

Mid City Security District Minutes
Board Meeting of September 18, 2025 6 P.M.
Pel Hughes 3801 Toulouse Street
New Orleans, LA 70119

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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

Absent Board Members: Alvin Williams, Jr.

Robert Rivard left the meeting at 6:45.

Presenters: Sudie Joint, CPA, MCSD accountant
Marshall Hevron, Adams and Reese Law Firm
Santiago St. Clair, Client Manager Allied Universal
Sgt Alfred Russell, MCSD/NOPD Full Time Coordinator

Guests: None present.

1. BOARD MINUTES

- Wendy Laker moved and Charley Richard seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2025 board meeting as presented. The motion passed without objection.

2. MARSHALL HEVRON – CITY MILLAGE INVOICES

- Marshall Hevron attended the meeting to discuss the millage fee that has been invoice by the city to MCSD.
- Jon Fox is expecting a letter from Andrew Gregorian, City attorney, regarding this issue.
- It was noted that due to the years of delay, a resolution from the city attorney is unlikely. A motion was made by Darby Shields, and seconded by Jon Fox:

“If a meeting regarding the millage is not held with the city by October 15, 2025, the Board authorizes its representative to contact the Inspector General to initiate an investigation of the City’s millage claims.”

The motion passed.

3. ACCOUNTANT FINANCIAL REPORT

- Sudie Joint stated that the city has invoiced MCSD for police services through September 6. The bills included the millage as part of the invoice, listed as “State Supplemental Pay.” Previously the millage was a separate invoice. The millage amount was deducted from the check paid to the city.
- Sudie Joint presented the Financial Statements and a detailed General Ledger report through August 2025. Presented were the Profit and Loss Sheet and the Balance Sheet through August, 2025, compared with the same period in 2024; The checking account is \$1,494,926 and the net income for the period is a positive \$351,190. The disputed millage expense totals \$416,505, which is held in accounts payable.
- Sudie Joint requested Board approval of the monthly August bills. Three checks were written to the City of New Orleans totaling \$109,291 for police services in July and August. Checks were also written to Allied Universal for \$8,392 and \$9,404. Sudie noted that they average about \$18,000 for each 2-week cycle.
- All payments were approved with a motion by Wendy Laker which was seconded by Charley Richard and approved unanimously.
- Wendy Laker moved and Charley Richard seconded the motion to accept the August Financial Report. The motion was unanimously passed.

4. LEGAL FEES, CAMERA PAYMENT

- Marshall Hevron provided the board with a request to approve a rate increase from \$225 per hour to \$350 per hour. This is based on the Attorney General’s approved schedule of rates for political subdivisions. Wendy Laker made a motion to accept the rate increase, seconded by Robert Rivard. The motion passed.
- The camera contract is a three-year lease costing \$18,000 a year. Marshall Hevron advised that including the three-year contract obligation the purchase is over \$50,000 and is subject to purchase rules requiring three quotes. Darby Shields provided Mr. Hevron with written quotes from Lumana, Flock Safety, and Project NOLA. Mr. Hevron indicated that the quotes were sufficient for meeting the purchasing requirements.
- The camera company Lumana requested that the money be sent via an ACH payment or wired to them. There is a problem with the MCSD bank in how the ACH payment is initiated. Sudie Joint is in touch with the Lumana accountant and is requesting that they initiate the ACH process and she will be able to transfer the first-year payment. The board would have to approve a wire transfer but that was put off anticipating that the ACH payment process could be arranged. It was agreed that the treasurer, Charley Richard, would be responsible for overseeing the process with Sudie Joint.

5. ALLIED UNIVERSAL SECURITY SERVICES (AUS)

- Santiago St. Clair submitted a request to identify the holidays that the board will recognize. Eight standard holidays were identified along with an additional list of 8 holidays. The board agreed to provide payment for 14 holidays:

Standard Holidays

Memorial Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day
Mardi Gras Day
Easter Day
Independence Day
New Year's Day

Additional Holidays

Lundi Gras
Ash Wednesday
Friday after Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve
Good Friday
Juneteenth

Corbett Scott made a motion to approve the pay rate and accept the holidays identified above, which was seconded by Jon Fox. The motion passed.

- Santiago St Clair provided an activity report for the period from August 22 to September 17. Mr. St Clair verified that they respond to calls coming in on the MCSD call line (504 252 1570) however the number of those calls are not identified in the report.
- Mr. St Clair reported that the radio communication with the police radios is bad. Sgt Russell confirmed that the police radios are not operating well. Jon Fox pushed for new Motorola radios to be put in place ASAP.
- Jon Fox reviews the AUS activity on a daily basis. He can also track patrols in real time but does not review the patrols that closely.
- Mr. St Clair said that getting drivers is difficult. He did note that the pay rate increase approved at the last meeting is helpful.
- Wendy Laker mentioned that she received an email complaining that they did not get an answer to a call to the MCSD number at 6:18 am to report a theft in progress at St Peter and Bernadotte Streets. Mr. St Clair said that if the phone is not answered by the patrolman, it rolls over to the supervisor phone. He said he would look into the issue and report back.

6. SGT ALFRED RUSSELL CRIME REPORTS

- Sgt Russell provided crime reports for each week in the last month. He noted that vagrancy is a growing problem and estimates that 4 out of the 10 vagrants they deal with have mental issues.
- Reported shop lifting continues to occur 3 times more than last year. Vehicle burglary and theft are reduced by 30% from last year. Armed robbery and simple robbery are slightly up this year, but violent crimes are down and generally involve friends and relatives rather than assaults on strangers.
- There was discussion about problems with residents in the 700 block of N. Carrollton Ave.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Task Force App – Wendy Laker reports that Bob Sims says the app will soon be updated to support Android phones.
- b. Camera Committee - Camera purchase issues were addressed in paragraph 4.
- c. Vehicle Committee
 - Repairs are needed on an air conditioning unit. Charley Richard made a motion to approve \$3000 for repair bills which was seconded by Darby Shields. The motion passed.
 - We are in the process of purchasing a new Durango.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Wendy Laker attended a meeting regarding the modifications to Lindy Boggs Hospital. There is a plan to convert the basement area into a water retention facility during rain. That project along with Lafitte Greenway extension and City Park improvements are dependent on upcoming bond issue.
- b. Night Out Against Crime is scheduled for Tuesday October 21. MCSD participation will be arranged at next meeting.
- c. No guests were present so there were no public comments.
- a. Wendy Laker made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Charley Richard. 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