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JANUARY 26, 2021
6:30 P.M.



SLIDELL CITY COUNCIL
2045 SECOND STREET
SLIDELL, LA 70458

Council President Tamborella called the regular meeting of the Slidell City Council to order in the Slidell City Council Chambers. A quorum was present.

PRESENT: Council Members Bill Borchert, Glynn Pichon, Leslie Denham, David Dunham, Warren Crockett, Val Vanney, Jr., Kenny Tamborella, Kim Harbison and Cindi King

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Greg Cromer, Police Chief Randy Fandal, Council Administrator Thomas Reeves, Chief of Staff John Welborn, and City Attorney Thomas Schneidau

The Council President opened the Consent Calendar for a public hearing. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing on the Consent Calendar.

Councilman Vanney, seconded by Councilman Crockett made a motion to adopt the Consent Calendar.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of the Minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting.

B. Project Acceptance:

1. Animal Control Air Conditioning – Slidell Job No. 950-86.

C. Appointment:

1. Animal Classification Appeals Committee - Re-appoint Nancy Zimmerman to a three year term, ending on February 1, 2024. (Police Department).

REGULAR AGENDA

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AUDIT PRESENTATION

James Tonglet and Gretchen Fischer with Ericksen Krentel & Laporte presented the annual audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Mr. Tonglet gave a brief overview of financial statements and the audit report and stated that the City should once again receive the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for its reporting. He further stated that the City will receive a clean unmodified opinion. Mrs. Fischer presented the Net Position and stated that the results show there is nothing to report, which is what the City wants.

Mr. Tonglet praised Mayor Cromer and his staff for their cooperation and assistance during the auditing process. He personally thanked Finance Director Blair Ellinwood for making the transition easy.

Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilwoman Harbison made a motion to accept the Auditor's Report.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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POSTPONED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Councilwoman Denham seconded by Councilwoman King made a motion to remove Item 20-11-3344 and Amendments A-N from postponement.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item 20-11-3344 and Amendments A-N. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing.

Councilman Vanney seconded by Councilwoman Denham made a motion to replace Substitute Amendments A-N for the current Amendments.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	1 Nay (King)	0 Absent	CARRIED
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City Attorney Thomas Schneidau explained that Substitute Amendments A-M delete position classifications that were introduced in the original supplemental budget and Substitute Amendment N would add a position classification. He further explained that a "no" vote to the substitute amendments will keep the introduced supplemental budget as is. A "yes" vote will pull the position out of the introduced supplemental budget.

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Councilwoman Denham seconded by Councilman Dunham made a motion to adopt Substitute Amendment A, which deletes language adding a Senior Executive Assistant in Administration to the introduced supplemental budget.

ROLL CALL	5 Yeas	4 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
	(Borchert)	(Vanney)		
	(Pichon)	(Tamborella)		
	(Denham)	(Harbison)		
	(Dunham)	(King)		
	(Crockett)			

Councilwoman Denham seconded by Councilman Dunham made a motion to adopt Substitute Amendment B, which deletes language adding a part time Accounting Specialist in Finance to the introduced supplemental budget.

ROLL CALL	1 Yea	8 Nays	0 Absent	FAILED
	(Vanney)			

Councilwoman Denham seconded by Councilman Dunham made a motion to adopt Substitute Amendment C, which deletes language adding a part-time Assistant City Attorney in the Legal department to the introduced supplemental budget.

ROLL CALL	2 Yeas	7 Nays	0 Absent	FAILED
	(Crockett)	(Borchert)		
	(Vanney)	(Pichon)		
		(Denham)		
		(Dunham)		
		(Tamborella)		
		(Harbison)		
		(King)		

Councilwoman Denham seconded by Councilwoman Harbison made a motion to adopt Substitute Amendment D, which deletes language adding a Code Enforcement Officer in the Building Safety department to the introduced supplemental budget.

ROLL CALL	0 Yeas	9 Nays	0 Absent	FAILED
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Councilwoman Denham seconded by Councilwoman Harbison made a motion to adopt Substitute Amendment E, which deletes language adding a Director of Cultural Affairs and deleting one Cultural Affairs in the Cultural Affairs department to the introduced supplemental budget.

ROLL CALL	2 Yeas (Crockett) (Vanney)	7 Nays (Borchert) (Pichon) (Denham) (Dunham) (Tamborella) (Harbison) (King)	0 Absent	FAILED
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Councilwoman Denham seconded by Councilman Dunham made a motion to adopt Substitute Amendment F, which deletes language adding a part-time General Clerk in the Civil Service department to the introduced supplemental budget.

ROLL CALL	1 Yea (Crockett)	8 Nays	0 Absent	FAILED
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Councilwoman Denham seconded by Councilman Pichon made a motion to adopt Substitute Amendment G, which deletes language adding a Director of Public Operations and deleting an Assistant Director of Public Operations in the Public Operations department to the introduced supplemental budget.

ROLL CALL	3 Yeas (Pichon) (Denham) (Dunham)	6 Nays (Borchert) (Crockett) (Vanney) (Tamborella) (Harbison) (King)	0 Absent	FAILED
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Councilwoman Denham seconded by Councilman Vanney made a motion to adopt Substitute Amendment H, which deletes language adding an Assistant Director of Engineering and deleting one Engineer in the Engineering department to the introduced supplemental budget.

ROLL CALL	0 Yeas	9 Nays	0 Absent	FAILED
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Councilwoman Denham seconded by Councilman Dunham made a motion to adopt Substitute Amendment I, which deletes language adding two Police Officer Class 3 in the Police department to the introduced supplemental budget.

