

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 23rd, 1981
6:30 P.M.

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

Councilman Caruso requested Consent Calendar Items 2a, 2b, 2c, and 2d, proposed ordinances for introduction, be removed and placed as Agenda Item No. 1. Councilman Singletary requested Consent Calendar Item No. 4a, an application for a liquor/beer permit, be removed and placed as Agenda Item No. 1, after which Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved the adoption of the following Consent Calendar as amended:

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of June 9th, 1981 Minutes (Caruso)
3. Proposed Resolutions:
 - a. Extending Term of Sign Ordinance Committee
 - b. Condolences to William Strecker Family

ROLL CALL 8 Years 0 Days 1 Absent CARRIED

Mr. Barry Brubacher, Director of Planning, explained that Item Numbers 81-6-335, 81-6-336, and 81-6-337, were presented to the Council as recommendations from the Planning Commission on petitions submitted to them by the public. He stated it was a matter of formality that the Council hold public hearings and vote on the proposed ordinances. Councilman Martin, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, moved the introduction of Item No. 81-6-335, rezoning Lot 7, Sq. 4, Prevost Addition, Item No. 81-6-336, abandonment of a portion of Roosevelt Ave. right-of-way, Item No. 81-6-337, abandonment of Lafayette Street right-of-way, and Item No. 81-6-338, Code of Ordinance Amendment to Section 11-35, with public hearings to be held July 14th, 1981.

ROLL CALL 8 Years 0 Days 1 Absent CARRIED

Councilman Hinton joins the meeting at 6:45 P.M.

Councilman Singletary referred to a letter received from the Council Administrator regarding the lease for Grumpy's, 3318 Pontchartrain Drive, who was applying for a liquor/beer permit. The lease clearly stated the premises was to be used only for "teenage amusements, including game room and dancing." Councilman Singletary felt clarification was needed to be certain the lease would not be violated if the Council approved the issuance of the liquor permit. Mr. Jim Frichter, the lessee, stated eighteen and nineteen year olds were legally permitted to drink alcoholic beverages in the State of Louisiana and he would, therefore, not be in violation of his lease. Mr. Frichter stated he needed approval of the liquor permit to allow him flexibility to designate certain nights as "adult nights" and serve alcoholic beverages at that time in order for his business to survive and that he would abide by all laws. Councilman Martinez stated he did not see any reason to deny this permit despite any question as to what the business was prior to application and felt the Council was bound to grant approval of the permit. Councilwoman Gallinhouse agreed with Councilman Martinez. Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, moved to grant a liquor/beer permit to Grumpy's, 3318 Pontchartrain Drive.

ROLL CALL 8 Years 1 Nay CARRIED
(Singletary)

It was moved by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Washington, that the Council's rules of procedure be suspended for new business.

ROLL CALL 9 Years 0 Nays CARRIED

Councilman Caruso introduced a resolution, co-sponsored by Councilmen Singletary, Martinez, Washington, Hinton, Barthelmy, Wood, and Martin, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe, thanking and congratulating Mr. Willis C. McDonald, City Bond Attorney, for his eighteen years of service to the City and declaring him an honorary member of the Stidell City Council. Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilman Hinton, moved the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL 9 Years 0 Nays CARRIED

Mayor Hart advised that sealed bids for improvement to Lee Street drainage pump station were opened in his office on June 22, 1981, in the presence of Virginia Roe, Billie Spiers, Carlos Cordon, and himself, and the following bid was received:

Saucier Construction Company \$26,328.13

Mayor Hart stated he had received a letter from Roy Cartier of Cartier & Associates requesting the Council to accept the low bid but delay awarding the contract in order that they might present an alternate design to be negotiated with the low bid as they were the engineers for the original job. It was moved by Councilman Singletary to accept the bid of Saucier Construction Company but delay awarding the contract so Mr. Cartier could submit an alternate plan at the July 14th, 1981 council meeting. After a lengthy discussion, the council asked the City Attorney's opinion on the legality of accepting the bid and delaying the awarding of the contract to which Mr. Walters stated if there was any question, the council should delay acceptance of the bid until the July 14th, 1981 meeting. Councilman Singletary withdrew his motion and Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Singletary, moved to table acceptance of bids for improvement to Lee Street drainage pump station until the July 14th, 1981 council meeting.

