

TOURO BOULIGNY SECURITY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA – MINUTES – November 27th. 2007 - 6:30 pm

3943 Camp Street

In attendance: Brian Chamberlain, Charles Franks, Matthew Rigby, James Smoak, Thomas Beh, Shelley Rote. Absent: Maryflynn Thomas

OLD BUSINESS:

1. November 15, 2007 Minutes were accepted and the following reminder was read: **Reminder** - Members while sitting are considered officials of a government entity i.e. “public employees”, whether compensated or not. Therefore are subject to the Louisiana Code of Ethics. This primarily restricts participation in certain transactions involving the TBSD i.e. contractual arrangements. (The Secretary of State will issue commissions.) Meetings of board fall under the Open Meetings Law. Meetings open to the Public, Public has the right to attend. Notice and minutes of public meetings required. At least a 24-hour notice in a public place, or office if one is available, or at meeting place. Written public minutes must be kept; date, time, place, what was discussed, members present and absent, record of votes taken. Minutes are public record.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Board Member Thomas Beh appointed by Councilwoman Stacy Head sworn in on November 16, 2007 and was welcomed to the Board.
2. Web site development – Chris Reade discussed ideas for a web site specific for the Touro Bouligny Security District: content, interactive features, links to enhancing information, site maintenance and updating, etc. He plans to put something together and get back to the Board for further discussion.
3. 2008 budget discussion – document: The 2007-2008 Budget discussion paper presented results so far for 2007: City has transferred about \$216,000 to the TBSD account at the Board of Liquidation (BOL) plus interest earned so far of \$3,722. These funds are about 80% of the projected funds from the applied millage, but further funds from the City are uncertain until the City has its accounts ----- TBSD spending in the circumstances has been conservative and measured, and it complicates the 2008 planning since it cannot be sure what amount may be carried over. Considering the current spending pattern the TBSD can consider expanding the Saturday patrol on Magazine Street by 3 hours. Also there seems that funds may allow another look at the camera situation to supplement the neighborhood security apparatus may be considered. At present the plans will be to budget a program for 2008 at the same level of finding as the 2007 budget. Metro Security said that their rates for 2008 would remain the same as the 2007 rates based on what is know at the present time and the expectations for service in the near future (revenue

estimates based on 7.8 mills effective for 2008 equals same revenue estimates for 2007). See Item 4.

4. The 2008 millage was decided by the City Economist –Jerome Lomba and the Office of Legislative Auditor. The millage rate for 2008 was based on the new assessments which increased some 60% over the 2007 values. As a result the millage was adjusted down from the 2007 rate of 12.8 to an effective rate of 7.8 for 2008 (called a roll down.) This will provide the same level of revenue as for 2007.
5. Three resolutions were adopted: **No. 2007-01** – Millage Rollback, dated November 29, 2007, proposed by Commissioner Thomas Beh and seconded by Commissioner Chamberlain adjusts the millage from 12.8 to 7.8. All Commissioners present approved the resolution. **No. 2007-02** – Adopt Plan/Levy Tax Request, dated November 29, 2007, proposed by Commissioner Franks and seconded by Commissioner Beh requests the city to levy a tax of 7.8 mills for 2008 to fulfill the budget plan included. All commissioners present approved the resolution. **No. 2007-03** – Budget Approval, dated November 29, 2007, proposed by Commissioner Beh and seconded by Commissioner Franks included plan and budget of revenues and expenditure for 2008. All Commissioners present approved the resolution. **Note:** At the suggestion of the City Legislature Coordinator – F.J. Madary – resolution **No. 2007-04** – Millage adjustment forward was prepared to provide a basis for adjusting the millage upward if needed for 2009 (called a roll forward). Mr. Madary advised on November 30, 2007, that the Office of Legislative Auditor requested that all resolutions referencing a roll forward millage not be filed. He said there would be no problem in making adjustments up or down to the millage in future years. Therefore this resolution was withdrawn.
6. The TBSD requires an annual Financial Audit. Commissioner Shelley Rote suggested contacting the CPA firm Ericksen, Krentel & LaPorte, LLC who are on the Legislative Auditors’ approved list for a fee proposal. Another firm will also be contacted for a fee proposal to provide a choice. This firm will probably be the firm that does the Garden District – Pedalohore & Company. This will be done closer to the end of the TBSD’s fiscal year that ends February 29, 2008.
7. Discussed adding 3 hours to foot patrol on Magazine. Undecided.
8. Adjourn. Commissioner Franks moved and Commissioner Smoak seconded.