

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAKEN AT A SPECIAL MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020.

Those present: Miles Matt, Ross Fontenot, Michael Delcambre, Gus Rezende, and Gregory Walls

Those present on Zoom: Lisa Thomas and Jim Keaty

Those absent: none

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

Others present: Officer Jason Ardoin, Emily Shute

Others present via Zoom Teleconference: Councilman Glenn Lazard, Brett Mellington, Andre Breaux, Katy Dupre, Carlee Alm-Labar, and Keven Blanchard

The meeting was called to order by Matt.

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Administrative Approvals

Agenda – Walls motioned to attach the September Special Meeting Agenda to the minutes as presented, Rezende seconded, all voted in favor.

Parish-Wide Congestion Ordinance

Begnaud noted that a parish-wide congestion ordinance is up for vote with the combined City Parish Councils that night. Begnaud noted that the ordinance prohibits activities with 36 inches of the roadway. Begnaud noted that these sorts of activities are commonplace in Downtown Lafayette and contribute to the commercial activity of the Downtown District. Begnaud noted that prohibiting sitting or standing for any period of time on a sidewalk is simply not workable on Downtown sidewalks. Begnaud noted that due to these reasons the DDA should not support this ordinance. Discussion continued. Board members all agreed to oppose the passage of the Congestion Ordinance as it is currently written due to its broad scope.

Open Container and Minor Curfew Ordinance

Begnaud noted that the Open Container Ordinance has been deferred indefinitely by Councilwoman Liz Hebert. Begnaud noted that discussions are continuing on this issue and would like board input on this issue. Begnaud noted that banning open containers in Downtown could harm the hospitality industry and hamper future residential development. Begnaud noted that the current open container ordinance that restricts go-cups after midnight is not being enforced. Begnaud noted that DDA staff is recommending moving the open container up to 10pm with a sunset on May 31, 2021. Begnaud further noted that staff is recommending the Minor Curfew Ordinance be put in place at 10pm as well. Begnaud noted that this should help with clarity on enforcement. Discussions continued.

Other Business

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Tuesday, September 15 at 9:00 AM

Le Centre Conference Room, 735 Jefferson Street

Via Teleconference Pursuant to Proclamation No. 30 JBE2020, Sect. 4

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9:00 Call to Order Matt

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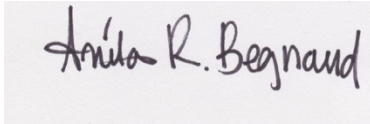
9:02 Discussion on Joint Council Agenda Item Begnaud
Re: Parish-wide Congestion Ordinance

[JO-079-2020](#) *A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Code of Ordinances Chapter 78, "Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places," specifically Article I, "In General," particularly to add Section 78-4 "Congestion of Sidewalks and Areas Adjacent to Public Roads." (Legal)*

9:15 Discussion on City Council Ordinances
Re: Downtown Specific Minor Curfew and Open Container

9:30 Adjournment Matt

Pursuant to Proclamation No. 30 JBE2020, Sect. 4 of the Executive Department of the State of Louisiana, 17 March, 2020, as amended, supplemented and extended by Proclamation No. 37JBE2020, 26 March, 2020, I hereby certify that as a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Downtown Development Authority is unable to operate due to physical quorum requirements. Therefore, the meeting requirement is changed for the meeting to be held on the 15th day of September, 2020 beginning at 7:30 a.m., to provide for attendance of board members, staff and the public via teleconference by use of the procedure outlined at the top of the agenda.



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Anita R. Begnaud, Chief
Executive Officer

Date

ACCESSING DDA BOARD MEETINGS & PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES

Topic: DDA Board Meeting (September 2020)

Time: September 15, 2020 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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- The 3-minute rule will apply

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