ROLL CALL 9 Years 0 Nays CARRIED

Mrs. Virginia Roe, Director of Finance, advised that bids were opened on June 23rd, 1981, in the presence of herself, Mayor Hart, and Emily Mills, for a fiscal agent and bids were received from First Bank and First National Bank. Mrs. Roe stated she had reviewed the bids and recommended acceptance of First National Bank as the fiscal agent because the amount of interest free loans was greater than First Bank and First National Bank gave a higher rate of interest on repurchase agreements. Acting upon the recommendation of the Director of Finance, it was moved by Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe, that the Council accept First National Bank as the fiscal agent for the City of Stidell for 1981-82.

ROLL CALL 9 Years 0 Nays CARRIED

Mayor Hart advised that sealed bids were opened in his office on June 17th, 1981, in the presence of Billie Spiers, Emily Mills, Stan Weidman, Bruce Badon from Burk & Associates, and himself for the development of Phases I and II of John Stidell Municipal Park, and the following bids were received:

	<u>Total Base Bid</u>	<u>Total Alt. #1</u>
Fleming Asphalt Company	\$1,270,000	\$12,960
Boh Brothers Const.	839,000	8,500
R&T Company	775,200	9,400

Mr. Bruce Badon from Burk & Associates, explained the recommended base bid and alternate #1 of R&T Company included a first-class lighted, fenced baseball field, an unlighted multi-purpose field, sewerage, water, and a gravel roadway and parking lot. Council members were concerned that bids came in \$225,000 above the original estimate and asked Mr. Badon what was being deleted from the design as a result of receiving such high bids. Mr. Badon stated the design was basically the same as planned with only extra features being deleted. Mrs. Donna Skorno, owner of Pearl River Landfill, informed the Council she had offered the City free landfill for the park provided the City would pick up the material. She

1 estimated the cost of transporting the landfill material would have been approxi-
2 mately \$20,000. Mr. Badon stated the project bids called for landfill material
3 at a cost of \$140,000. Mrs. Skorno stated the City did not contact her to
4 accept the offer of the landfill. Councilman Martin, stating he felt Burk &
5 Associates had mishandled the project, asked for their resignation from the
6 project. Several members from the public spoke indicating the need for basic
7 lighted playing fields. After a lengthy discussion, it was moved by Councilwoman
8 Gallinghouse Hoppe, seconded by Councilman Martinez, that the acceptance of
9 the bids for Phases I and II of the John Stidel Municipal Park be tabled until
10 the July 14th, 1981 meeting in order to obtain as much information as possible
11 regarding the project.

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13 ROLL CALL 9 Years 0 Nays CARRIED

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15 It was moved by Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilman Martinez,
16 that the Council's Rules of Procedure be suspended in order to defer tabled items
17 3a, acceptance of bids, and 3c, 201 Sewerage Progress Report, to the end of
18 the meeting.

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20 ROLL CALL 9 Years 0 Nays CARRIED

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22 Councilwoman Wood spoke regarding tabled Item No. 81-5-319, a proposed
23 ordinance amending the Municipal Police Employees Civil Service Pay Plan. She
24 stated the ordinance was tabled at the June 9th council meeting because no one
25 from the Police Department was present to explain how the ordinance would be
26 funded. As there was no one from the Police Department to address this question,
27 it was moved by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Hinton, to table the
28 proposed ordinance until later in the meeting so someone from the Police Department
29 could be contacted and asked to come explain the funding of the ordinance.

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31 ROLL CALL 8 Years 0 Nays 1 Not Voting CARRIED
32 (Washington)

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34 As advertised, a public hearing was opened in connection with Item No.
35 81-5-321, a proposed ordinance amending the 1981-82 Budget Appropriations Ordinance.
36 Councilwoman Wood stated the ordinance was to reflect action taken at the budget
37 hearing to fund installation of water meters and to add an additional \$3,000 to
38 the Council on Aging. As no one indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing
39 was closed and Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe,
40 moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 1403.

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42 ROLL CALL 8 Years 0 Nays 1 Not Voting CARRIED
43 (Washington)

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45 As advertised, a public hearing was opened in connection with Item No.
46 81-5-322, a proposed ordinance amending Section 20-7.1 of the City of Stidel
47 Code of Ordinances. Councilman Singletary explained the ordinance was to dedicate
48 the use of funds to the water and sewerage systems of the City. As no one indicated
49 a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed. Councilman Singletary,
50 seconded by Councilman Caruso, introduced an amendment to the proposed ordinance
51 which stated that these funds were to be used for operation purposes also.
52 Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilman Hinton, moved the adoption of the
53 amendment.

