

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 26, 1981
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President of the Council, Salvatore A. Caruso. All members were present with the exception of Councilmen Hinton and Martin. Mayor Hart was present.

It was moved by Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, that the following Consent Calendar be adopted:

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of May 12th, 1981 Minutes
2. Proposed Ordinances (Public Hearing June 23rd, 1981)
 - a. Item No. 81-5-321 (1981-82 Budget Appropriations Ordinance Amendment)
 - b. Item No. 81-5-322 (Code of Ordinance Amendment Section 20-7.1)
 - c. Item No. 81-5-323 (Code of Ordinance Amendment, Permit Required)
 - d. Item No. 81-5-324 (Rezoning Lots 30, 31, & 32, Sq. 5, Pinecrest Subdivision)
 - e. Item No. 81-5-325 (Rezoning Lot 7, Sq. 15, Robert Addition)
 - f. Item No. 81-5-326 (Rezoning Lots 4 & 5, Sq. 7, Salmen Addition)
 - g. Item No. 81-5-328 (Zoning Ordinance Amendment)
 - h. Item No. 81-5-329 (Abandonment of Last 10 Feet of Rue Miramon)
3. Application for Liquor/Beer Permit
 - a. Lucia and Nando Yi and Ming Sen Yu d/b/a Yee Chinese Restaurant, 300 Pontchartrain Drive

ROLL CALL 7 Yeas 0 Nays 2 Absent CARRIED

Chief of Police, Max Rodriguez, advised the Council that on April 13th, 1981, sealed bids were received and opened in the presence of Mayor Hart, Virginia Roe, Billie Spiers, and Emily Mills for police radio equipment and the following bid was received:

Motorola, Inc. \$1,987.85 per unit

Acting upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, it was moved by Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilman Barthelmy, that the bid of Motorola, Inc. in the amount of \$1,987.85 per unit be accepted for ten (10) units of police radio equipment.

ROLL CALL 7 Yeas 0 Nays 2 Absent CARRIED

Councilwoman Wood made opening comments regarding Item No. 81-4-302, a proposed annexation/zoning of 3.64 acres west of Broadmoor Subdivision. Councilwoman Wood introduced a technical amendment, seconded by Councilman Caruso, correcting the proposed ordinance to reflect the correct zoning that was previously petitioned before the Planning Commission. Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinghouse, moved the adoption of the Amendment.

ROLL CALL 7 Yeas 0 Nays 2 Absent CARRIED

It was moved by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Singletary, that the Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and deny the rezoning request for A-7 zoning. Councilman Singletary asked the City Attorney's opinion on whether the property was in the city limits. Mr. Walters stated he felt it was a moot point and his opinion was not relative if the Council was going to deny the rezoning. Mr. Dan Stanley addressed the Council expressing his concern regarding the annexation question.

Councilmen Hinton and Martin arrive at 6:50 P.M.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays CARRIED

Mr. Dick Murley, Consulting Engineer, gave an updated report on the 201 Sewerage Improvement Project stating his office had received a copy of a letter from the Environmental Protection Agency which proposed a method by which the City of Slidell could be assured of Step 3 (Construction) funding. The method was that the City analyze potential feasible combinations of effluent limits and discharge locations and hold public hearings on them. Mr. Murley and Councilman Barthelémy reported on the attempt to arrange a meeting with the Governor to ask his assistance in getting the effluent limits set. Mayor Hart reported that a basic agreement had been reached on the Intergovernmental Agreement between Slidell, North Shore, and the Town of Pearl River and stated he would prepare an amendment to the Agreement for Council approval to include an Advisory Board. Mr. Murley requested the Council approve a grant amendment to provide for addressing all alternatives for setting effluent limits and analyzing the various discharge locations. It was moved by Councilman Hinton, seconded by Councilman Martinez, that the Council accept the Amendment to the Professional Engineering Services Agreement for Preparation of Treatment/Discharge Analysis for Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant in the City and authorize the Mayor to sign the grant amendment in the amount of \$63,570.00, of which 75% is eligible for E.P.A. funding.

