

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAKEN AT A
REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022.

Those present: Gus Rezende, Lisa Thomas, Michael Delcambre, Denice Skinner, Gregory Walls,
and Miles Matt

Those absent: Eric Crozier

DDA staff present: Anita Begnaud, Amy Trahan, Hunter Hebert, and Rachel Holland

Others present: Chastity Arwood, Sam Oliver, Brett Mellington, and John Morris

The meeting was called to order by Walls.

Public comment process is attached to the end of the agenda for individuals wishing to address
the Board on agenda items. Request to speak must be submitted prior to discussion of the item.
Individuals are allowed three minutes for comments.

Administrative Approvals/Reports

November Financials – November Financials were presented for approval. Delcambre motioned
to approve as presented, Matt seconded, all voted in favor. Lisa Thomas entered after the vote
was taken.

December Regular Meeting Minutes – December Regular Meeting Minutes were presented for
approval. Skinner motioned to approve as presented, Matt seconded, all voted in favor. Lisa
Thomas entered after the vote was taken.

Election

Walls made the announcement of a Public Meeting to be held February 3, 2022 to consider
resolution calling for an election for continuation of the ad valorem tax in the Commercial Core
Sub-District of the Lafayette Centre Development District. Trahan read the public notice into the
record.

Matt motioned to attach the Public Notice to the January meeting minutes, Rezende approved, all
voted in favor. Lisa Thomas entered after the vote was taken.

Skinner motioned to approve Board Chairman Gregory Walls to sign legal engagement letter for
legal services with Jones Walker pertaining to the election, Matt seconded, all voted in favor.
Lisa Thomas entered after the vote was taken.

Staff Updates

Operations Manager - Hebert noted that the Jefferson Street sit rails repainting is continuing.
Hebert also noted that the Garfield Street planter box repair is now complete.

Development Director – Holland noted that Waggoner & Ball drainage study has begun. Holland
noted that Waggoner & Ball were in town meeting with staff, board members, and key
stakeholders.

CEO Report

Begnaud noted that the Old Federal Courthouse project, The Municipal, has a completion date of March 1. Vermilion Parking Garage elevator repairs are to be completed in February. Begnaud noted that November collections of the Downtown EDD were down from previous month with \$48,350 in collections. Begnaud noted she attended a stakeholder meeting for Proposed Performing Arts Center.

Updates

LPD update – Officer Arwood noted that she is taking over the Downtown police detail. Arwood noted that she is looking forward to meeting with staff and stakeholders in the coming weeks.

Council update - Not present

Other Business

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.

Proposed Agenda Item Language for 11/13/22 meeting:

“Announcement of Public Meeting to be held February 3, 2022 to consider resolution calling an election for continuation of the ad valorem tax in the Commercial Core Sub-District of the Lafayette Centre Development District”

ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE READ ALOUD AND INCLUDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE
1/13/22 MEETING:

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public meeting will be held by the Downtown Development Authority of the Commercial Core Sub-District of the Lafayette Centre Development District acting as the governing authority of the Commercial Core Sub-District of the Lafayette Centre Development District (the “*District*”) on February 3, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. at the regular meeting place of 735 Jefferson Street, Ground Floor Conference Room, Lafayette, to consider a resolution calling a special election to be held in the District on April 30, 2022 to authorize the continuation of the 15 mill ad valorem tax upon expiration of said Tax on December 31, 2022 for a period of fifteen (15) years, with the proceeds of the Tax to be dedicated and used for the purposes contained in legislation creating the District, including, but not limited to: provision of enhanced services; constructing, acquiring, operating or maintaining public facilities contemplated by the redevelopment plan; and the operating expenses of the District, said expenditures to be made to implement the redevelopment plans and programs of the District, or any portion thereof, in such a manner as to aid and encourage private development.