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55 ROLL CALL 8 Years 0 Nays 1 Not Voting CARRIED
56 (Washington)

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58 Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilman Barthelmy, moved the
59 adoption of Ordinance No. 1404, as amended (Item No. 81-5-322).

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61 ROLL CALL 8 Years 0 Nays 1 Not Voting CARRIED

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63 As advertised, a public hearing was opened in connection with Item No.
64 81-5-323, a proposed ordinance amending Section 10-2, Permit Required, of the
65 City of Stidel Code of Ordinances. Councilwoman Wood stated this was a technical
66 amendment to the Garage and Rummage Sale Ordinance which shifts the responsibility
67 of issuance of permits from the City Clerk to the Director of Finance in order to
68 comply with reality. As no one indicated a desire to be heard, the public

1 hearing was closed and Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilman Barthelmy,
2 moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 1405.

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4 ROLL CALL 8 Years 0 Days 1 Not Voting CARRIED
5 (Washington)

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7 As advertised, a public hearing was opened in connection with Item No.
8 81-5-324, a proposed ordinance rezoning Lots 30, 31, and 32, Square 5, Pinecrest.
9 As no one indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed. Council-
10 man Hinton, seconded by Councilman Martin, moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 1406.

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12 ROLL CALL 7 Years 0 Days 2 Not Voting CARRIED
13 (Martinez/Wood)

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15 As advertised, a public hearing was opened in connection with Item No.
16 81-5-325, a proposed ordinance rezoning Lot 7, Square 15, Robert Addition. As
17 no one indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed and Council-
18 man Washington, seconded by Councilman Hinton, moved the adoption of Ordinance No.
19 1407.

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21 ROLL CALL 7 Years 0 Days 2 Not Voting CARRIED
22 (Martinez/Wood)

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24 As advertised, a public hearing was opened in connection with Item No.
25 81-5-326, a proposed ordinance rezoning Lots 4 and 5, Square 7, Salmen Addition.
26 As no one indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed. Council-
27 man Singletary felt the legal description of the property was not complete and
28 moved that action on the proposed ordinance be deferred until later in the meeting
29 so an amendment could be prepared, seconded by Councilman Washington.

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31 ROLL CALL 9 Years 0 Days CARRIED

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33 As advertised, a public hearing was opened in connection with Item No.
34 81-5-327, a proposed ordinance increasing the compensation of city councilmen.
35 As no one indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed. Council-
36 man Hinton introduced an amendment which would require the ordinance to be approved
37 by the qualified electors of the city and give said electors the option to vote
38 for one of three levels of compensation. Councilwoman Gallinghouse seconded the
39 amendment stating she felt the people should make the choice. Councilman Washington
40 spoke against the proposed amendment stating in order to attract qualified people
41 there must be fair compensation. Councilwoman Wood spoke in opposition to the
42 amendment stating the original ordinance would be completely changed from its
43 original form in which it was advertised. The Council asked for the City Attorney's
44 opinion on the legality of the amendment. Mr. Walters stated it would be in
45 violation of the City Charter because the issue could not be approved until next
46 year when the election is held which would be during the Council's last year in
47 office. Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe withdrew her second to the amendment
48 after Mr. Walters stated his opinion and the amendment died for lack of a second.
49 Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Martin, moved the adoption of
50 Ordinance No. 1408.

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52 ROLL CALL 7 Years 2 Days CARRIED
53 (Singletary/Hinton)

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55 Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilman Washington, introduced
56 and moved the adoption of an amendment to Item No. 81-5-326 to include "Section
57 D" in the legal description of the property.

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59 ROLL CALL 9 Years 0 Days CARRIED

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61 Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilman Singletary, moved the
62 adoption of Ordinance No. 1409, as amended, the rezoning of Lots 4 and 5,
63 Square 7, Salmen Addition (Item No. 81-5-326).

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65 ROLL CALL 9 Years 0 Days CARRIED

As advertised, a public hearing was held in connection with Item No. 81-5-328, a proposed ordinance amending Section 2.16, 2.17, and 2.18 of the City of Stidell Code of Ordinances. Councilwoman Wood explained the ordinance would eliminate drive-in theatres, barrooms, night clubs, and lounges from C-2 zoning and add drive-in theatres to C-4 zoning and barrooms, night clubs, and lounges would be added to C-3 zoning. As no one indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed. Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilman Martin introduced and moved the adoption of an amendment which would delete drive-in theatres within the City.

