

Mid City Security District Minutes
Board Meeting of October 16, 2025 6 P.M.
The Cannery 3803 Toulouse Street, New Orleans LA

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

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members present: Wendy Laker; Robert Rivard; Darby Shields; Jonathan Fox; Corbett Scott, Charley Richard, Alvin Williams, Jr.

Absent Board Members: None

Presenters: Sudie Joint, CPA, MCSD accountant
Sgt Alfred Russell, MCSD/NOPD Full Time Coordinator

Guests: None present.

1. BOARD MINUTES

- The Board Minutes from the September 18, 2025 meeting were reviewed with a number of modifications recommended by board members. It was decided that the September 18 meeting minutes will be approved at the next meeting after the corrections are made.

2. ACCOUNTANT FINANCIAL REPORT

- Sudie Joint requested Board approval of the monthly bills. Charley Richard moved to approve the checks and the motion was seconded by Robert Rivard. The motion passed.
- Sudie Joint stated that the payment of \$18,280 to Lumana for 30 cameras was processed. Lumana had sent a link to their commercial bank and Witney Bank agreed that it was a valid transfer. It was noted that the process was safer than sending a wire transfer.
- The city has sent no new invoices for police services since the last meeting. The invoices for the police are \$673,888 to date. They are projected to go over the budget of \$750,000, with an estimated \$220,000 in year end billing.
- Sudie Joint presented the Financial Statements and a detailed General Ledger report through September 2025. Presented were the Profit and Loss Sheet and the Balance Sheet, compared with the same period in 2024; The checking cash account is \$1,052,732 and the net income through September is a positive \$208,693. The disputed millage expense totals \$416,505, which is held in accounts payable. Income through September is \$1,148,501, which is slightly below the budget for the year.
- Allied Universal was paid \$17,797 in August.
- The board will need to approve an amended budget before the end of the year.
- Wendy Laker moved and Robert Rivard seconded the motion to accept the September Financial Report. The motion was unanimously passed.

3. ALLIED UNIVERSAL SECURITY SERVICES (AUS)

- Allied Universal representative Santiago St. Clair did not attend the meeting.
- Wendy Laker raised the issue about AUS not answering the Security Escort phone number on at least two occasions. When the patrol car does not answer the phone, it is supposed to roll over to the supervisor station. Wendy Laker will meet with them soon to discuss the problem regarding poor support.
- Jon Fox announced that AUS has purchased new walkie-talkies that will improve their communication with the police patrols.

4. SGT ALFRED RUSSELL CRIME REPORTS

- Sgt Russell provided crime reports for each week in the last month. He noted that shoplifting is still occurring at a rate 3 times more than last year which contributes to an overall increase of 14% for incidents this year over last year. However, violent crimes are down by 5%.
- Two homicides occurred in the district this period, both committed by mentally ill men. He stressed that the city needs a plan to handle mentally ill outpatients.
- The Tulane Avenue corridor continues to be an area plagued by prostitution and drug use.

5. CITY MILLAGE INVOICES

- A meeting is scheduled for the end of the month with the City Attorney's office and the NOPD Management Services Bureau. MCSD will be represented by Wendy Laker, Marshall Hevron, and Jon Fox. Graham Ryan from the Lakeview Crime Prevention District is also expected to attend.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Task Force App – Wendy Laker reports that Bob Sims says is releasing an update to support Android phones.
- b. Camera Committee
 - The camera committee will be meeting to review the location of the 30 cameras that are soon to be shipped. They will meet with Sgt Russell to coordinate and present a plan at the next meeting.
 - Robert Rivard announced that the Loyola Department of Criminology and Justice had received a grant to fund research for grad students. Mr. Rivard is hoping that he can arrange some staff support for the camera program.
- c. Vehicle Committee - The air conditioner on one car is being fixed. The new Durango being purchased is ready to pick up but it is being delayed until the millage issue is resolved with the city.
- d. Outreach Committee – Wendy Laker will attend the upcoming CPNA meeting and the MCNO meeting on November 10.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Wendy Laker reminded the Board that the Night Out Against Crime is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21. Board members are invited to visit the four sites holding meetings in the MCSD district.
- b. Wendy Laker proposed that no board meeting be held in November. It was suggested that the next meeting be held in the first week of December to avoid the busy holiday period. The board members agreed to hold the next meeting on Thursday, December 4.
- c. No guests were present so there were no public comments.
- a. Wendy Laker made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Corbett Scott. The motion passed.

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 4th day of December 2025.



Darby Shields, Secretary