

MID-CITY SECURITY DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2022 6:00 p.m.

The Cannery
3802 Toulouse Street
New Orleans, LA 70119

Board Members Present:

Wendy Laker
David Beran
Alvin Williams
Rick Lorusso
Charley Richard
Bob Rivard
Phil Costa - Absent

Guests:

Sgt. Alfred Russell

*****NOTE:** Due to fact that MCSD is a state board, the rules governing a state board do not allow an executive session to be held to discuss the hiring of a contractor. Therefore, no executive session was held on Thursday, September 29, 2022. Instead, a special board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2022, and was timely and properly posted. This represents the minutes from that meeting.

Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call

Quorum Present.

Board Discussion of the Proposals Presented by the Two Security Companies:

Wendy Laker provided the board with the budget from the past three years, pointing out the diminishing payments made to the City of New Orleans for police patrols, from year to year, due to the lack of officers filling the patrols. This leaves a surplus, allowing MCSD to have the ability to enter into a one-year contract with one of the two security companies who presented on 9/21/22. The CPA's indicated that a comfortable monetary cap for the hiring of extra patrols would be \$250,000. There is room to increase that cap, but would need to be explored more with the CPA's.

Discussion was held regarding the differences between the two companies and which company would best fit MCSD. Sgt. Russell was invited to give him thoughts and recommendations. David Beran created a graph – with the help of Sgt. Russell's data – which shows when crime

generally occurs throughout the day. Bob Rivard created a chart which shows the different packages and costs of each company. These tools were used throughout the discussions. The board had additional questions for the two companies. Wendy stated that she would follow up with the two companies and provide the answers to the board. The board would then convene at the next board meeting, on October 19, 2022, and vote on which company would be hired to help with the current NOPD patrols.


Louisiana Board of Ethics Regarding Former Board Member Jim Olsen:

Wendy Laker made a motion that the opinion made by the Louisiana Board of Ethics in April of 2021 that former board member and Chair, Jim Olsen could act as an unpaid advisor to the board, when needed, be approved and voted on by the board. The motion was seconded by Rick Lorusso. **Motion passed.**

CERTIFICATION

As Chair 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 5th day of October, 2022



Wendy Laker
Chair, temporarily acting as Secretary