

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAKEN AT A  
REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022.

Those present: Lisa Thomas, Michael Delcambre, Denice Skinner, and Miles Matt

Those absent: Eric Crozier, Gregory Walls, and Gus Rezende

DDA staff present: Amy Trahan, and Rachel Holland

DLU staff present: Janie Morrison

Others present: Bryan Joubert, Kevin Blanchard, Maggi Bienvenu, John Morris, Chastity Arwood, and Mary Sliman

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.

Walls noted that Lisa Thomas' second 3-year term on the board was ending. Walls thanked Thomas for her service.

Administrative Approvals/Reports

May Financials – May Financials were presented for approval. Matt motioned to approve as presented, Thomas seconded, all voted in favor.

June Regular Meeting Minutes – June Regular Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Matt motioned to approve as presented, Delcambre seconded, all voted in favor.

June Special Meeting Minutes – June Special Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Delcambre motioned to approve as presented, Skinner seconded, all voted in favor.

Budget Adjustment – Matt motioned to approve moving \$10,000 from Capital Reserves into Travel and Meetings, Skinner seconded, all voted in favor.

Updates

EDD update – Blanchard updated the board on the Downtown EDD collections and trends going forward. Blanchard also updated the board on the Cayenne EDD application.

LPD update – Arwood noted that the new Downtown Police Precinct is now open in the Rosa Parks Transportation Center from 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday.

Council update - Not present

Zoning – Sliman noted that Planning and Zoning is working on rezoning a section of Johnston Street from Commercial Heavy to Commercial Mixed.

### FY2021 Financial Audit

Joubert noted that the organization is very financially healthy. Joubert noted that ad-valorem taxes are down from 2020 due to declining property values. Joubert noted that the fund balance at the end of 2021 was 634,625.

### Resolution

Skinner motioned to approve the attached resolution to continue, levy and collect within the Commercial Core Sub-District a 15 mill ad valorem tax for a period of 15 years, beginning with tax year 2023, for purposes as stated in the proposition approved a special election held in the Sub-District on April 30, 2022. Delcambre seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

### Director Update

Holland gave updates on the following projects Parc Sans Souci splash pad repairs, Parc Sans Souci inclusive playground fundraising and design, Downtown Lighting RFQ, Downtown Bollards, and drainage working including in the triangle.

### Other Business

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