

# AUDUBON COMMISSION

October 25, 12:00 pm

Audubon Aquarium  
1 Canal Street  
New Orleans, LA 70130

## Agenda

- I. Call to order Mr. Kelly Duncan
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Financial Report Ms. Laurie Conkerton

- Motion re: Millage Collection

**WHEREAS**, in 2018 the millage levied by the Audubon Commission was 0.32 mills for the Audubon Zoo, and 2.99 mills for the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas;

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, there is no millage roll-back or roll forward, and the Audubon Commission intends to maintain the millages at their current rates;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following millages are hereby levied on the 2019 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Audubon Commission:

Audubon Zoo	0.32 mills
Audubon Aquarium of the Americas	2.99 mills

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2018, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

- Motion re: Tax Transfer

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Audubon Commission in a public meeting held on October 25, 2018, that collections of the aquarium tax millage in excess of that needed to service the bonds shall be transferred in 2019 from the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, to the Audubon Commission;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that collections of the zoo tax millage in excess of that needed to service the bonds shall be transferred in 2019 from the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, to the Audubon Commission; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that J. Kelly Duncan and L. Ronald Forman be authorized to act on behalf of the Commission in all matters pertaining to these transfers.

- Motion re: 2017 Audited Financial Statements

The 2017 Audited Financial Statements were reviewed by the Executive Committee at the June 5, 2018 Executive/Finance/Audit Committee meeting and were emailed to the full Commission on June 21, 2018. The Executive Committee approved the financials as presented. A motion is needed to accept the Commission's 2017 Audited Financial Statements.

V. Presidents Report

Mr. Ron Forman

- Downtown Facilities
- Uptown Facilities

Mr. Rich Toth

Mr. Kyle Burks

Motion re: Tropical Birdhouse

Authorize the President of the Audubon Commission or the President & CEO of Audubon Nature Institute to execute a contract and any related documents with the lowest qualified bidder for the Tropical Birdhouse renovation. The project includes interior demolition of mechanical and electrical systems and major renovation of 12,211 square feet of space. Renovations includes but is not limited to a new roof, open flight area exhibit with tropical landscaping, keeper areas, rearing room, office, new mechanical systems, and new lighting and electrical systems. The estimated cost is \$3,680,084.

Motion re: Office Space

Authorize the President of the Audubon Commission or the President & CEO of Audubon Nature Institute to execute a contract and any related documents with the lowest qualified bidder for an office build-out of 5,140 square feet of space on the second floor of the Nims Learning Center. The build out includes but is not limited to staff offices, two cubicle areas, a break room, conference room, a copy/print room, and restrooms. The estimated cost is \$275,000.

Motion re: Golf Maintenance Equipment Lease

Authorize the President of the Audubon Commission or the President & CEO of Audubon Nature Institute to sign a lease-purchase agreement with Wells Fargo Equipment Finance for golf maintenance equipment. The equipment includes but is not limited to precision cut mowers, riding mowers and ProGators. The lease term is 49 months at \$8011.74 plus applicable taxes a month.

- Public Affairs

Ms. Rebecca Dietz

Motion re: Eskew Dumez Ripple

Authorize the President of the Audubon Commission or the President & CEO of Audubon Nature Institute to sign an authorization for professional services agreement with Eskew, Dumez, Ripple for design services for riverfront revitalization. The project scope will include site development to support a public park as a community gathering space within an urban environment for a fixed fee amount of \$210,000.