

SSA #25 Special Meeting  
Tues, 4/12/2011  
Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 am  
Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 am

**In attendance:**

Mark Doyle, Dan Villarreal, Pascual Villarreal, Dan Arce, Salvador Pedroza, Ric Porrez, Florentina Rico, Nilda Esparza and Patrick Conwell

**Absent:**

Elena Duran, Mike Moreno and Alfredo Avila

**Mulcahuy, Pauritsch, Salvador, & Co., Ltd.**

**Draft of 2010 Audit Presentation by Patrick Conwell**

- Went over the Financial Statements, starting with the Independent Auditor's Report, the balance sheet, statement of cash flows and footnotes. Comparison between 2009 and 2010, the budget submitted to the City with actual expenditures and comparison.
- Addressing the \$12,000 TIF refund, would be a material effect to the prior year. In referencing the footnotes, basis of recognition, property taxes are recognized when received. Need to find out if in line with generally accepted accounting principles will either have to put back in 2010 as a reduction in income or leave and recognize the check in 2011. Depending on findings the property tax line confirmed by the City might be adjusted by \$12,000. That would be the only adjustment, the city confirmed the property taxes and did the normal procedures on the income in line with the budget, normal testing, nothing out of the ordinary.
- There are two parts to an audit, financial statements and evaluation of internal controls. The finding in the report has since been remedied.  
*Gina Caruso via phone:*
  - *The finding was known about and has been remedied. Include a management response to the findings stating how the matter has been remedied. This will remove the step of the follow up to the management response to the finding.*
- Patrick Conwell:
  - Management response will be included in their letter.
- Governance letter gives general idea of what was done during the audit, interaction with management, use of estimates, didn't consult with people outside the entity, giving a letter saying we were provided with all the records, everything was complete. Everything was reported and there were no disagreements.
- Pascual motions to approve audit, Ric seconds, all approve.

**TIF (Tax Increment Financing) Refund**

*Gina Caruso via phone:*

- *Two districts expired in this area in 2009. The taxing bodies associated with that TIF were reimbursed their appropriate share. The taxing body is the City of Chicago, SSA #25, the city comptroller wired that money to the Chamber without expressed authority from City Council. It was a nuance in the tax laws that was unclear to the City Comptroller that was further clarified after review by Corp. Counsel. It was great that that money was remitted. That money can only be spent within your SSA district, taking direction from the budget director on how that money can be appropriated out.*
- *TIF is an economic development tool, uses increment above a base to do redevelopment. Special Service Area is a taxing district, levies money off the tax bills for its own economic purposes. Like every other taxing district an SSA can only get access to the frozen EAV in a TIF, anything beyond that increment gets paid into the TIF.*
- *Suggested meeting with the Commission or with the Chamber Board for further clarification if needed.*

Ric motions to adjourn, Pascual seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.