

Mid City Security District Minutes
Board Meeting of **November 21, 2024**, 6:00 P.M.
Pel Hughes, 3801 Toulouse Street, New Orleans LA

Vice-Chairman Alvin Williams, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with a roll call of participants which established a quorum.

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members present: Alvin Williams, Jr.; Charley Richard; Robert Rivard; Darby Shields, and Jonathan Fox. Wendy Laker entered the meeting shortly after it began. Absent was Richard Lorusso.

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

Guests: None present.

➤ BOARD MINUTES

- A. Williams, Jr. moved and R. Rivard seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2024 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

➤ FINANCIAL REPORT

- The October 2024 Bank Statement was approved and initialed by all Board members present.
- S. Joint noted that only two invoices had been received from the City of New Orleans recently with the last date being April 20, 2024 for patrol services. There was a brief discussion concerning how this could affect the budget that would need to be amended in December to consider variances. S. Joint noted that all discussions with the Legislative Auditor had been documented. It was hoped that the City of New Orleans could catch up on its invoices as this affects the monthly financials as well as the year end budget.
- S. Joint requested Board approval of November monthly bills: City of New Orleans – NOPD 3/24/24 - 4/6/24 = \$29,000.33; City of New Orleans – NOPD 4/7/24 - 4/20/24 = \$27,566.07; OPSE – 9/29/24 – 10/12/24 = \$1080.00; OPSE – 10/13/24 – 10/26/24 = \$900; Pinnacle Security = \$23,727.47; Graphix Matter, November 17, 2024 Invoice = \$797.50; Sudie S. Joint CPA LLC, November 18 2024 Invoice = \$770.00; and Verizon ACH = \$145.01. 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. Presented were the Profit and Loss for January through October 2024, versus same period 2023; Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2024, versus same period 2023; Profit and Loss, Budget vs. Actual for January through October 2024; and the Disputed MCSD Millage. R. Rivard moved to approve the Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by J. Fox and approved unanimously.

➤ CRIME REPORTS

- Sgt Russell provided detailed reports of crime activities for each week since the October meeting. A chart comparing crimes from 2023 and 2024 (to date) was presented and will be made available through the MCSD website.
- Sgt Russell noted that homelessness continues to increase along with shoplifting, porch thefts and burglaries (shed). It was thought that these crimes were often connected to the homeless issue.
- M. Madere, Pinnacle Security, presented a breakdown of October through November patrols including incidents by category which indicated which were Pinnacle dispatched versus Self-initiated incidents. GPS reports indicated a number of statistics including average daily miles driven, number of stops, and monthly total miles driven.

➤ COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Outreach. W. Laker reported on the MCNO (Mid City Neighborhood Organization) meeting which dealt primarily with the L. Boggs Hospital issue. She also reported on the CPNA (City Park Neighborhood Association) meeting.

➤ OLD BUSINESS

- D. Shields presented a report on the 2025 camera program and budget for an item that had previously been approved for \$35,000. This was discussed in detail since the budget would have increased from the approved level to \$110,000.
 - Following this discussion, R. Rivard moved to set up an ad hoc committee on the feasibility of a wider MCSD camera program, with the committee to report back to the board in April of 2025 with a report of: cost of labor and materials for installation and maintenance of cameras at 30 and 60 sites; cost of in-house and/or outside labor to provide administrative support and monitoring of cameras; projected and actual parcel fee revenues under the new law; alternate funding schemes for all or part of a camera program; and efficacy of crime cameras, especially as used in MCSD and other security districts in New Orleans.
 - After some additional discussion D. Shields moved to amend Rivard’s motion which included removing the section dealing with parcel fee revenues. However, no second was offered and the Shield’s motion failed to proceed.
 - R. Rivard then offered his original motion excluding the section “projected and actual parcel fee revenues under the new law.” W. Laker then seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - R. Rivard then offered a second motion to allocate \$2,000 to the MCSD ad hoc crime camera committee to contract with a student or school to assist in the making of their report. A. Williams, Jr. seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- It was noted that the Ethics and Sexual Harassment Annual Classes were due by December 31 for all board members.

➤ There was no other business brought forward.

➤ No guests were present so there were no public comments.

➤ At 7:45pm, R. Rivard offered a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by J. Fox. 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 21st day of November 2024.



Charley Richard, Secretary