

Mid City Security District Minutes  
Special Board Meeting of **May 29, 2024**, 4:00 P.M.  
Mid-City Yacht Club. 440 S. St. Patrick Street, New Orleans, LA 70119

Chairwoman Wendy Laker called the meeting to order at 4:00pm with a roll call of participants which established a quorum.

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members present: Wendy Laker; Richard Lorusso; Charley Richard; Robert Rivard; Darby Shields.  
Board Member Alvin Williams, Jr. arrived shortly after the meeting adjourned.  
Presenter: Marshall Hevron, Adams and Reese, LLP, as legal counsel.

➤ ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- M. Hevron discussed the issues regarding the renewal initiative being placed on an election ballot during 2024. Having it on the December runoff date was not possible due to existing state law. The deadline for Secretary of State approval of the November election date is June 19, 2024, but before then the proposition needed to be approved by the state Bond Commission at its May 16, 2024 regular meeting. To meet that deadline, the proposition should have been introduced and adopted by the New Orleans City Council by April 4, 2024. Because the Bond Commission is now convening a special meeting to consider this and other propositions for the November 5th election, the MCSD proposition still has an opportunity to be reviewed and approved by them, but only if it is introduced and adopted by the City Council first. The only Council meeting prior to the Bond Commission's special meeting and the Secretary of State's June 19th approval deadline is June 6 which forces the Security District to amend the resolution to indicate the November 5 date along with several changes as proposed by city attorneys. Mr. Hevron indicated that without the other changes, approval and even introduction to the City Council were unlikely. He recommended that the Board pass the resolution as amended by the City Attorney's office. After distribution of the revised resolution there was some discussion concerning the changes.
- R. Rivard moved to end the discussion. W. Laker seconded the motion which passed with one objection by D. Shields.
- Following that motion, R. Rivard moved that the board rescind the ballot resolution previously passed. R. Lorusso seconded the motion which passed without objection.
- C. Richard moved that the revised resolution be approved, signed and forwarded to the city council. R. Rivard seconded the motion which passed without objection.

➤ There was no other business brought forward.

➤ There were no public comments provided since there were no guests.

➤ R. Rivard offered a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by R. Lorusso. There was no opposition.

CERTIFICATE As Secretary 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.



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Charley Richard, Secretary

**Resolution of the Mid-City Security District**

**Request for the City Council to Call an Election on November 5, 2024  
Re-Authorizing the Mid-City Security District's Special Annual Fee**

**To be Adopted at the District's May 29, 2024 Meeting**

**WHEREAS**, The Mid-City Security District ("District") was created by the Louisiana Legislature by La. R.S. 33:9091.14 to promote and encourage security in the Mid-City neighborhood of New Orleans;

**WHEREAS**, on November 16, 2019, a majority of the voters of the District re-approved a special annual fee, referred to as the "Mid-City Security District Fee" on each improved parcel of land in the District to support the District's activities;

**WHEREAS**, the fee approved by the voters is currently an amount not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each improved residential parcel in the District; and an amount not to exceed three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$375) for each improved commercial parcel in the District;

**WHEREAS**, the renewed fee was authorized for a period of five (5) years, and was set to expire on December 31, 2024;

**WHEREAS**, Act No. 162 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session, signed by the Governor and made effective on June 7, 2023, amended the District's authorizing statute, La. R.S. 33:9091.14(F), to introduce a Mid-City Security District Fee structure for residential parcels that contain multiple family dwellings or rental units and modify fees for commercial parcels;

**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 33:9091.14(F)(3)(c) requires that any election to authorize the renewal of the fee shall be held for that purpose in accordance with Louisiana law;

**WHEREAS**, this matter was put to the voters at a regularly scheduled state election held in November 18, 2023 and the proposition failed;

**WHEREAS**, the District wishes to put the issue to the voters again to renew and modify the Mid-City Security District Fee in accordance with Act No. 162 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session, and to approve the modify Mid-City Security District Fee for a period of eight 8 years;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS**

**RESOLVED THAT**, the District requests that the Council of the City of New Orleans pass a resolution calling for an election on **November 5, 2024** to renew and modify the Mid-City Security District Fee in accordance with Act No. 162 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session;

