



## PUBLIC LIGHTING AUTHORITY DETROIT

Regular Board Meeting

July 31, 2013

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center Auditorium

5 pm

### MINUTES

#### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Maureen Stapleton  
John Davis  
Michael Einheuser

#### **Others in Attendance:**

Odis Jones (PLA)  
Floyd Allen (Allen Law Group)  
Ron Lipscomb (Allen Law Group)  
Karen Whitman (DTE)  
Wayne Workman (State of Michigan)

Patricia Oliver  
Kenneth Shapiro

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Organizational Meeting of the Public Lighting Authority was held on July 31, 2013 in the Auditorium of the Coleman A Young Municipal Center. Maureen Stapleton, board chair welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken and members in attendance included: Maureen Stapleton, John Davis, and Michael Einheuser.

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the previously held meetings were not available and are expected at the next meeting for discussion, and acceptance in August.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

The following issues were revisited and discussed by the PLA Board:

- **Program Manager Discussion**

DTE provided an overview of the planning efforts and the need for a survey in the pilot areas.

- **Trust Agreement Update**

PLA Executive Director, Odis Jones and Attorney Floyd Allen provided a general update on the process of establishing a trust for the purposes of the \$12.5 mm. Floyd indicated that the process has been hampered by the City Bankruptcy Filings. Notwithstanding the difficulty the Executive Director said that the PLA has received in receiving the interest rate from Wilmington Trust. The Executive Director committed to updating the board on the discussions as the materialize due to the fluid nature of the current discussions.

- **City Auditor Request**

The Detroit City Auditor has notified the PLA Executive Director that the City will be evaluating the need to have the PLA be a component unit of the City Audit to be conducted. John Davis expressed the need to conduct an audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. The Executive Director agreed with John Davis.

Michael Einheuser moved to have the Executive Director and the treasurer take all necessary steps to conduct an audit of the PLA finances for the period ending June 30, 2013

Maureen Stapleton seconded

Motion carried and was unanimously approved



## NEW BUSINESS

The following resolutions were presented to the PLA Board of Directors for approval:

- **Resolution 2013-21 (Approving Issuance of RFP for Survey Work)**  
Approval of the Issuance of an RFP for Survey Work was, discussed and ultimately adopted.
- **Resolution 2013-20 (Approving Amendment of Contract with Allen Law Group)**  
Approval of the Amendment of Contract with Allen Group for Legal Services was tabled by the Board to the next meeting for deliberating purposes.
- **Resolution 2013-14 (Approving Acquisition of Debit Card for Authority Bank Account)**  
Authorization of the Treasurer to Acquire a Debit Card for the Commercial Checking at Chase Bank was discussed and ultimately adopted
- **Resolution 2013-19 (Approving Organization Chart and Hiring)**  
This item was not discussed and it was the consensus of the Board that it be placed on the agenda of the Board's next meeting.
- **Resolution 2013-23 (Approving Increase in Spending Limit for Furniture)**  
Authorization to spend up to \$10,000 to update new office space with the understanding that \$10,000 would be the spending limit, and leverage of any type of contribution from the City.
- **Visit to Governor Snyder's Office – Executive Director Jones**  
Odis Jones met with The Governor's Chief of Staff on Monday, July 29, 2013 and received positive feedback

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Kenneth Shapiro, Engineer, asked if the Board would be hiring an engineer of record. The Executive Director said the Board would consider it and would consider it as a part of a future RFP

Ms. Patricia Oliver:

- requested a copy of the power point presentation given earlier by Ms. Whitman from DTE, and was so provided with at the end of her commentary.
- Spoke about what she deemed to be a "liability" and what is deemed to be an "asset."
- inquired about insurances
- inquired about adopting a light pole and associated costs

## I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Michael Einheuser moved to adjourn the meeting. John Davis seconded and the meeting was adjourned.