

Mid City Security District Minutes
Board Meeting of **July 18, 2024**, 6:00 P.M.
The Cannery, 3803 Toulouse Street, New Orleans, LA 70119

Chairwoman Wendy Laker called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with a roll call of participants which established a quorum.

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members present: Wendy Laker; Alvin Williams, Jr.; Charley Richard; Robert Rivard; and Darby Shields.

Excused absence: Rick Lorusso.

Presenters: Sudie Joint, CPA, MCSD accountant; Sgt. Alfred Russell, MCSD/NOPD Full Time Coordinator; and David Myers from Pinnacle Security.

Guests: None present.

➤ **BOARD MINUTES**

- R. Rivard moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2024 meeting as distributed to the board. The motion was seconded by W. Laker and passed unanimously.

➤ **FINANCIAL REPORT**

- The June 2024 Bank Statement was approved and initialed by all Board members present.
- S. Joint requested Board approval of June/July monthly bills: Adams and Reese LLP - \$774.50; Capital City Press - \$32.12; Graphix Matter - \$935.00; OPSE - \$225.00; Pinnacle Security - \$17,668.52; City of New Orleans-NOPD - \$91,844.08 for period 1/1/24 through 2/24/2024; Sudie S. Joint CPA LLC - \$770.00; and EFT of \$112.80 for Verizon. All payments were approved with a motion by R. Rivard which was seconded by D. Shields and approved unanimously.
- In an effort to avoid having to wait to pay August vendors until approval during the September board meeting (in the event there would not be an August meeting), a motion was made by R. Rivard to authorize payment for all vendors except Pinnacle and NOPD up to a maximum of \$1,000. The motion was seconded by A. Williams and approved by all. R. Rivard further moved that Pinnacle and NOPD be paid for patrol services. The motion was seconded by W. Laker and approved unanimously.
- S. Joint presented the Financial Statements. It was noted that NOPD had begun to send invoices for January and February although current expenditures were estimated based on 2023 invoices. Presented and discussed were the Balance Sheet as of June 31, 2024, versus same period 2023; Profit and Loss for January through June 2024 versus same period 2023; and Profit and Loss, Budget vs. Actual for January through June 2024. A sheet detailing the disputed Mid City Security District millage charges was also presented. W. Laker moved to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by R. Rivard and passed unanimously.
- S. Joint presented the budget for 2025 as compared to the 2023 and 2024 budgets. After discussion, a change was made in the camera program expenses. A motion was made by W. Laker to approve the amended budget (attached to these minutes). The motion was seconded by R. Rivard and approved unanimously.

➤ **CRIME REPORTS**

- Sgt. A. Russell provided detailed reports of crime activities for each week since the June meeting. He noted that sex crimes continued to increase although other violent crime stats had decreased from 2023 numbers. It was confirmed that all information in the weekly reports came from official police reports. He further noted that communication between

MCSD with Grounds Patrol (part of Homeland Security) and City Park Police is continuing to improve.

- D. Meyers presented the breakdown of Pinnacle Statistics for patrols from June 20 through July 17, 2024, including incidents by category which indicated which were Pinnacle dispatched versus Self-initiated incidents. There were a total of 322 reportable incidents along with 12 citizen contacts. A comparison of March, April and May data was also presented. GPS reports indicated a number of statistics including average daily miles driven (99), number of stops (120), and monthly total miles driven (1,482). These values were decreased from the prior 3 months primarily because a rental vehicle was used for a portion of the report period.

➤ COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Outreach Committee. W. Laker reported that she and R. Rivard had participated in the Mid City Neighborhood meeting.

➤ OLD BUSINESS

- D. Shields provided a report that discussed the test cameras previously installed at 139 S. Cortez St. It was noted that the trial period had concluded and it was generally agreed that the cameras had proven to be of value. Based on that discussion, R. Rivard moved to enter into negotiation for a 3-year contract with Lumana for 15 sites with 2 cameras per site, all contingent upon passage of the resolution for MCSD renewal to be held on November 5, 2024. The motion was seconded by A. Williams and approved unanimously. A motion was made by D. Shields to leave out the "15 sites" from the previous motion which was seconded by W. Laker. However, the motion did not pass.
- Regarding a proposed mailout to discuss the MCSD, R. Rivard moved to authorize an ad-hoc Communications Committee to develop the mailout and spend up to \$4,000 to complete the project. D. Shields seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

➤ OTHER BUSINESS

- It was noted that there were 2 possibilities for membership from Parkview.
- A brief discussion was held concerning alternate locations for monthly meetings that might be more visible to the public. No consensus was reached.
- It was noted that the regular schedule would call for a meeting on August 15, 2024. However, there was some concern about having a quorum and it was noted that a meeting would be called only if necessary.

➤ There were no guests and thus no public comments provided.

➤ At 8:10pm W. Laker offered a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by A. Williams. There was no opposition.

CERTIFICATE As Secretary of the Mid-City Security District, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes duly and legally adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Mid-City Security District, after due notice, and that said minutes have not been rescinded. WITNESS, my signature, this 18th day of July 2024.

