

Final Mileage Rate Public Hearing
Downtown Development Authority
Thursday, September 22, 2005
AutoNation Tower
8th Floor, Community Room

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Charles B. Ladd, Chair
Alan C. Hooper, Vice Chair
Peter Feldman, Secretary
Jack T. Loos, Treasurer
Gale Butler, Board Member
William R. Scherer, Board Member
John M. Milledge, General Counsel
Chris Wren, Executive Director
Antonia Martinez- Temporary Administrative Aide

ALSO PRESENT: Chuck Adams
Elizabeth Veliky
Neil Sterling
John Metosopolus

PRESIDING: Charles Ladd, Chair

Chair Ladd called the special mileage rate meeting to order at 5:01pm. Immediately following Roll Call Chair Ladd asked Mr. Wren to read the resolution.

Mr. Ladd open the meeting up for public comments. Jerry Cooper had several questions in reference to the placement of advertising for the public hearings and the timeline of the notifications. Mr. Wren answered the questions on behalf of Milledge. Wren stated the meetings are advertised as stated by law with the major newspapers by the office in advance for the years and for special meeting notifications. Mr. Cooper clarified his questions to Mr. Milledge. The question were does a sign have to be posted in at the bottom of the building and can it be in a for profit locations? Milledge states No a sign does not have to be posted and yes the location can be held in a private business location.

Mr. Cooper stated his concerns in reference to the DDA expenditures. Mr. Cooper questions the building expenditures for the Huizenga Park bathrooms. Mrs. Butlers responded to his comments.

Mr. Cooper raised questions about salaries allocated in the budget. Mr. Cooper ask if residential properties should pay taxes to the DDA. Milledge responded that properties that are residential are not taxed have homestead exemption. Milledge explained that the staff has worked to go over the tax roll with the property appraisers office to make sure residential property have been removed from the tax roll. Milledge stated the charter is convoluted as to what is non-residential property however downtown we have mixed use zoning. Mr. Wren will develop a process to determine if rental units and mixed uses are state taxable or exempted.

A motion was entered to accept the resolution to adopt the final mileage rate of 1.0950 by Loos, second by Butler. Roll call Scherer, Hooper, Loos, Butler, Feldman, and Chair Ladd

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:25pm.

Immediately following final millage rate hearing. Chair Ladd called the special budget meeting to order at 5:26pm. Chair Ladd asked Mr. Milledge to read the budget resolution. No public comments were entered. Mr. Scherer stated he would like to see a roll back next year on the budget. A motion was entered to accept the final budget resolution for 2005-2006. Roll call Mr. Loos, Feldman, Butler, Hooper, and Chair Ladd. The public budget hearing was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Antonia R. Martinez
DDA Staff

A taped recording of the proceedings of the August 11, 2005, Regular Meeting of the Board is on file in the DDA offices, 101 NE 3rd Avenue, Suite 350, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.