

Mid City Security District Minutes  
Board Meeting of **October 16, 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.; Richard Lorusso; Charley Richard; Robert Rivard; Darby Shields; and Jon Fox.

Presenters: Sudie Joint, CPA, MCSD accountant; Sgt. Alfred Russell, MCSD/NOPD Full Time Coordinator; and Marcel Madere and Santiago St. Clair from Pinnacle Security.

Guests: None present.

➤ BOARD MINUTES

- W. Laker moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2024 meeting as distributed to the board. The motion was seconded by D. Shields and passed unanimously.

➤ FINANCIAL REPORT

- The September 2024 Bank Statements were approved and initialed by all Board members present.
- S. Joint requested Board approval of October monthly bills: Fast Signs - \$1031.91; Graphix Matter - \$453.75; Adams & Reese - \$180.00; OPSE - \$360.00; Pinnacle Security - \$18,729.86; Sudie S. Joint CPA LLC - \$770.00; Fast Signs \$200; Pel Hughes Printing \$3,125.83; and EFT of \$660.62 for Verizon. All payments were approved with a motion by W. Laker which was seconded by D. Shields and approved unanimously.
- S. Joint presented the Financial Statements. It was noted that NOPD had not sent invoices since March 2024 and current expenditure levels were estimated based on 2023 invoices. The legislative auditor had been notified of this since this could have an impact on budget variances at the end of the year if invoices had not been received by then. Presented and discussed were the Balance Sheet as of September 31, 2024, versus same period 2023; Profit and Loss for January through September 2024 versus same period 2023; and Profit and Loss, Budget vs. Actual for January through September 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 C. Richard and approved without opposition.

➤ CRIME REPORTS

- Sgt. A. Russell covered highlights of the weekly detailed reports for crime activities during each week since the last meeting. While overall crime is down in the city of New Orleans and in the MCSD, it was noted that sex crimes, simple burglaries, shoplifting and aggravated battery/ shootings continued to increase in 2024 compared to 2023. Also noted were the complaints about homelessness and loitering which continues to increase.
- M. Madere presented the breakdown of Pinnacle Statistics for patrols from September 15 through October 12, 2024, including incidents by category which indicated which were Pinnacle dispatched versus Self-initiated incidents. There were a total of 452 reportable incidents along with 68 citizen contacts. As a result of GPS data indicated that there was an average of 166 miles driven per day for a total distance of 4,651miles.

➤ COMMITTEE REPORTS

- D. Shields reported on outreach work to educate the public about the upcoming proposition. After meeting with a number of constituents and several churches in the district, he compiled a list of the churches in the area which was circulated to the board.
- OLD BUSINESS
  - It was noted that MCNO had officially approved a mailout to registered voters in the district supporting the MCSD proposition on the November 5 ballot.
- OTHER BUSINESS
  - It was noted that the next meeting would be November 21, 2024.
- There were no guests and thus no public comments were provided.
- At 7:21pm W. Laker offered a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by R. Rivard. 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.



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Charley Richard, Secretary