

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY BOARD
DECEMBER 3, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Infrastructure Advisory Board (IAB) was held virtually on Thursday, December 3, 2020, via video and teleconference due to health and safety concerns and in compliance with the Governor's Proclamation 33 JBE 2020.

The following members were present:

1. Paul Flower, Chair
2. Neil Abramson, Secretary
3. Bill Hammack
4. Karen Raymond
5. Elisa Speranza
6. Casey Tingle

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

Presentations

Chris Saucier, City of New Orleans, provided an update on Fair Share Agreement revenues. As of December 3, 2020, \$35.6 million in one-time funds had been transferred to the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans (SWBNO), which represents no change since the October IAB meeting. With respect to recurring revenues, collection of the 6.75% STR Equalization Tax began in September, with SWBNO entitled to a disbursement of \$9,508 from the first month of revenue. Collections from the 1% "Lost Penny" Hotel Tax continue to gradually improve, with October revenue posting the highest number since May. The cooperative endeavor agreement between the City and the Downtown Development District was executed on December 1, 2020, allowing drainage work in the DDD to move forward. Deputy CAO Ramsey Green added that the DDD and the Department of Public Works had already begun joint planning sessions and work could begin before the end of 2020.

Ghassan Korban, Executive Director, SWBNO, updated the IAB on the progress of projects recommended by the IAB for Fair Share Agreement funding. With respect to Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI), Korban explained that the scope of Phase 1 of the project had been reduced due to a shortage of funding, but such rescoping should not significantly affect the overall timeline for AMI implementation. Work on the Master Plan is progressing, with SWBNO preparing to release a request for proposals for a five-year strategic plan, which will be a precursor to the full Master Plan. Improvements to the Sycamore Street Filter Gallery have also been reduced in scope to the most essential repairs due to funding constraints. Work towards acquisition and installation of a new Turbine 7 (T7) is progressing, with funds from an anticipated Community Block Grant combining with proceeds from the Fair Share Agreement to provide nearly all the funding required for the project. T7 is expected to be fully installed and operational by May 2022.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda

The agenda was presented and unanimously approved.

Minutes

The minutes of the October 1, 2020 regular meeting were presented, and no corrections were offered. The minutes were unanimously approved.

2021 Meeting Schedule

The IAB reconsidered the 2021 meeting and voted unanimously to move from bi-monthly to quarterly meetings. Going forward, meetings will take place on the first Thursday of the last month of each calendar quarter. The revised meeting schedule is attached as Exhibit A.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings of the Infrastructure Advisory Board will be held at 2:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Thursday, March 4, 2021

Thursday, June 3, 2021

Thursday, September 2, 2021

Thursday, December 2, 2021