

Downtown Development District Board of Commissioners Meeting
Ronald E. Gardner Board Room
Tuesday, December 5, 2023– 3:00 PM
In Person

Roll taken, Quorum present – Meeting called to order at 3:03 p.m.

Members Present: Gregory Curtis, Chris Ross, Carla Major, Edwin Murray, Alex Glaser, Coleman Adler, Leann Moses, Kristi Taglauer, Damon Burns

Members Absent: William Bradshaw

Staff/Counsel Present: President & CEO Davon Barbour, Bianka Brown, CFO, Stuart Taylor, Legal Counsel Christopher Kane, (Adams & Reese)

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

Note: Chair Curtis asked for consent from the Board Members to change the flow of the Agenda, which was agreed to.

Call for Public Input Cards:

- Charles Rice, Businessperson/Lawyer representing Fulcrum/ETI
 - Mr. Rice expressed his opposition to staff recommendation
- Essence Banks representing Fulcrum/ETI
 - Ms. Banks was also opposed to staff recommendation
- Cedric Patin, representing Streetplus & JC Patin/CAG
 - Mr. Patin expressed his opposition to staff recommendation
- Troy Henry, Managing Partner, Henry Consulting
 - Addressed all concerns raised by the Board
 - Uniforms
 - Location
 - Capacity to perform the job

Public Comments: N/A

Action Items:

- I. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 7, 2023, Board Meeting – **Action Item***
- II. Approval of October 2023 Financial Reports – **Action Item***
- III. Approval of DDD Millage and Final Tax Rolls for 2024 – **Action Item***
- IV. Resolution 23-09 to Set Millage for 2024 – **Action Item***
- V. Resolution 23-10 to Adopt Work Plan and Budget for the Year 2024 – **Action item***
- VI. Approval of CEA for Calliope Corridor Improvements – **Action Item***
- VII. Approval of RFP #2023-50-08 for Sidewalk Cleaning & Public Space Maintenance Services – **Action Item***

Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 7, 2023, Board Meeting – Action Item*

Motion to approve by Secretary Taglauer, second Treasurer Ross. Motion carried.

Captain Lejon Roberts gave a brief update. NOPD is ready for the upcoming season of events and large crowds. There will be a mounted division (25 horses) under his supervision in the 8th district. The business district will also have a horse patrol.

Stuart Seiler, Department of Public Works and Meagan Williams, City of New Orleans Office of Resilience and Sustainability briefed the Board on the downtown stormwater system upgrades. Representatives from Wingate Engineers attended the meeting also.

1. 90% of design submitted
2. Expect 100% in January/February
3. Construction is expected to begin after Mardi Gras
4. Meetings with utility companies i.e. Cox, Entergy, also DOTD
5. Map of the 18 blocks and scope of work forthcoming
6. Representatives will attend the next board meeting in January with updates on progress

Treasurer's Report

Approval of October 2023 Financial Report – **Action Item***

- Revenue: YTD actual totaled \$10,083,967; YTD budget totaled \$9,125,982, that reflects a positive variance of \$957,985. The revenue variance is mainly attributed to the collections rate which is currently at about 121% of the current year to date budget
- Expenses: Operating Expenses YTD actual totaled \$6,350,850. YTD budget totaled \$8,576,604, which reflects a positive variance of \$2,225,754.

Motion to approve October 2023 Financial Report by Treasurer Ross, second by Vice-Chair Major.

Motion carried

Approval of DDD Millage and Final Tax Rolls for 2024 – **Action Item***

Due to an amendment of 13.73 Mil. agreed upon by City Council which will impact the current adopted DDD budget the following are the different scenarios presented:

Scenario I

- Allows for the full balance of \$2,347,446, to be transferred from fund balance to support the reduced revenue.

Scenario II

- Allows for \$1,347,446 to be transferred from fund balance to support the reduced revenue. And proposes a reduction in Operating Expenses in the area of Public Space Operations by \$1,000,000 to offset a balance budget of \$11,744,235.

Scenario III

- Allows for no transfer from fund balance and a total reduced revenue of \$10,396,789. And a total Operating Expense reduction of \$2,347,446 in the departments of Public Space Operations and Public Safety specifically in the areas of Safety, Outreach, and Staffing for a balanced budget of \$10,396,789.

Motion by the Executive Committee to adopt Scenario I, seconded by Commissioner Glaser. Motion carried.

Resolution 23-9 to set millage for 2024

Resolution read in full, roll was called, and the resolution was adopted.

Resolution 23-10 to Adopt Work Plan and Budget for the Year 2024 – **Action item***

Resolution read in full, the roll was called, and the resolution was adopted.

Chair's Report:

Approval of CEA for Calliope Corridor Improvements – **Action Item***

- DDD has partnered with New Orleans & Co., Port of New Orleans, Ernest N. Morial Convention Center and DOTD for this beautification. Staff recommends and requests the DDD Board of Commissioners approve the CEA and that the President & CEO be authorized to execute the final draft.

Motion to approve Vice-Chair Major, seconded by Secretary Taglauer. Motion carried.

Approval of RFP #2023-50-08 for Sidewalk Cleaning & Public Space Maintenance Services – **Action Item***

Resolution #23-11 for the award of a contract for Sidewalk Cleaning Maintenance Services for the Downtown Development District was read in full. The roll was called – Resolution adopted

Chair Gregory Curtis	Yes
Vice Chair Major	Abstain
Treasurer Ross	Yes
Secretary Taglauer	Yes
Commissioner Adler	Yes
Commissioner Bradshaw	Absent
Commissioner Burns	Yes
Commissioner Moses	Yes
Commissioner Murray	Yes
Commissioner Glaser	Yes

President's Report:

Economic Development, Marketing & Communications, Operations Public Safety, Public Space Maintenance. These reports were sent out in the Board packet.

Motion was made by Secretary Taglauer to increase compensation for the President & CEO, second by Commissioner Glaser. Motion carried.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Executive Session: N/A

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Secretary Taglauer, seconded by Vice-Chair Major. Motion carried