EINHAUSER: I move that we authorize both
The Chair and Vice Chair to enter into a contract with Berg Muirhead & Associates, and to negotiate a final price based on the content of the RFP.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I seconded.
VICE CHAIR: It's been moved and seconded.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: I'd like to ask Board Member Dargin if we were able to resolve any of his questions or concerns?

BOARD MEMBER DARGIN: Yes.
THE CHAIR: Any other discussion? There being none, a call for the question:
VICE CHAIR: All in favor of the motion?
BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Aye.
BOARD MEMBER DARGIN: Aye.
BOARD MEMBER EINHAUSER: Aye.

VICE CHAIR: Those in opposition? None
Hearing none, motion carries.

VICE CHAIR: That being the only issue on the agenda, is there
any New Business?

V. NEW BUSINESS: None

VICE CHAIR: Is there any Old Business?

VI. OLD BUSINESS: None.

VICE CHAIR: Any other items for Board discussion?

VII. OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION:

- Mr. Taylor informed the Board that Mr. Kriss Andrews, Program Manager for the City of Detroit, would be coming in to speak before the Board very shortly. However due to the Board having no further agenda items to discuss, requested Mr. Taylor to inform Mr. Andrews of the Board's readiness to move forward with his matter

-Whereupon Mr. Taylor excused himself from the meeting to notify Mr. Andrews of the Board's request.-

-Whereupon a brief recess was taken-

Back-on-the-record-

-Whereupon Mr. Andrews came before the Board-

VIII. OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION -Continued-

- Vice Chair Beatty welcomed Mr. Andrews and asked that he state his name for the record, to which Mr. Andrews complied.

MR. ANDREWS: Kriss Andrews, Program Manager for the City of Detroit.

I'm glad to be here and have this opportunity to talk with you. I don't know if you have any questions.

We are aware of the need to move forward and help you move forward. We're very intent on doing that. I believe you (referring to Mr. Davis and Mr. Einhauser) met with Mr. Martin. I don't know if he met with the two of you last week or this week.

MR. DAVIS: Last week. And we hope again this week.

MR. ANDREWS: Yes. And as a matter of fact, just to let you know, we are working on the form of how we could reach an arrangement to get you funded and moving forward.

So we summarized that if you had three meetings, and, of course, the City's in agreement, we would probably send a legal agreement to your counsel. We have to do that. So we're in the process and we're seriously working on it.

- Vice-Chair Beatty/The Chair informed Mr. Andrews that The Authority had retained counsel, that being Floyd Allen and Associates, (a.k.a. The Allen Group) attorneys of record for The Authority.

-Whereupon Attorney Lipscomb presented his business card to Mr. Andrews-

VICE CHAIR: He is the point person for The Authority. Ronald Lipscomb.

MR. ANDREWS: So then, we send the agreement to you, is that correct?

ATTORNEY LIPSCOMB: Yes.

MR. ANDREWS: Okay. All right. We'll get that done. And I'm supposed to see another attorney tomorrow. And so we have a

lot of City of Detroit things that we're trying to sort out. It's a little bit of hard reading pieces of legislation, and in dealing with reality, but we're on it.

- Vice Chair Beatty apologized for not having introduced the Board Members earlier, and proceeded to introduce them henceforth: Michael Einhauser, Secretary, John Davis, Treasurer, Cedric Dargin, and I'm Vice Chair, Marvin Beatty. And I'm sure you've met The Chair, Maureen Stapleton?

MR. ANDREWS: Yes. Maureen and I have met and had probably a couple conversations.

And I'm very glad to have had the opportunity to talk with you, and I'm looking forward to doing everything we can to make sure that you're successful. We can't be successful if you're not successful.

The lighting, as I'm sure you know, is one of the Mayor's initiatives that he's pushing. We want to make sure there's some coordination between what the Public Lighting Authority is doing and what the City is doing to get the lights turned back on for the citizens of Detroit.

VICE CHAIR: And certainly that's our effort. So however we can, in this short span of time, to develop this coordination is appreciated.

MR. ANDREWS: Okay.

VICE CHAIR: Thank you so much.
MR. ANDREWS: Appreciate the opportunity.
VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

-Whereupon Mr. Andrews departed the meeting-

I'll do it again. Are there any public comments?

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION: None.

VICE CHAIR: Public Comments?

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VICE CHAIR: Hearing none.

X. ADJOURNMENT

VICE CHAIR: Motion to Adjourn.

BOARD MEMBER DARGIN: So moved.

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Support.

A Call for the Vote.

VICE CHAIR: All in favor?

BOARD MEMBER DAVIS: Aye.

BOARD MEMBER DARGIN: Aye.

VICE CHAIR: Meeting Adjourned.

-Back-on-the-record-

VICE CHAIR: I'd like to indicate that our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10th, 2013 @ 5:00 p.m., in this room.

MR. TAYLOR: I've also posted the last 3 or 4 meetings on the board downstairs; so I think that should satisfy the Meetings Act.

VICE CHAIR: Yes.

-Meeting adjourned @ 5:40 p.m.-

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