DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, September 30, 2026
3:00 p.m.
DDD Ronald E. Gardner Board Room

Roll taken - Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm

Members Present:, Chair Chris Ross, Vice-Chair Alex Glaser, Treasurer Kenneth Rubenstein, Secretary Ryan King

Members Absent: N/A

Other Board Members Present: N/A

Staff/Counsel Present:

Others Present:

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

Public Input Card: N/A

Public Comments: N/A

Approval of Meeting Minutes for August 26, 2026
Motion to approve by Commissioner Rubenstein second by Commissioner Glaser. Motion approved.

Approval of the 2027-2031 Strategic Plan - **Action Item***
Motion to approve made by Vice Chair Glaser. Second by Treasurer Rubenstein. Motion carried.

Approval of the 2027 Budget & Work Plan - **Action Item***
The budget includes accommodations for additional city requests, including homeless services, though specific details about the low barrier shelter operating profile remain unclear. The approved budget allocates funds for the city's homelessness initiatives, including a 6-month trial period for certain services. LBS needs $5 mil annually, board can only offer $250K. Counsel suggests a baseline services agreement is needed to define city vs board funding roles, to prevent political pressure and guide ethical budgeting.
Motion to approve by Treasurer Rubenstein. Second by Secretary King. Motion carried

Resolution 26-08 Set Millage for 2027 - **Action Item***
Millage rate is set at 13.73 for 2027, unchanged to ensure stable revenue without raising taxes.
Motion to submit to the board by Secretary King. Second by Treasurer Rubenstein. Motion carried

Seth Knudsen, President & CEO discussed the ongoing challenges with the audit due to reconciliation issues with the previous auditor Donald Ford. Concerns were expressed about potential questions from the State Bond commission regarding the audit status and emphasized the need to add these issues proactively. DDD's current auditor Sean Bruno is seeking an extension to December 31st, 2026. Seth also spoke about millage renewal election call is added to the Council's agenda on 10/1/26.

Note: **In accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Open Meetings Law (La. R.S. 42:11 et seq.) the Board of Commissioners of the DDD may go into Executive Session to discuss legal or personnel matters.

The finalized language was developed with Adams & Reese frames the proposal as a renewal with the same maximum of 22.97 millage rate.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Rubenstein. Second by Commissioner Glaser. Motion carried.