



## PUBLIC LIGHTING AUTHORITY OF DETROIT

Special Called Meeting

June 12, 2013

Committee of the Whole

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center

5:00 pm

### MINUTES

#### **Board Members Present:**

Maureen Stapleton  
Marvin Beatty  
John Davis  
Cedric Dargin  
Michael Einheuser

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

Floyd Allen (Allen Law Group)  
Ron Lipscomb (Allen Law Group)  
Michael Macklin (Applied Power & Controls)  
Georgella Muirhead, (Berg Muirhead)  
Peter Van Dyke (Berg Muirhead)  
Richard Tenney (City of Detroit)  
Kenneth Shapiro (Consulting Eng. Assoc.)  
Nick Khouri (DTE Energy)

Ron A. May (DTE Energy)  
Rodney Kovant (DTE Energy)  
Randall Rutkofske (DTE Energy)  
Scott Clein (Giffels Webster)  
Jim Jenkins (Jenkins Construction)  
Kirk Branson (Parsons Brinkerhoff)  
Darrel Field (PMA Consultants)

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Called Meeting of the Public Lighting Authority was held on June 12, 2013 in the Committee of the Whole of the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center. Maureen Stapleton welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was conducted by Michael Einheuser, board secretary and members in attendance included: Maureen Stapleton, Marvin Beatty, John Davis, Cedric Dargin (not present) and Michael Einheuser.

#### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT RFQ PRESENTATIONS**

Consultants from other potential program managers were asked to leave the room and Ron Lipscombe managed to the entryway.

##### **1. APPLIED POWER & CONTROLS**

Michael Macklin of Applied Power & Controls introduced himself to the group and indicated that his firm had: received the questions in advance and presented the following:

- They'd been in business 14 years;
- He has 29 years' relative experience;
- Applied Power & Controls specialized in Electrical Engineering;
- Applied Power & Controls had worked strictly with the Public Lighting Department, Detroit Water and Sewage, Detroit Parks and Recreation, and DTE Energy;
- Applied Power & Controls was hired by the DEGC to work with PLD to get the new lights Downtown in time for the Super Bowl;
- They were one of the only consultants on that particular project essentially familiar with the Mistersky Power Plant;
- The bike trail Cup project and Tri-Centennial State Park (currently known as William G. Milliken State Park) are Applied Power & Controls' designs, and
- They worked with Giffels, a Civil Engineering Firm on some Super Bowl stuff Downtown and were currently working on the largest street scape in the State of Michigan, on West Vernor.

Cedric Dargin arrived at the meeting.

Kirk Branson, Construction Manager of Parsons Brinkerhoff introduced himself to

##### **OLD BUSINESS**



**A. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT RFQ PRESENTATIONS (cont'd.)**

the group and presented the following:

**APPLIED POWER & CONTROLS**

- Primary Experience: Department of Transportation – 33 years
- Years with Parsons Brinkerhoff: 8 ½
- Mr. Branson's role at Parsons Brinkerhoff: Construction Manager, working primarily in Transportation;
- Other Types of Projects: Rosa Parks Transit Center, freeway lighting, and civilization projects essential to construction services, and
- All staff are located in Michigan, but they have national offices

Scott Klein of Giffels Webster a civil engineering and surveying firm, introduced himself to the group and presented the following:

- Giffels/ Webster is a certified Detroit headquartered Civil Engineering and Surveying Firm;
- The other part of the business includes assisting with the entitlement process, as well as design of new streetscape improvements – for example, much of the work in Midtown;
- In addition to providing the surveying background, their understanding of infrastructure, and streetscapes

**2. PMA CONSULTANTS**

Darrel Field of PMA Consultants a civil engineering and surveying firm, introduced himself, along with Ken Shapiro and Jim Jenkins, as members of his team to the group and presented the following:

- PMA Consultants is a certified, Detroit headquartered national program management firm ranked 35th Program Management by Engineering News Record;
- They have been in Detroit for nearly 30-years;
- They have provided program management for high profile, public projects such as this including:
  - the Automatic Meter Reading Program for the Water Department;
  - the 800 Mega-Hertz Radio Program for Public Safety for the City of Detroit, and
  - work for Marathon Visteon, lots of very large programs here in the City of Detroit

Ken Shapiro of Consultant Engineering Associates, introduced himself, and presented the following:

- Consultant Engineering Associates has been headquartered in Detroit since 1956;
- No one has done more street lighting design in Detroit than Consultant Engineering Associates;
- Circuitry, conduit, install an infrastructure, lamps, outdated equipment and technologies need replacing;
- They're the only firm specializing in Program Management

**3. DTE ENERGY**

Nick Khouri of DTE Energy introduced himself, along with Ron May, Rodney Kovont, Randy Rutkofsky, Terry Webbins, all of DTE Energy as members of his team to the group and presented the following:

- DTE Energy has been a part of this community for 100 years and takes its responsibility seriously;
- DTE Energy brings a broad experience to constructing and maintaining streetlights;
- DTE Energy has deep and detailed knowledge of Detroit's lighting infra-structure, the options to fix it- thus starting high up the learning curve;
- DTE Energy can use Detroit Edison's Supply Chain to secure materials and supplies at the group rate;
- DTE Energy can help with bonding materials, as they have deep finance experience.

