

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, March 7, 2022  
ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

Roll taken, Quorum present, call to order 9:02 a.m.

**Members Present:** Chris Ross, Leann Moses, Carla Major

**Members Absent:** None

**Other Board Members Present:** Gregory Curtis

**Staff/Counsel Present:** Anthony Carter, Scott Whittaker Stone Pigman (Counsel), Davon Barbour, Stuart Taylor

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

**Public Comments** – Letter received from Aaron J. Jordan on 2/21/22 addressing his concerns regarding Anthony Carter lack of credentials

**Action Items**

- Approval of November 17, 2021, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- Approval of January 2022 Financials

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2021 – Action Item\*** - Commissioner Ross requested a motion to approve the November 17, 2021, Financial Meeting Minutes. Moved by Commissioner Moses; Supported by Commissioner Major; Motion carried.

**Approval of January 2022 Financials – Action Item\*** - Anthony Carter presented the January financials based on unaudited 2020 and 2021 financials. The issue is DDD has not receive ad valorem taxes from the City due to delay in their ability to send out tax bills. Expenses are as allotted. He is concerned that the delay in tax revenues may result in limited cash flow, however, there is enough for the next two months. Commissioner Ross asked for a motion to approve the January 2022 Financials, Motion moved by Commissioner Moses, seconded by Commissioner Major. Motion carried.

**Audit Update**

Anthony Carter explained that the DDD did receive information for the 2020 audit, however, the DDD auditors found that there was information lacking and they are reaching out to the City's Bureau of Treasury. Once the auditors receive the information Anthony Carter will bring it to the Board. President Barbour expressed his thanks to CAO Montañño for his assistance.

Commissioner Moses questioned whether not receiving the information in a timely manner is normal practice. Anthony Carter replied that the delay is more than usual, probably due to the city having computer issues and the pandemic. Hopefully, next year the DDD will not have this issue.

Commissioner Moses has several questions re the ad valorem taxes – what is the amount expected? Anthony Carter has no information on 2020 and 2021 currently. This information is expected in the coming week. The income is based on prior years billing.

Commissioner Ross asked about public safety – acknowledging that there is a shortage of NOPD officer. Pinnacle Security is also in the process of interviewing and hiring. Anthony Carter will get more information on the hours allocated to NOPD. He mentioned that he is checking into the possibility of using the Sherriff's office – there are no restrictions in the DDD by-laws. President Barbour mentioned Captain Ganthier will be speaking at the Board Meeting.

Regarding the NOPD officers' hours, Donnie Clouse does the scheduling and tracking of hours via GPS tracking. Anthony Carter went on to explain the SMART device system which ties into the DDD system. The Director of Operations also keeps track of the hours.

Commissioner Major also had questions regarding the cash flow and whether it would impact overtime. Anthony Carter said the rangers did not work overtime at Mardi Gras. Block by Block and the NOPD Parade Clean-up support did have overtime. Taxes received will cover this.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Executive Session**

N/A

### **Adjournment**

Request for adjournment by Commissioner Ross, Motion by Commissioner Moses, seconded by Commissioner Major. Motion carried.