Charley Richard

Charley Richard, Secretary

Mid-City Security District

	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024	Actual Jun-24	Projected Actual 2024	Budget 2025
Revenue:						
Current year	\$937,044	\$966,277	\$955,000	\$866,693	\$955,000	\$1,235,219 (A)
Previous year						
Interest	<u>\$300</u>	<u>\$3,431</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>	<u>\$1,694</u>	<u>\$3,388</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>
Total	<u>\$937,344</u>	<u>\$969,708</u>	<u>\$958,500</u>	<u>\$868,387</u>	<u>\$958,388</u>	<u>\$1,238,719</u>
Disbursements:						
Automobiles		\$1,600	\$0	\$502	\$502	\$50,000
Patrol and Security Programs	\$645,722					
Pinnacle		\$210,862	\$230,630	\$121,940	\$243,880	\$250,000
City of New Orleans		\$616,831	\$620,000	\$314,666	\$629,332	\$750,000
Office of Secondary Employment		\$1,773		\$360	\$360	\$1,000
Camera Program				\$3,215	\$3,215	\$35,000
Newsletter/Outreach			\$10,000	\$0		\$6,000
Insurance	\$25,026	\$24,079	\$26,000	\$0	\$28,600	\$32,000
Operations	\$2,500	\$2,759	\$2,500			
Communications				\$7,546	\$10,000	\$5,000
Website Maintenance				\$384	\$524	\$600
Postage, Mailing Service				\$182	\$182	\$190
Telephone, Telecommunications				\$1,789	\$2,465	\$2,000
Operations - Other						
Professional Fees	\$25,000					
Accounting		\$19,000	\$20,000	\$14,500	\$19,000	\$25,000
Legal		\$9,532	\$10,000	\$3,601	\$7,500	\$10,000
Outside Contract Services		\$19,568	\$10,000	\$6,091	\$12,182	\$12,000
City Collection Fees (1%)						
Equipment	\$49,962	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
Misc Unanticipated Expenses						
Total	<u>\$748,210</u>	<u>\$906,004</u>	<u>\$949,130</u>	<u>\$474,776</u>	<u>\$977,742</u>	<u>\$1,178,790</u>
Excess Revenues over Expenditures	\$189,134	\$63,704	\$9,370	\$393,611	-\$19,354	\$59,929
Fund Balance Beginning	<u>\$514,151</u>	<u>\$514,151</u>	<u>\$577,855</u>	<u>\$577,855</u>	<u>\$577,855</u>	<u>\$558,501</u>
Fund Balance Ending	\$703,285	\$577,855	\$587,225	\$971,466	\$558,501	\$618,430

(A) - All revenues come from the parcel fees levied pursuant to RS 33:9091.14(F)

I have prepared and the Mid City Security District board has approved the above budget plan for management use including revenue and expenditures and believe that they meet mandated purpose and policies of the Mid City Security District to promote and encourage security in the area included within its boundaries. Most importantly, 92% of the projected disbursements are made for patrols and equipment which directly impact security within the District.

Judie Jant

**Resolution of the Mid-City Security District
Adoption of the Mid-City Security District Fee for 2025
Adopted at the District’s July 18, 2024 Meeting**

WHEREAS, The Mid-City Security District (“District”) was created by the Louisiana Legislature by La. R.S. 33:9091.14 to promote and encourage security in the Mid-City neighborhood of New Orleans;

Conditioned on the approval of the resolution (see attached) in November 2024 by the voters, the 2025 Mid-City Security District fees will be assessed according to the resolution and the budget will be as follows:

**MID-CITY SECURITY DISTRICT
PLAN AND BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR 2025**

The District plans to provide security patrols within the District. The estimated annual cost of providing such services is \$1,178,790.00 to be spent as follows:

1. Patrol and Security Programs	
a. Pinnacle	\$ 250,000.00
b. City of New Orleans	\$ 750,000.00
c. OPSE	\$ 1,000.00
d. Camera Program	\$ 35,000.00
2. Insurance	\$ 32,000.00
3. Operations	
a. Communications	\$ 5,000.00
b. Website Maintenance	\$ 600.00
c. Postage, Mailing Service	\$ 190.00
d. Telephone/Telecommunications	\$ 2,000.00
4. Professional Fees	
a. Accounting	\$ 25,000.00
b. Legal	\$ 10,000.00
c. Contracted Services	\$ 12,000.00
5. Automobile	\$ 50,000.00
6. Newsletter/Outreach	\$ 6,000.00
Total	\$1,178,790.00

The District anticipates receipts on improved parcels of taxable property for the tax year 2025 at approximately \$1,238,719.00. Therefore, the 2025 budget is as follows:

2025 Budget	
Revenues	
Parcel fees-current year	\$1,235,219.00
Interest	\$ 3,500.00
Total Revenue	\$ 1,238,719.00
Expenditures	
1. Patrol and Security Programs	
a. Pinnacle	\$ 250,000.00
b. City of New Orleans	\$ 750,000.00
c. OPSE	\$ 1,000.00
d. Camera Program	\$ 35,000.00
2. Insurance	\$ 32,000.00
3. Operations	
a. Communications	\$ 5,000.00
b. Website Maintenance	\$ 600.00
c. Postage, Mailing Service	\$ 190.00
d. Telephone/Telecommunications	\$ 2,000.00
4. Professional Fees	
a. Accounting	\$ 25,000.00
b. Legal	\$ 10,000.00
c. Contracted Services	\$ 12,000.00
5. Automobile	\$ 50,000.00
6. Newsletter/Outreach	\$ 6,000.00
Total	\$1,178,790.00
Anticipated Ending Fund Balance (2025)	\$ 618,430.00
Anticipated Beginning Fund Balance (2024)	\$ 558,501.00
Net Revenue/Disbursements for 2025 (including surplus)	\$ 618,430.00

Passed this 18th day of July, 2024.

Wendy Laker
President