ROLL CALL	1 Yea (Vanne)	8 Nays	0 Absent	FAILED
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Councilwoman Denham seconded by Councilwoman Harbison made a motion to adopt Substitute Amendment J, which deletes language adding a part-time Training Coordinator in the Training Academy department to the introduced supplemental budget.

ROLL CALL	0 Yeas	9 Nays	0 Absent	FAILED
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Councilwoman Denham seconded by Councilwoman Harbison made a motion to adopt Substitute Amendment K, which deletes language adding a part-time Corrections Peace Officer in the Animal Control department to the introduced supplemental budget.

ROLL CALL	1 Yea (Crockett)	8 Nays	0 Absent	FAILED
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Councilwoman Denham seconded by Councilwoman Harbison made a motion to adopt Substitute Amendment L, which deletes language adding a full-time Kennel Attendant and deleting one part-time Kennel Attendant in the Animal Control department to the introduced supplemental budget.

ROLL CALL	0 Yeas	9 Nays	0 Absent	FAILED
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Councilwoman Denham seconded by Councilman Dunham made a motion to adopt Substitute Amendment M, which deletes language adding a Light Equipment Operator and deleting one Lineman Service Technician in the Airport department in the introduced supplemental budget.

ROLL CALL	1 Yea (Vanne)	8 Nays	0 Absent	FAILED
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Councilman Vanney seconded by Councilman Pichon made a motion to adopt Amended Substitute Amendment N, which amends the original Amendment N adding two Senior Executive Assistants in the Legislative Department.

ROLL CALL	4 Yeas (Pichon) (Dunham) (Crockett) (Vanney)	5 Nays (Borchert) (Denham) (Tamborella) (Harbison) (King)	0 Absent	FAILED
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Councilman Vanney seconded by Councilwoman Denham made a motion to adopt Substitute Amendment N, which adds one Senior Executive Assistant in Legislative department to the introduced supplemental budget.

ROLL CALL	1 Yea (Vanney)	8 Nays	0 Absent	FAILED
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Councilwoman Denham seconded by Councilwoman King made a motion to adopt Amendment O, which states that the effective date of Item No. 20-11-3344 is February 1, 2021 and authorizes the Director of Finance to make appropriate updates to the Supplemental Budget.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilwoman Denham seconded by Councilman Dunham made a motion to adopt Item No. 20-11-3344 as amended, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3986, revising the Revenue, Expense and Capital Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 (first supplemental budget), providing for supplemental appropriations, additional revenues and matters in connection therewith, Ordinance No 4009.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 20-12-3349, an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 2, Article III, Division 4, Section 2-157, (Mayor's Salary), and Amendment A, which states an effective date of February 1, 2021. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilwoman Harbison, made a motion to adopt Amendment A.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	1 Nay (Denham)	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilman Pichon, made a motion to adopt Item No. 20-12-3349, as amended, Ordinance 4010.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 20-12-3350, an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 2, Article III, Division 4, Section 2-157, (Chief's Salary) and Amendment A, which states an effective date of February 1, 2021. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilwoman Harbison, made a motion to adopt Amendment A to Item No. 20-12-3350.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilman Vanney, made a motion to adopt Item No. 20-12-3350, as amended, Ordinance 4011 .

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 20-12-3351, an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 2, Article III, Division 4, Section 2-157, (Council Members' Salary), and Amendment A, which states an effective date of February 1, 2021. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilman Vanney, made a motion to adopt Amendment A to Item No. 20-12-3351.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilwoman Denham, made a motion to adopt Item No. 20-12-3351, as amended, Ordinance 4012.

ROLL CALL 8 Yeas 1 Nay 0 Absent CARRIED
(Dunham)

LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Councilman Pichon stated that it has been a heck of a Supplemental Budget and he is happy that everyone worked together to get a happy medium. He stated that there are so many aspects of the budget that the public does not see. He feels that the Council has done a good job giving the Mayor and Chief the tools they need to run the City and Police Department.

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5 Councilwoman Denham echoed the sentiments of Council Pichon and thanked
6 the Mayor for working with the Council on the Supplemental Budget.

7 Councilwoman Denham also stated that the first phase of Ducksworth Park
8 revitalization is complete and a ribbon cutting for the new basketball court will be held on
9 Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at the court. She invited everyone to attend.

10 Councilman Borchert publically thanked former Finance Director Sharon
11 Howes for another year of receiving the GFOA award in financing and challenged the new
12 Finance Director Blair Ellinwood to continue the 27 year trend.

13 Councilman Borchert also thanked the Council for their work on the
14 Supplemental Budget and thanked the community for spending their money in the City.

15 **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

16 Mayor Cromer thanked the community for shopping and dining local and
17 helping our small businesses during COVID.

18 He also mentioned that COVID testing is still taking place at Fritchie Park Gym
19 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Also, Ochsner will soon be giving out vaccines in the gym, but
20 he is not sure when that will start.

21 Friday morning is the Mayor's Annual Prayer Breakfast, which will be virtual
22 this year. It will be broadcast on the City's web page as well as on Youtube.

23 Lastly, the Mayor thanked Finance Director Blair Ellinwood for her work on the
24 supplemental budget and thanked the Council for their support for Team Slidell.

25 **POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

26 Chief Fandal thanked the Council and the Mayor for their work on the
27 Supplemental Budget. He stated that it shows how much they support the Police
28 Department and how much they care for the men and women of SPD.

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As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



Kenny Tamborella
President of the Council
Councilman, District E



Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

COUNCIL ACTION: DATE APPROVED 2-9-21 DATE AMENDED _____