



Public Lighting Authority

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**OUR MISSION** is to improve,  
modernize and maintain the  
street lighting system in Detroit.

## **PUBLIC LIGHTING AUTHORITY**

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

September 23, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

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

Lorna Thomas, M.D., Chair  
Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Vice Chair  
Rod Parker, Treasurer  
Nicole Spieles, Secretary  
David W. Jones, At Large

#### **Resolutions:**

Resolution 2015-11  
Resolution 2015-12

#### **Motions (Carried/Failed):**

Resolution 2015-11 Carried  
Resolution 2015-12 Carried

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board Meeting of the Public Lighting Authority (PLA) was held September 23, 2015 at the PLA, 65 Cadillac Square, Suite 3100, Detroit, MI 48226. Dr. Lorna Thomas, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 4:58 p.m., welcoming everyone.

### **ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken by Nicole Spieles, Secretary, and members in attendance included: Dr. Lorna Thomas, Chair; Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Vice Chair; Rod Parker, Treasurer; Nicole Spieles, Secretary; and David W. Jones, At Large.

### **APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion to revise agenda order as follows:

- a. Project Update – Mukesh Patel, Joseph Stinolis and Eric Janness
- b. Smart Grid Technology – Mukesh Patel & Sandra Hughes O'Brien
- c. August Financials/Monthly Report – Nicolette Carlone & Mohamed Hassan
- d. Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Audit – George Johnson & Company

Motion made to approve the agenda by: Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Vice Chair

Motion seconded by: Rod Parker, Treasurer

Vote called

**Motion Carried**

### **MINUTES**

Motion made to approve the July 29, 2015 minutes by: David Jones, At Large

Motion seconded by: Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Vice Chair

Vote called

**Motion Carried**



## DISCUSSION

### **Project Update – Mukesh Patel and Eric Janness**

- Mukesh Patel and Joseph Stinolis presented a construction and engineering update.
- To date, more than 53,000 new LED lights have been installed with a targeted construction completion date of December 2016.
- The Lodge Service Drive is to be completed before the end of December, 2015. Lights along the service drive have been out since 2005. Construction to include new poles and lights. Service drives along I-94, I-96 and I-75 are in pre-flight finishing with the Davison Freeway. Construction to begin in 2016.
- Thoroughfare construction is underway, ahead of schedule. Jefferson Avenue, which did not have lights in areas for over five years, expected to be completed December 2016. Construction also underway on Grand River, Fort Street, Gratiot Avenue and Michigan Avenue.
- Tree trimming has been scaled back - providing “tender trimming” customized for individual tree as needed.

### **Smart Grid Technology – Mukesh Patel & Sandra Hughes O’Brien**

- Mukesh Patel presented to technology and capabilities available of Smart Grid Technology and the benefits the technology offers the City and citizens of Detroit.
- System consists of nodes that are easily installed with new photo cell.
- Benefits include reduced energy cost (dimming options), streamline lighting maintenance (alerting PLA when lights are out).
- The system can be added to and offer billable services to municipalities and private industry.

### **August Financials/Monthly Report – Nicolette Carlone & Mohamed Hassan**

- Nicolette Carlone (PLA) and Mohamed Hassan (Gregory Terrell) reviewed the August 2015 Financials.
- Total current assets: \$134,260,789; Total Capitalized Construction Cost: \$84,447,010; Total Assets: \$219,234,226
- Total Current Liabilities: \$8,778,608; Total Liabilities: \$198,535,490; Total Liabilities & Net Position: \$219,234,226
- Total Revenue: \$4,284,064; Total Expenditures: \$2,693,751; Change in Net Position: \$1,590,313

### **Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Audit – George Johnson & Company**

- PLA financial audit for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 report presented by George Johnson & Company

## ACTION ITEMS

### **Resolution 2015-11 Contracts for Smart Grid Technology**

Motion made to approve by: Lorna Thomas, M.D., Chair

Seconded by: Rod Parker, Treasurer

Vote called – All in favor.

**Motion Carried**

### **Resolution 2015-12 Accept the Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 Annual Audit**

Motion made to approve by: Lorna Thomas, M.D., Chair

Seconded by: Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Vice Chair

Vote called – All in favor.

**Motion Carried**



**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**PLA Board Retreat**

The PLA Board Retreat will occur in January 2016. A presentation of the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Audit will be included in the agenda with additional topics to be determined.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no public comments, a motion was made to adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

**Motion Carried to Adjourn**