Ron May acknowledged the efforts of the group in forming the Public Lighting Authority of Detroit and stated:



- The Public Lighting Authority of Detroit deserves an organization that doesn't have any other interests but the Authority's success;
- That every contract issued put out has a strong minority component garnering:
- 14% of all contracts being minority contractors
  - DTE Energy is located in the City of Detroit
  - DTE Energy uses local labor.
  - DTE Energy uses some of the same labor that PLD does, which is Local 17

#### **B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NEGOTIATIONS**

Michael Einheuser moved to enter into negotiations with Mr. Odis Jones.

Maureen Stapleton seconded.

The motion carried with three (3) Board Members in favor of moving forward with negotiations with Mr. Odis Jones.

Board Members Beatty and Dargin abstaining.

Board Member Beatty stated for the record that:

*"And my abstention does not in any way reflect a lack of support for the candidate that we've selected; and in fact, it only speaks to the fact it is a tough decision and there are a variety of different things that might -- that separated the candidates, in my mind; but to the point of the qualifications of Mr. Jones, I think without equivocation, he is an extremely qualified candidate, and I hope that he will, through the negotiations, be available for us much sooner than later."*

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Community Meetings**

Peter Van Dyke of BergMuirhead & Associates distributed the finalized copy of the Community Meetings List and Outreach Plan for upcoming Community Meetings.

Georgella Muirhead of BergMuirhead & Associates shared with the group:

- That the purpose of the outreach is to just make sure that anyone who's interested in attending these meetings know when they are taking place and in what community locations, and what the purpose of the meetings are;
- A camera-ready ad for publication to be publicized in the Michigan Chronicle, Latino Press, The Arab American News and also some radio spots on June 19 will list all Community Meetings, their locations, and provide an overview of what people attending these meetings should expect;
- BergMuirhead & Associates will be doing Editorial Boards with all of the major publications, including the (Faduish Camilia) group which are all minority publications;
- BergMuirhead & Associates had looked at providing fliers that could be provided throughout the community at pickup locations that be the ad;
- BergMuirhead & Associates will be doing earned media with other outlets as well; including but not limited to: Model D, The News, and the Free Press. Mr. Van Dyke can bring you up to date on the Website Development, as well as the Press Kit.
- A Budget Summary;

Peter Van Dyke of BergMuirhead & Associates provided the following updates:

- the website is in the development stage and they are with the designer whose been sending graphic materials to enter on that stationery, and the web developers;
- they will probably be presenting a draft of the website to you by Monday, June 17, 2013 from the design standpoint. From the content standpoint, they were still working on the elements of the content.

Maureen Stapleton, on behalf of the Public Lighting Authority of Detroit Board of Directors asked Richard Tenney, to make himself and any administrators from the Public Lighting Department of Detroit available for as many, if not all of these meetings, because there would be a host of things the Public Lighting Authority of

**Community Meetings (cont'd.)**

Detroit could not answer, that will surely come up in the question and answer period, that only the Public Lighting Department of Detroit could answer.

Maureen Stapleton, on behalf of the Public Lighting Authority of Detroit Board of Directors also asked to work with the Public Lighting Department, the Mayor's Office and/or the Emergency Manager's Office, to make sure that someone from the Public Lighting Department is always there.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Richard Tenney, Director of Public Lighting Department of Detroit introduced himself, indicated that he was present in an official capacity and presented feedback on items previous passed along to the PLD at the prior meeting:

- The lights on Oakman Blvd, all but about 10 of them are currently;
- Davison and St. Mary, Davison-Oakman area, is being looked into;
- The ten lights with all the addresses, they're still out. There's no voltage at those ten lights. They're attached to DTE power, but it wasn't believed to be a power supply issue-but that some wires were damaged;
- Street Level Survey that the Public Lighting Department paid DTE \$2,000,000.00 to have done, including circuits is an asset of the City and should be available to whomever;
- Some portion of the City's overhead lights, overhead wires, are banned there's a prohibition, like Downtown overhead wires down Gratiot, down Michigan Avenue. So some areas they're going to rebuild, by the City Codes, will have to go underground

A brief recess was taken by all @ 7:00 p.m.

After a brief recess, the meeting resumed at 7:10 p.m.

Maureen Stapleton called for the question of negotiating with DTE as the Project Manager?

Mike Einheuser seconded

Maureen Stapleton - Aye

John Davis - Aye

Michael Einheuser - Aye

Marvin Beatty - opposed

Cedric Dargin - opposed

Motion carries

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business on the agenda, Marvin Beatty moved for an adjournment. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:37p.m.