

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAKEN AT A  
SPECIAL MEETING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021.

Those present: Gregory Walls, Jim Keaty, Lisa Thomas, Michael Delcambre and Miles Matt

Those absent: Gus Rezende, Ross Fontenot

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

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.

Resolution to City Council

Trahan read the Resolution into the record. Keaty motioned to approve a resolution to the Lafayette City Council in support of proposed downtown infrastructure allocations in the Lafayette Consolidated Government's budget and City American Rescue Plan budget, Matt seconded. Board discussion continued. All voted in favor.

Resolution to Parish Council

Trahan read the Resolution into the record. Keaty motioned to approve a resolution to the Lafayette Parish Council in support of proposed downtown infrastructure allocations in the Lafayette Consolidated Government's budget and Parish American Rescue Plan budget, Delcambre seconded. Board discussion continued. All voted in favor.

Other Business

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



## **LAFAYETTE CENTRE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

### **RESOLUTION 16 AUGUST, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the Lafayette Centre Development District d/b/a Downtown Development Authority, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana (“Authority”), is the governmental entity responsible for aiding and encouraging private development and promoting and coordinating public development and investment within the Downtown District;

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Authority is to support the physical, economic, and cultural revitalization of the Downtown District, restoring and preserving its important place as the center of life in Acadiana;

**WHEREAS**, the Downtown District has historically proven to be a viable and vibrant asset to the City of Lafayette, Parish of Lafayette, and to the Acadiana Region generally, whereby investment in the Downtown District has been shown to generate treasure to the City and Parish coffers;

**WHEREAS**, in the recent past, economic demands elsewhere in the City and Parish have created challenges for government investment in the Downtown District;

**WHEREAS**, the Authority appreciates the recently proposed allocation of federal funding through the American Rescue Plan as likely to be a rare opportunity for investment in capital improvements, infrastructure, and cultural support to enhance future growth and private investment;

**WHEREAS**, the Authority finds that the proposed allocations for Downtown Lafayette infrastructure improvements and other capital expenditures that are outlined in Lafayette Consolidated Government's Proposed Operating and Capital Budget for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022, inclusive of FY 2022 Capital Projects and Five-Year Capital Program, along with the Proposed American Rescue Plan Budget, will help to achieve the economic goals outlined in the Downtown Action Plan, and catalyze development for the benefit of and to enhance the quality of life of citizens of the City;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Authority requests that the Lafayette City Council support funding Downtown Lafayette infrastructure improvements and other capital expenditures found within these proposed budgets.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, was duly motioned and seconded, the roll was called and the Resolution passed upon the following votes:

YEAS: Gregory Walls, Miles Matt, Lisa Thomas, Michael Delcambre, Jim Keaty

NAYS: none

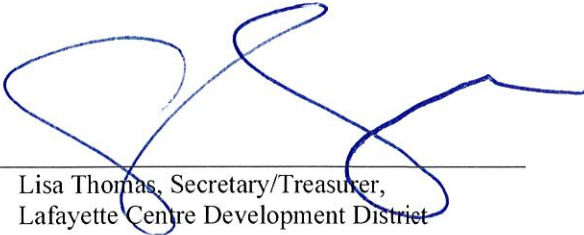
ABSTAINED: none

ABSENT: Ross Fontenot, Gus Rezende

#### **CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted at a meeting of a quorum of the Authority board held on 16 August, 2021.

Lafayette, Louisiana, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.



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