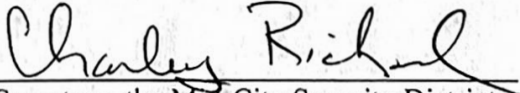
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, this measure be placed on the ballot in the precincts listed in Exhibit "A" to this resolution, which constitute the precincts in the District;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the fee for each residential parcel which is unimproved, or contains a single-family dwelling, condominium, townhouse, or two-family dwellings, three and four family dwellings shall be a flat fee not to exceed one hundred and ninety five dollars (\$195) per year; the fee for each residential parcel which contains five to nine rental units shall be a flat fee not to exceed six hundred dollars (\$600) per year; the fee for each residential parcel which contains ten to nineteen rental units shall be a flat fee not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000) per year; the fee for each residential parcel which contains twenty to thirty-nine rental units shall be a flat fee not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2000) per year; the fee for each residential parcel which contains forty or more rental units shall be a flat fee not to exceed four thousand dollars (\$4000) per year; the fee for residential parcels subject to a special assessment level pursuant to Article VII, Section 18(G) of the Constitution of Louisiana shall be a flat fee not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per year; the fee for commercial parcels shall be a flat fee not to exceed five hundred (\$500) dollars per year; any parcel used for both commercial and residential purposes shall be considered commercial if it is comprised of fewer than four residential units and residential if it is comprised of four or more residential units. The amount of the fee shall be as requested by duly adopted resolution of the board. Any Said fees shall be for eight (8) years, beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2032, and are estimated to generate approximately \$1,235,219 annually, to be used exclusively for promoting and encouraging security within the District, except for a 1% City collection fee, and if used for additional law enforcement personnel and their services. Such personnel and services shall be supplemental to and not in lieu of personnel and services provided by the New Orleans Police Department.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the renewed fee shall be authorized for a period of eight (8) years, and shall be in effect from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2032;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, if the voters of the District approve renewal of the Mid-City Security District Fee, that the Council of the City of New Orleans levy and collect such fees as provided in La. R.S. 33:9091.14(F).

Passed this **May 29, 2024**.

  
Secretary, the Mid-City Security District

Louisiana Secretary of State

**Precinct District Partial**

Parish ORLEANS - 36 AND Office SEC AND District(s) MC

Wd/Pct	Partial	Poll Place Name	Poll Place Location	Office	District	City
<b>ORLEANS - 36</b>						
03/08	P	ISRAEL AUGUSTINE CRIM JUST CTR	2700 TULANE AVE	SECURITY	MC	NEW ORLEANS
03/09		ISRAEL AUGUSTINE CRIM JUST CTR	2700 TULANE AVE	SECURITY	MC	NEW ORLEANS
03/12	P	ENGINE #26	436 NORMAN C FRANCIS PKWY	SECURITY	MC	NEW ORLEANS
03/14		ENGINE #26	436 NORMAN C FRANCIS PKWY	SECURITY	MC	NEW ORLEANS
03/15	P	ENGINE #26	436 NORMAN C FRANCIS PKWY	SECURITY	MC	NEW ORLEANS
03/18	P	ESPERANZA CHARTER SCHOOL	4407 S CARROLLTON AVE	SECURITY	MC	NEW ORLEANS
03/19		ESPERANZA CHARTER SCHOOL	4407 S CARROLLTON AVE	SECURITY	MC	NEW ORLEANS
03/20		ESPERANZA CHARTER SCHOOL	4407 S CARROLLTON AVE	SECURITY	MC	NEW ORLEANS
04/03	P	PHILLIS WHEATLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL	2300 DUMAINE ST	SECURITY	MC	NEW ORLEANS
04/05		WARREN EASTON SCHOOL	3019 CANAL ST	SECURITY	MC	NEW ORLEANS
04/06		WARREN EASTON SCHOOL	3019 CANAL ST	SECURITY	MC	NEW ORLEANS
04/07		SUCCESS PREP @ THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL	4621 CANAL ST	SECURITY	MC	NEW ORLEANS
04/08		SUCCESS PREP @ THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL	4621 CANAL ST	SECURITY	MC	NEW ORLEANS
05/08	P	PHILLIS WHEATLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL	2300 DUMAINE ST	SECURITY	MC	NEW ORLEANS
05/09	P	WARREN EASTON SCHOOL	3019 CANAL ST	SECURITY	MC	NEW ORLEANS
05/10	P	WARREN EASTON SCHOOL	3019 CANAL ST	SECURITY	MC	NEW ORLEANS
05/11	P	WARREN EASTON SCHOOL	3019 CANAL ST	SECURITY	MC	NEW ORLEANS
05/12		ENGINE HOUSE #35	964 N CARROLLTON AVE	SECURITY	MC	NEW ORLEANS
05/13		ENGINE HOUSE #35	964 N CARROLLTON AVE	SECURITY	MC	NEW ORLEANS
05/15		SUCCESS PREP @ THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL	4621 CANAL ST	SECURITY	MC	NEW ORLEANS
05/16	P	SUCCESS PREP @ THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL	4621 CANAL ST	SECURITY	MC	NEW ORLEANS
<b>ORLEANS TOTAL: 21</b>						