ROLL CALL 2 Yeas 7 Nays FAILED
(Singletary/Martin)

Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Gallingshouse Hoppe, moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 1410.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays CARRIED

As advertised, a public hearing was opened in connection with Item No. 81-5-329, a proposed ordinance abandoning the last ten feet of Rue Miramon. Councilman Martin stated the residents of the area wanted the road to remain a cul-de-sac. As no one indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed. Councilman Singletary indicated the need for a better legal description of the property after which Councilman Martin, seconded by Councilman Hinton, moved that the proposed ordinance be tabled until the July 14th, 1981 meeting so the Planning Department could draw up the proper legal description.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays CARRIED

It was moved by Councilman Martin, seconded by Councilman Singletary, that the Council's Rules of Procedure be suspended in order to address Agenda Item No. 7.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays CARRIED

Mr. Bob DeBlieuz with the State Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, made a presentation on how historic districts are formed and placed on the National Register. He stated a historic district in Stidell would consist of a certain number of blocks of historic structure and must be fifty (50) years old or older. He stated he would need Council approval to send an architectural historian to survey Olde Towne to see if it would be eligible for National Register Historic District designation. It was moved by Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, that the City proceed with the necessary steps required to prove eligibility for the National Register of Historic Districts.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays CARRIED

It was moved by Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilman Singletary, that a Certificate of Appreciation be presented to Mr. Bob DeBlieuz, former Mayor of the City of Natchitoches.

ROLL CALL 8 Yeas 0 Nays 1 Not Voting CARRIED
(Martin)

Mr. Steve Buser, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, advised the Council he would have a recommendation on acceptance of the bids for a paper copier at the next council meeting.

Mayor Hart Advised that sealed bids were received on June 8th, 1981, in his office for asphalt in the presence of Billie Spiers, Virginia Roe, and himself, and the following bid was received:

Pearl River Asphalt, Laurel, MS \$24.00 per ton

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Acting upon the recommendation of Mayor Hart and the City Engineer, it was moved by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Barthelery, that the bid of Pearl River Asphalt be accepted in the amount of \$24.00 per ton for asphalt.

ROLL CALL	9 Years	0 Days	CARRIED

Mayor Hart advised that sealed bids were received in his office on June 8th, 1981, for cold mix in the presence of Billie Spiers, Virginia Roe, and himself, and the following bid was received:

Ratcliff Materials, Inc. New Orleans, LA	\$33.40 per ton
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Acting upon the recommendation of Mayor Hart and the City Engineer, it was moved by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe, that the bid of Ratcliff Materials, Inc. in the amount of \$33.40 per ton, be accepted for cold mix.

ROLL CALL	9 Years	0 Days	CARRIED

It was moved by Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilman Martin, that Item No. 81-5-319, a proposed ordinance amending the Municipal Police Employees Civil Service Pay Plan, be tabled until the ordinance can be funded.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Not Voting	CARRIED
			(Gallinghouse Hoppe)	
			(Hinton)	

Mr. Dick Murley from Cartier & Associates, reported on the 201 Sewerage Project.. He requested the Council to introduce the Sewer Use Ordinance and call for a public hearing on July 28th, 1981. It was moved by Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Martinez, that the Council's Rules of Procedure by suspended for the introduction of an ordinance.

ROLL CALL	8 Years	0 Days	1 Not Voting (Gallinghouse Hoppe)	CARRIED
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Councilman Barthelmy, seconded by Councilman Caruso, introduced Item No. 81-6-341, the Sewer Use Ordinance for the City of Sidel. Councilman Barthelmy, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved for the introduction.

ROLL CALL	9 Years	0 Days	CARRIED
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Mr. Murley informed the Council that acquisition of all easements for the 201 Project must be completed by July 30th, 1981. Mayor Hart stated the Town of Pearl River had approved the amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement. Reinhard Dearing, Council Administrator, requested Council approval to write the Department of Natural Resources and request they send copies of all data collected at the proposed discharge sites during their last survey. It was moved by Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe, seconded by Councilman Martinez, that Mr. Dearing write the Department of Natural Resources and request said information.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Not Voting (Wood)	CARRIED
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It was the consensus of the Council that Mr. Murley set up a conference call between Lloyd Walters, City Attorney, Reinhard Dearing, Council Administrator, the Environmental Protection Agency, and himself to work out a schedule of all deadlines that need to be met in connection with the 201 Project.

