

Mid City Security District Minutes
Board Meeting of **January 16, 2025**, 6:00 P.M.
Pel Hughes, 3801 Toulouse Street, New Orleans LA

Chairman 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; Jonathan Fox; and Corbett Scott. Excused Absences were Robert Rivard and Darby Shields.

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

Guests: None present.

➤ BOARD MINUTES

- W. Laker moved and J. Fox seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2024 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously. W. Laker moved and J. Fox seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2024 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

➤ FINANCIAL REPORT

- The December 2024 Bank Statement was approved and initialed by all Board members present.
- S. Joint noted that the City of New Orleans recently started sending invoices with the last date being June 16-29, 2024 for patrol services. Since March is a deadline for information to include in the annual audit to be completed by June 2025, it is hoped that the city will catch up on sending invoices.
- S. Joint requested Board approval of November monthly bills:
- City of New Orleans – NOPD 4/21/24 - 5/4/24 = \$26,298.33; City of New Orleans – NOPD 5/5/24 - 5/18/24 = \$25,256.45; City of New Orleans – NOPD 5/19/24 - 6/1/24 = \$23,356.39; City of New Orleans – NOPD 6/2/24 - 6/15/24 = \$30,676.21; City of New Orleans – NOPD 6/16/24 - 6/29/24 = \$24,634.42; OPSE – 11/24/24 – 12/7/24 = \$855.00; OPSE – 12/8/24 – 12/21/24 = \$540; OPSE – 12/22/24-1/4/25 = \$1,056.96; Pinnacle Security 12/8/24-12/14/24 = \$4,333.00; Pinnacle Security 12/15/24-1/4/25 = \$15,183.69; Graphix Matter, January 13, 2025 Invoice = \$577.50; Sudie S. Joint CPA January 15 invoice = \$776.50; and Verizon ACH = \$145.01. All payments were approved with a motion by W. Laker which was seconded by J. Fox and approved unanimously.
- S. Joint presented the Financial Statements. Presented were the Profit and Loss for January through December 2024, versus same period 2023; Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2024, versus same period 2023; Profit and Loss, Budget vs. Actual for January through December 2024; and the Disputed MCSD Millage. It was noted that projections for the NOPD were close to what has been actually received thus far which allows us to believe the remaining projections are close to accurate. There was brief discussion which followed with no objections to the Statements.

➤ CRIME REPORTS

- C. Perez, Pinnacle Security, presented a report detailing activities for November 17 through December 31, 2024. The report included a summary of 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. It was noted that homelessness reports were decreased for this period. He further discussed the fact that rising insurance costs and other issues drove Pinnacle to merge with Allied Universal which would probably become effective by March 2025.

- Sgt Russell provided detailed reports of crime activities for each week since the November meeting. A chart comparing crimes from 2023 and 2024 was presented and will be made available through the MCSD website. It was noted that sexual assaults were increased although this was partly due to reclassification of the number of rapes and that shoplifting had also increased.
- Sgt Russell noted that homelessness continues to be an issue but these calls come through 911 which is why Pinnacle doesn't report on them in their reports. Quality of Life issues along with thefts continue to be big issues. It was thought that these crimes were often connected to the homeless issue.
- Following a discussion about the number of vehicles in service, W. Laker moved that MCSD budget for 1 additional vehicle. A. Williams, Jr. seconded the motion which passed without objection. Further discussion noted that MCSD should perhaps look at Enterprise Fleet for the future. It was also noted that if we need to fix a second car with issues that repairs could be made up to \$2,000 but that this could be revisited in the future should additional funding be required.

➤ COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Outreach. W. Laker reported that she was unable to attend the MCNO (Mid City Neighborhood Organization) meeting but did attend the City Park Neighborhood meeting.
- Camera Committee. A report from D. Shields was circulated and briefly discussed.

➤ NEW BUSINESS

- The notification of an increase in hourly rates for the legal counsel was tabled until the next meeting.
- It was noted that the Personal Financial Disclosure Statements for board members is due by May 15, 2025.

➤ There was no other business brought forward.

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

➤ At 7:26pm, W. Laker offered a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by C. Scott. 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 16th day of January 2025.



Charley Richard, Secretary