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PEABODY MUNICIPAL LIGHTING COMMISSION MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2022

A regular meeting of the Peabody Municipal Lighting Commission was called to order on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at the Peabody Municipal Light Plant, 201 Warren Street Ext., Peabody, Massachusetts at 6:30 p.m.

Present for the meeting were Commissioners William Aylward, Chares Bonfanti, Raymond Melvin, Thomas D'Amato and Thomas Paras; Assistant Manager Tim Hennessy, Attorneys Philip Durkin and Adam Buckley, and Recording Secretaries Barbara Previte and Nicole Patti.

There were no additions to the agenda.

- Agenda Item A: Approval of Agenda:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER D'AMATO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MELVIN AND UNANIMOUSLY VOTED (5-0):

MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

- Agenda Item B: Announcement:

Chairman Aylward acknowledged that this is an open meeting and informed the public that the meeting is being recorded by hand.

- Agenda Item C: Approval of Minutes:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER D'AMATO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MELVIN AND UNANIMOUSLY VOTED (5-0):

22-51 MOVE TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2022.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER D'AMATO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MELVIN AND UNANIMOUSLY VOTED (5-0):

22-52 MOVE TO APPROVE AND NOT RELEASE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2022.



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- Agenda Item D: Appointments:

REMARKS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

There were none.

- Agenda Item E: Correspondence:

On November 7, 2022 Peabody Municipal Light Plant, PMLP, received an Open Meeting Law complaint notification. This was sent to both PMLP, to the attention of the Chairman, and to the Attorney General's office. PMLP responded and is awaiting a response from the Attorney General.

- Agenda Item F: Manager's Reports:

STATUS REPORTS:

RATE COMPARISON SURVEY— On November 3, 2022, MMWEC issued their latest Rate Comparison report. The report includes the months of July, August and September 2022. The report also included a summary of the past 12 months and across the board, Peabody Light was the lowest. July, August and September all included our rate increase, yet Peabody still has the lowest rates listed on the report. We continue to strive toward keeping the lowest rates in the state while maintaining our efficient and reliable electric system.

- **PERSONNEL:**

- Promotion:

- On Monday, October 31, 2022 Mary Diantgikis was promoted from Cashier to Clerk-Customer Service. Even though she has only worked at PMLP a short time, she is a great asset to the team and was the best choice for the position.

- Superintendent of Distribution Update:

- Interviews were completed on Monday, November 14. There were 5 interviews in total; 4 were external candidates and 1 was internal. It is a tough decision but an offer will be extended soon and we plan to have the position filled by January 1, 2023.

- Agenda Item G: Committee Reports:

There were none.

- Agenda Item H: Award of Bids:

There were none.



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Agenda Item I: General Business

BEHIND THE METER BATTERY PROJECT — PMLP has an exciting opportunity to get involved with a new project MMWEC has been developing, which is the installation of a Behind the Meter (BTM) Battery. These batteries are 5 MW and will give PMLP the ability to help shave our peak usage and save a good amount of money in the process. We can also charge the batteries during the middle of the night (when energy costs are low) and release the energy during the day (when energy costs are higher). There are two possible ways to get involved with the program. We could either purchase the battery outright or we could lease the battery through the program. There are pros and cons to each method. Right now, the more financially feasible method is to lease. We were originally expecting to request a PMLC vote at this November meeting, but due to some delays in paperwork between MMWEC and the battery vendor, we are now looking at December's meeting for a potential vote.

PURMA INSURANCE UPDATE— On November 2, 2022, Assistant Manager Tim Hennessy met with the Executive Director of PURMA (Public Utilities Risk Management Association) for a comprehensive review of our company's insurance policies. As a result, we have already decided to transition away from our old vehicle insurance provider and move over to PURMA. PURMA offered more comprehensive coverage at a lower rate, saving PMLP \$21,000. We are still waiting on a few follow up quotes from PURMA and may be able to use them for other policies as well.

Remarks of the Commission – Commissioner Melvin said PMLP is doing a good job overall, especially investing in green energy. Commissioner Paras wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Commissioner D'Amato praised Commissioner Melvin for doing a good job in his first year as a Commissioner.

Before the meeting was adjourned, a member of the public spoke up and asked if she could clarify a few points. Assistant Manager Tim Hennessy said it was okay. Several questions were asked regarding the Behind the Meter Battery Project, and the upcoming budget planning.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER D'AMATO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MELVIN AND UNANIMOUSLY VOTED (5-0):



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- 22-53** MOVE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 30A, SECTION 21(a) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING STRATEGY SESSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND TO DISCUSS TRADE SECRETS OR COMPETITIVELY SENSITIVE INFORMATION AND NOT TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.

Commissioner Aylward declared the Regular portion of the Meeting of November 17, 2022 adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD

Attest: Charles W. Bonfanti
Charles W. Bonfanti, Secretary
Peabody Municipal Lighting Commission