Councilman Hinton leaves the meeting at 10:05 P.M.

It was moved by Councilman Barthelmy, seconded by Councilman Washington, that the Council's Rules of Procedure be suspended in order to set a public hearing date for Item No. 81-6-341, the proposed Sewer Use Ordinance for the City.

ROLL CALL	8 Years	0 Days	1 Absent	CARRIED

1 It was moved by Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinhouse
2 Hoppe, that a public hearing be held on July 28th, 1981 on Item No. 81-6-341, the
3 proposed Sewer Use Ordinance for the City of Slidell.
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5 ROLL CALL 8 Years 0 Nays 1 Absent CARRIED
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7 It was moved by Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilman Martinez,
8 that the Council's Rules of Procedure be suspended for the introduction of an
9 ordinance.
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11 ROLL CALL 8 Years 0 Nays 1 Absent CARRIED
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13 Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Caruso, introduced Item No.
14 81-6-339, a proposed ordinance requiring commercial and industrial users to com-
15 plete the 201 Sewer Users Survey, with a public hearing to be held July 14th, 1981.
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17 ROLL CALL 8 Years 0 Nays 1 Absent CARRIED
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19 It was moved by Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Singletary,
20 that the 201 Sewerage Improvement Project be tabled until the July 14th, 1981
21 meeting.
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23 ROLL CALL 8 Years 0 Nays 1 Absent CARRIED
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25 It was moved by Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilman Washington,
26 that the Council's Rules of Procedure be suspended in order to discuss Agenda Item
27 No. 5b-1a and 5b-5a.
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29 ROLL CALL 8 Years 0 Nays 1 Absent CARRIED
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31 It was moved by Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Washington,
32 that the Council's Rules of Procedure be suspended for the introduction of a
33 proposed ordinance.
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35 ROLL CALL 7 Years 0 Nays 1 Absent 1 Not Voting CARRIED
36 (Wood)
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38 Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved the intro-
39 duction of Item No. 81-6-340, a proposed ordinance amending the 1981-82 Budget
40 Appropriations Ordinance, with a public hearing to be held July 14th, 1981.
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42 ROLL CALL 7 Years 0 Nays 1 Absent 1 Abstain CARRIED
43 (Martinez)
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45 Mrs. Virginia Roe, Director of Finance, made a presentation on the break-
46 down of millages collected by the Parish from citizens of Slidell. Mrs. Roe stated
47 out of fifteen (15) different types of millages paid to the Parish, there were four
48 (4) from which the City received no services or benefits from the Parish. Those
49 four millages were Parish Alimony, road and bridge maintenance, drainage, and the
50 road district, involving a total millage of 13.79.
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52 It was moved by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinhouse
53 Hoppe, that the Council's Rules of Procedure be suspended to address Agenda Item
54 No. 8.
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56 ROLL CALL 7 Years 1 Nay 1 Absent CARRIED
57 (Washington)
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59 Mrs. Niki McDonald, Advisory to the Council on the Humane Society, reported
60 on the status of the Board regulating the Humane Society. She stated presently
61 there was no President or Vice-President to the Board. She stated the Humane
62 Society was under-manned, over-crowded, and did not have enough vehicles. She stated
63 that the public should be educated on the Leash Law and that the City Court should
64 proceed to do something about the violations that were brought before them.
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Nominations were opened for President of the Council for the term beginning July 14th, 1981 through January 12th, 1982. Councilman Barthelamy, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, moved the nomination of Councilman Martinez. Councilman Singletary moved that Councilman Martinez be elected by acclamation.

ROLL CALL 8 Yeas 0 Nays 1 Absent CARRIED

Nominations were opened for Vice-President of the Council for the term beginning July 14th, 1981 through January 12th, 1982. Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, moved the nomination of Councilman Barthelamy. Councilman Singletary moved that Councilman Barthelamy be elected by acclamation.

ROLL CALL 8 Yeas 0 Nays 1 Absent CARRIED

Councilman Martinez commented on a new approach to extend water lines to the Bonfouca Estates area. Mr. Carlos Cordon, City Engineer, stated he would be willing to research the matter. It was moved by Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe, that the City Engineer be given approval to research the Bonfouca water line question and to take a new approach to provide city water to that area, and that he coordinate the matter with Cartier & Associates and Representative Ed Scogin.

ROLL CALL 8 Yeas 0 Nays 1 Absent CARRIED

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 P.M.

Emily M. Mills
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Clerk of the Council

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