

**Greater Downtown Colorado Springs Business Improvement District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
8 a.m., August 31, 2016  
111 S. Tejon Street, Suite 400, Colorado Springs, Colorado**

**Board Attendees:** Ryan Blanchard, Dave Bunkers, Wylene Carol, Lauren Ciborowski, Gary Feffer, Jessica Modeer, Bill Nelson, Craig Ralston, and Russ Ware

**Staff:** Susan Edmondson, Heather Whitworth and Margo Baker

**Welcome / Call to Order**

Bill Nelson called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

**Motion to Open Public Hearing for the Purpose of Review and Approval of the Preliminary 2017 Budget**

Craig Ralston moved to open the public hearing; seconded by Wylene Carol and approved unanimously.

**Review of 2017 Preliminary Budget and Operating Plan**

Heather Whitworth reported that the 2017 BID revenue is down slightly, primarily due to a decrease in valuation to a major property following its sale. Board members reviewed the draft budget as well as the draft operating plan and Contract for Services with Downtown Partnership.

Susan stated that the uncontrolled cost remains snow removal. Based on a discussion at a previous Public Space Management meeting, the BID may wish to consider new rules about when it provides snow removal, continuing to do pedestrian ramps but either increasing the snow level (from 2 to 4 or 6 inches) at which it carves a sidewalk path, or removing that service entirely, as private property owners are ultimately legally obligated to shovel their business frontage. Further discussion on that option will be needed, as well as outreach to merchants.

**Motion to approve 2017 Preliminary Budget and Operating Plan**

Russ Ware moved to approve the 2017 budget and operating plan; seconded by Jessica Modeer and approved unanimously.

**Motion to Approve 2017 Contract for Services with the Downtown Partnership of Colorado Springs**

Wylene Carol moved to approve the 2017 Contract for Services; Craig Ralston seconded and approved unanimously.

**Motion to close Public Hearing**

Craig Ralston moved to close the public hearing; seconded by Jessica Modeer and approved unanimously.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.