

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District

September 26, 2023, 12:00 PM, via Zoom and in person at 7733 Forsyth Blvd, 2nd Floor, Training Room B, Clayton Mo. 63105

- 1. Darnetta Clinkscale, Chair of the Metropolitan Park and Museum District, called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.
- 2. Upon roll call, the following members were present/absent:

Christine Chadwick, Present
Darnetta Clinkscale, Present
Shelia Hudson, Absent
Thomas Mummert, Present

Bradley Bakker, Present
Michelle Harris, Present
Jill Nowak, Absent
Kenneth Powell, Absent

Others in Attendance: ZMD employees Matthew Pollock, Adrienne Mack, Florette Hampton, and Legal Counsel, Jennifer Byrne

- 3. The Chair asked for public comments from those in attendance. No comments resulted.
- 4. <u>Public Hearing:</u> Mr. Pollock opened the Public Hearing regarding the proposed 2023 Subdistrict Tax Rates. A **Notice of Public Hearing** was published in the Daily Record (City of St. Louis) on September 19, 2023, the St. Louis Countian (St. Louis County) on September 19, 2023, and posted at the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District office and on the District's website, www.zmdstl.org. Mr. Pollock asked for questions and or comments regarding the Public Hearing. There were no questions/comments. The proposed rates, calculated according to guidelines and forms issued by the Missouri State Auditor, are as follows:

Real Estate,

Personal and Other Property

Art Museum Subdistrict	\$0.0666
Botanical Garden Subdistrict	\$0.0336
History Museum Subdistrict	\$0.0336

On each \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property in the City and County of St. Louis.

5. Mr. Pollock provided a summary of the 2023 Subdistrict Tax Rate computations and related analysis. He informed the Board that the 2023 Subdistrict tax rate ceilings, pro forma and the recoupments were reviewed by personnel within the Office of the Missouri State Auditor, without revision.

<u>Tax Rates for 2023</u>: The Executive Director asked the Board to consider setting the proposed 2023 tax rates.

Mr. Mummert moved that based on the <u>Art Museum Subdistrict's</u> needs, as reflected in budgets submitted in the summer of 2023 and reviewed by the District Board, the <u>2023 tax rate</u>, for the Art Museum Subdistrict, be set as indicated in the Tax Resolution:

Art Museum Subdistrict – six and sixty-six one-hundredths cents (\$0.0666) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of the assessed valuation of taxable property in the District.

Ms. Chadwick seconded the motion. The Chair asked for a discussion; none resulted.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Bakker, Ms. Chadwick, Ms. Clinkscale, Ms. Harris, and Mr. Mummert voting 'Aye'.

Mr. Mummert moved that based on the <u>Botanical Garden Subdistrict's</u> needs, as reflected in budgets submitted in the summer of 2023 and reviewed by the District Board, the <u>2023</u> <u>tax rate</u>, for the Botanical Garden Subdistrict, be set as indicated in the proposed Tax Resolution:

Botanical Garden Subdistrict – three and thirty-six one-hundredths cents (\$0.0336) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of the assessed valuation of taxable property in the District.

Ms. Chadwick seconded the motion. The Chair asked for a discussion; none resulted.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Bakker, Ms. Chadwick, Ms. Clinkscale, Ms. Harris, and Mr. Mummert voting 'Aye'.

Mr. Mummert moved that based on the <u>History Museum Subdistrict's</u> needs, as reflected in budgets submitted in the summer of 2023 and reviewed by the District Board, the <u>2023</u> <u>tax rate</u>, for the History Museum Subdistrict, be set as indicated in the proposed Tax Resolution:

History Museum Subdistrict – three and thirty-six one-hundredths cents (\$0.0336) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of the assessed valuation of taxable property in the District.

Ms. Chadwick seconded the motion. The Chair asked for a discussion; none resulted.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Bakker, Ms. Chadwick, Ms. Clinkscale, Ms. Harris, and Mr. Mummert voting 'Aye'.

Mr. Mummert moved that based on the <u>Science Center Subdistrict's</u> needs, as reflected in budgets submitted in the summer of 2023 and reviewed by the District Board, the <u>2023 tax rate</u>, for the Science Center Subdistrict, be set as indicated in the proposed Tax Resolution:

Science Center Subdistrict – three and thirty-six one-hundredths cents (\$0.0336) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of the assessed valuation of taxable property in the District.

Mr. Bakker seconded the motion. The Chair asked for a discussion; none resulted.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Bakker, Ms. Chadwick, Ms. Clinkscale, Ms. Harris, and Mr. Mummert voting 'Aye'.

Mr. Mummert moved that based on the <u>Zoological Park Subdistrict's</u> needs, as reflected in budgets submitted in the summer of 2023 and reviewed by the District Board, the <u>2023</u> <u>tax rate</u> for the Zoological Park Subdistrict, be set as indicated in the proposed Tax Resolution:

Zoological Park Subdistrict – six and sixty-six one-hundredths cents (\$0.0666) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of the assessed valuation of taxable property in the District.

Ms. Chadwick seconded the motion. The Chair asked for a discussion; none resulted.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Bakker, Ms. Chadwick, Ms. Clinkscale, Ms. Harris, and Mr. Mummert voting 'Aye'.

Resolution Setting Tax Rates for 2023 Assessments: Mr. Mummert moved to approve the 2023 Tax Resolution. Ms. Chadwick seconded the motion. The Chair asked for a discussion; no discussion ensued. A roll call vote was taken to approve the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Bakker, Ms. Chadwick, Ms. Clinkscale, Ms. Harris, and Mr. Mummert voting 'Aye'.

- 6. A motion to approve the August 8, 2023, regular/closed Board Meeting Minutes was made by Thomas Mummert and seconded by Christine Chadwick. The Chair asked for discussion; no discussion ensued. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.
- 7. Mr. Pollock discussed the relocation of the District office and furniture procurement, more details to be shared in Closed Session. The internal financial reports will be sent

electronically. He concluded his report regarding the Baltimore County presentation hosted by the St. Louis Zoo.

- 8. Ms. Clinkscale shared the Personnel Committee had nothing to report.
- 9. Ms. Chadwick, Community Relations Committee, discussed the recognition of Mike Chivell in December and moving to an electronic annual report to the community.
- 10. Mr. Mummert stated the Audit and Finance Committee had nothing to report.
- 11. Ms. Clinkscale, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee, discussed training for ZMD Board members and requesting the DEI leadership of the Subdistricts to assist with the training.
- 12. Legal Counsel Ms. Byrne had nothing to report.
- 13. Old Business: There was no old business.
- 14. New Business: There was no new business.

The Chair asked for a motion to go into Closed Session: Pursuant to Section 610.021 Revised Statutes of Missouri Subsection (1), (12). Mr. Mummert moved to close the meeting; Ms. Harris seconded the motion. The Chair asked for a roll call vote, The Chair asked for discussion: no discussion ensued. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Board went into closed session at 12:36 p.m.

The closed session of the meeting adjourned, and the regular meeting was opened at 1:22 pm. and immediately adjourned upon motion by Ms. Harris seconded by Mr. Mummert. It was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Minutes from the Closed Session of the meeting will be prepared by Florette Hampton and filed at the office of Armstrong Teasdale, LLP.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Nowak
Secretary