ROLL CALL 9 Years 0 Days CARRIED

As advertised, a public hearing was opened in connection with Item No. 81-4-309, a proposed ordinance amending the Health Spa Regulations Ordinance. Councilman Martinez explained the reason for the proposed ordinance was to allow health establishments to sell memberships for one (1) year rather than three (3) months, stating if owners carried their own membership contracts they should not be limited to a length of time. As no one from the public indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed. Councilman Washington questioned the legality of the ordinance to which Councilman Martinez stated the City Attorney had indicated the ordinance was safe as written. Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinhouse, moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 1392.

ROLL CALL 5 Years 4 Days CARRIED
(Singletary//Caruso)
(Hinton/Barthelémy)

It was moved by Councilman Barthelémy, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinhouse, that the 201 Sewerage Improvement Project be tabled until the June 9th, 1981 meeting.

ROLL CALL 9 Years 0 Days CARRIED

As advertised, a public hearing was opened in connection with Item No. 81-4-310, a proposed ordinance amending the Flood Hazard Prevention Ordinance. Councilman Martinez explained the proposed ordinance stating it would grant immunity to city officials who granted or denied a variance to the Flood Ordinance should damages occur as a result of such a variance. As no one indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed and Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 1393.

ROLL CALL 9 Years 0 Days CARRIED

As advertised, a public hearing was opened in connection with Item No. 81-4-311, a proposed annexation/zoning of 3.07 acres south of Westchester. As no one indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed. Councilman Hinton, seconded by Councilman Barthelémy, moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 1394.

ROLL CALL 8 Years 0 Days 1 Not Voting CARRIED
(Martin)

As advertised, a public hearing was opened in connection with Item No. 81-4-312, a proposed annexation/zoning of 13.75 acres south of Westchester. As no one indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed and Councilman Hinton, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinhouse, moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 1395.

ROLL CALL 9 Years 0 Days CARRIED

Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilman Hinton, moved the adoption of the resolution as amended.

ROLL CALL	9 Years	0 Nays	CARRIED
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Mayor Hart discussed the American Waste Contract price increase pointing out that a \$.20 per unit per month increase had been requested which would raise the total per unit per month rate to \$4.95. Mayor Hart stated the increase could be absorbed without passing it on to the consumer by either reducing personnel in the Trash Department or by taking the monies from Contingency Funds. After discussion, it was moved by Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilman Hinton, that there not be an increase to the citizens for garbage collection fees and that Mayor Hart prepare a budget amendment to absorb the increase in garbage collection fees by using surplus contingency funds in order to keep the current service and operation in effect, and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the agreement with American Waste increasing the fees for garbage collection in the City. Councilman Hinton called for the question to end debate.

ROLL CALL	8 Years	1 Nay (Caruso)	CARRIED
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ROLL CALL On Motion	6 Years	2 Days (Wood/Martin)	1 Abstain (Caruso)	CARRIED
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Councilman Caruso indicated his reason for abstaining was because he had two questions regarding the increase of garbage collection fees which were not answered.

Mayor Hart reported on the bid of Surfmak, Inc. for the repair and resurfacing of Salmen Park tennis courts which was accepted at the May 12th, 1981 meeting contingent upon a favorable opinion from the City Attorney regarding the legality of a reduction of their bid by telegram. Mayor Hart stated the City Attorney had given an unfavorable opinion on the bid acceptance and had suggested all bids be rejected and readvertised.

Councilman Hinton leaves the meeting at 10:15 P.M.

Acting upon the recommendation of the City Attorney, it was moved by Councilman Martin, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinghouse, that all bids be rejected for the repair and resurfacing of the Salmen Park tennis courts and the Mayor readvertise for bids.

ROLL CALL	8 Years	0 Days	1 Absent	CARRIED
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Acting upon the recommendation of the City Engineer, it was moved by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Martin, that Saucier Construction Company's contract for concrete street repairs be accepted as complete.

ROLL CALL	8 Years	0 Days	1 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Martin, introduced Item No. 81-5-327, a proposed ordinance increasing the compensation for city councilmen, with a public hearing to be held June 23rd, 1981.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Salvatore A. Caruso
Councilman, District C
President of the Council

Emily M. Mills
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Clerk of the Council