

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Wednesday, October 13, 2021 – 4:00PM
Zoom Teleconference**

Roll taken, Quorum present – Meeting called to order at 4:15 pm

Members Present: Gregory Curtis, Christ Ross, Cleveland Spears, Judy Barrasso, Jade Brown-Russell, Carla Major,

Members Absent: Michelle Craig, Coleman Adler, Damon Burs, Jim Cook, Leo Marsh

Staff/Counsel Present: John Pourciau, Anthony Carter, Sabrina Smith, Leigh Ferguson, Devona Dolliole, Joshua Vairin, Bill Aaron (Legal Counsel)

Members of the Public: Sally Shushan

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

Call for Public Input Cards: Sally Shushan

Action Items

- Approval of Appointment of Adams & Reese as Legal Counsel for Litigation Matters

Public Comments – Sally Shushan – She wanted an update on the request for John Pourciau’s contract to be made public. John stated that he had no issue with this request and Chair Curtis stated that it would not be posted on the website but would be available for individual requests for the contract. She also inquired as to whether or not the Board was satisfied that there were no conflicts of interest involving Adams & Reese. Chair Curtis said that he was comfortable with them.

Approval of Appointment of Adams & Reese as Legal Counsel for Litigation Matters – Action Item – Chair Curtis stated that Adams & Reese had submitted their Declaration of Conflict of Interest, which each member received for review, and that he was satisfied with them. He found through his research that each time Adams & Reese will be used for litigation they will produce another conflict statement. Chair Curtis also stated that Adams & Reese was currently the firm handling a different matter for the DDD. The members were asked if they had any questions or concerns. Commissioner Barrasso wanted to know what further negotiations are there because the rates are attached to the RFQ response. She asked if they are being retained to continue with the litigation with the City? Chair Curtis’ responded yes. Finally she inquired as to whether or not we knew who would be representing us. Chair Curtis stated that he spoke with Christopher Cane but was not sure if he would be the person.

Chair Curtis requested a motion to ratify the Executive Committee vote to give him permission engage in discussions with Adams & Reese and to approve his signing the engagement letter on behalf of the Board. Moved by Commissioner Barrasso; Supported by Commissioner Brown-Russell. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business – Commissioner Barrasso inquired as to whether or not dates had been chosen for the interviews of the two finalists for the President & CEO position and what are the logistics for those dates. Chair Curtis stated that the dates will be Wednesday, November 3 and Thursday, November 4. The finalist will arrive the day before their interview and will be taken to dinner by John Pourciau. Their first day will consist of meeting with stakeholders and staff during the morning hours and meeting with the board members at 2:00 pm. Their second day will consist of stake holders and Mayor in the morning touring the DDD offices and the District and the like. Tina Winner would be submitting to the Board the final run of show.

New Business- No new business

Executive Session – No executive session

Adjournment – Chair Curtis requested a motion to adjourn; moved by Commissioner Ross; supported by Commissioner Major. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:27 pm.