

**Downtown Development District  
Public Hearing & Board of Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes  
October 24, 2019 – 3:00PM**

Meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm

**Members Present:** Carla Major, Michelle Craig, Jim Cook, Judy Barrasso, Joseph Bruno, Jr., Leo Marsh, Chris Ross, Jade Brown-Russell, Cleveland Spears

**Members Absent:** Bill Hines, Allison Tiller

**Staff/Counsel Present:** Kurt Weigle, Devona Dolliole, Leigh Ferguson, Richard McCall, Barbara Waiters, Anthony Carter, Sabrina Smith, Greta Bowman, Bill Aaron (Counsel)

**Other Staff Present:** n/a

**Members of the Public:** See Attached

**Notice:** The time, location, and agenda had been adequately and publicly noticed.

**Call for Public Input Cards:**

**Action Items**

- Adoption of Agenda
- Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2019
- Approval of Canal Place Façade Grant
- Approval of Luna Fete Sponsorship
- Resolution to Approve CEA with CNO
- Approval of August Financials
- Resolution to Rollback Maximum Authorized Millage Rate
- Resolution to Roll Forward the Maximum Authorized Millage Rate
- Resolution to Set the 2020 Millage
- Resolution Adopting 2020 Budget

**Chair's Report**

**Adoption of Agenda – Action Item** – Commissioner Major requested a motion to adopt Agenda. Moved by Commissioner Jade Brown-Russell, supported by Commissioner Spears. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 10, 2019 - Action Item** - Commissioner Major requested a motion to approve the September 10, 2019 meeting minutes as drafted. Moved by Commissioner Brown-Russell supported by Commissioner Barrasso. The motion carried unanimously.

Note: The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Louisiana statute (L.A.R.S.42:6; 42:6.1).

**Approval Canal Place Façade Grant – Action Item** – Kurt Weigle presented Façade Grant for 333 Canal per documents provided. Commissioner Carla Major requested a motion to approve Canal Place Façade Grant moved by Cleveland Spears, supported by Commissioner Jim Cook. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Luna Fete Sponsorship – Action Item** – Anthony Carter presented Luna Fete Sponsorship per documents provided. Commissioner Carla Major requested a motion to approve Moved by Commissioner Cleveland Spears, supported by Commissioner Joseph Bruno, Jr, Commissioner Jade Brown-Russell abstained. Motion carried.

Presentation by Waggonner & Ball Architects – Kurt Weigle introduced Ramiro Diaz & David Waggonner of Waggoner & Ball Architecture/Environment GAEA Engineering Consultants. Waggonner & Ball were retained by DDD as independent consultant to evaluate the CNO DPW, SWB Infrastructure Plan. The CNO Plan was presented in laymen terms and summarized it was a good first step. Questions from Board were answered by representatives of Waggoner & Ball, CNO Chief of Staff, John Pourciau & DPW, Ramsey Green.

**Resolution to Approve CEA with CNO – Action Item** – Discussion regarding clarification of the disbursement of funds & having a designated representative from DPW reporting to DDD Board quarterly. Commissioner Carla Major requested a motion to amend the CEA to incorporate the language requiring disbursement procedures & quarterly reporting as reflected in supporting document. Moved by Commissioner Spears, supported by Commissioner Barrasso. Vote was taken on Resolution 19-09; 9 yay, 0 nay, 2 absent. Resolution 19-09 Adopted.

#### **Treasurers Report –**

**Approval of August 2019 Financials – Action Item** - Anthony Carter presented August 2019 Financial per support documents Commissioner Craig requested a motion to approve the August 2019 financials, Moved by Commissioner Barrasso; supported by Commissioner Brown-Russell. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution to Rollback Maximum Authorized Millage Rate– Action Item** – Anthony Carter presented Resolution 19-05 to Rollback Millage Rate for 2020. Vote taken; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstained, 2 Absent. Resolution 19-05 Adopted.

**Resolution to Roll Forward Millage Rate for 2020 – Action Item** – Anthony Carter Presented Resolution 19-06 to Roll Forward Millage Rate for 2020. Vote taken; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstained, 2 Absent. Resolution 19-06 Adopted.

**Resolution to Set the 2020 Millage for 2020 – Action Item** – Anthony Carter Presented Resolution 19-07 to Set Millage for 2020. Vote taken; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstained, 2 Absent. Resolution 19-07 adopted.

**Resolution Adopting 2020 Budget & Work Plan – Action Item** – Anthony Carter Presented Resolution 19-08 to Adopt Work Plan & Budget for 2020. Vote taken; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstained, 2 Absent. Resolution 19-08 adopted.

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**President's Report** – Directors provided the attached reports.

**Economic Development** - Leigh Ferguson

**Communications** – Devona Dolliole

**Operations** – Richard McCall

**Public Affairs** – Barbara Waiters

Kurt Weigle deferred to provided director reports and referenced the collapse of the Hard Rock and the efforts in addressing the impact on downtown.

**Old Business** – No old business

**New Business** – No new business

**Public Comments** - None

**Executive Session** – N/A

**Adjournment** - Commissioner Major motioned to adjourn meeting. Moved by Commissioner Barrasso supported by Commissioner Cook. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 4:58 p.m.

**\*Background documents attached**

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