

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 8th, 1981
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President of the Council, Joe Martinez. All Council Members were present with the exception of Councilmen Washington, Hinton, Martin and Singletary. Mayor Hart was present.

Councilman Caruso requested Item No. 3a, a proposed Girl Scout Resolution, be removed from the Consent Calendar and Councilwoman Wood requested Item No. 3b, a proposed Senatorial District Resolution, be removed from the Consent Calendar, and the items placed as Agenda Item No. 1. Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, moved the adoption of the following Consent Calendar as amended:

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of August 24th and 25th, 1981 Minutes
2. Proposed Ordinances: (Public Hearing October 13th, 1981)
 - a. Item No. 81-9-362 (Code of Ordinances Amendment)
3. Proposed Resolutions:
 - c. Establishment of Bus Line
4. Application for Liquor/Beer Permits:
 - a. Ricky and Karl Rauch d/b/a The Spirit Locker, 1401 Old Spanish Trail
 - b. KKK, Inc. d/b/a Lil' Ray's, 1768 Front Street

ROLL CALL 5 Yeas 0 Nays 4 Absent CARRIED

In recognition of Girl Scout Leader Recruitment Week, Councilman Caruso presented Mrs. Mary Hughes, Field Manager for Southeast Louisiana Girl Scout Council, a resolution urging adult citizens to offer their time and talent to the Girl Scout organization and thanking the volunteers in Slidell for their contribution to this organization. Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL 5 Yeas 0 Nays 4 Absent CARRIED

President Martinez commented on the proposed resolution seeking a single Senatorial District for St. Tammany Parish and stated he would like to solicit the support of the Parish Council and all municipalities in the Parish to join the Council in attaining this goal. It was moved by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Caruso and Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe, that the Council Administrator draft a letter to the Parish Council and all municipalities in St. Tammany Parish asking them to join the Council in seeking a single Senatorial District for St. Tammany Parish.

ROLL CALL 5 Yeas 0 Nays 4 Absent CARRIED

Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Caruso, moved the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL 5 Yeas 0 Nays 4 Absent CARRIED

Mayor Hart advised that sealed bids were opened on Monday, August 31st, 1981, in the presence of Virginia Roe, Emily Mills, Jack Boyd, and himself for a $\frac{1}{2}$ ton pickup truck and the following bids were received:

Bill Garrett Chevrolet	\$6,662.55
Dan Quirk Ford	\$7,652.00
Charles Simmons Toyota	\$7,585.00

Acting upon the recommendation of Mayor Hart, it was moved by Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, that the bid of Charles Simmons Toyota in the amount of \$7,585.00 be accepted for a $\frac{1}{2}$ ton pickup truck as the low bid did not meet all specifications.

ROLL CALL 5 Yeas 0 Nays 4 Absent CARRIED

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

Mr. Reinhard Dearing, Council Administrator, informed the Council that the applicants for Delchamps, 4020 Pontchartrain Drive, who were applying for a liquor/beer permit, had requested the Council to approve the issuance of a beer permit only as they did not comply with all requirements for a liquor permit. Mr. Dearing advised the Council it would be in order to issue them a packaged beer permit under the present ordinance. It was moved by Councilman Hinton, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, that Delchamps, 4020 Pontchartrain Drive, be issued a packaged beer permit.

ROLL CALL

6 Yeas

0 Nays

3 Absent

CARRIED

Councilman Washington joined the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

Mr. Jim Elfers, a representative of Cartier and Associates Consulting Engineers, reported on the 201 Sewerage Project stating an amendment to the February 14th, 1979 negative declaration was issued by the Environmental Protection Agency on August 28th, 1981, which stated the Environmental Protection Agency would share the cost of the selected alternative on the usual formula of seventy-five percent from E.P.A. and twenty-five percent from local sources, assuming that all costs were eligible and that funds are available for obligation. Mr. Elfers stated on September 8th, 1981, a copy of the Wasteload Allocation Study prepared by the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources was received by his office from Mr. Reinhard Dearing, and the study recommended three alternatives for evaluation by the City for discharge treatment. Mr. Elfers stated the study and its recommendations were under review by his office. It was moved by Councilman Barthelmy, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, that the 201 Sewerage Project be tabled until the September 22nd, 1981 meeting.

ROLL CALL

7 Yeas

0 Nays

2 Absent

CARRIED

As advertised, a public hearing was opened in connection with Item No. 81-8-353, a proposed Code of Ordinances Amendment. Mr. Reinhard Dearing explained the ordinance was technical in nature and would replace the words "Board of Aldermen" with the words "Sidlell City Council". As no one indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed and Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 1433.

ROLL CALL

7 Yeas

0 Nays

2 Absent

CARRIED

Councilman Singletary joined the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

As advertised, a public hearing was opened in connection with Item No. 81-8-354, a proposed ordinance creating a department of animal control. President Martinez stated the ordinance was drafted upon the advise of the Council's Advisory to the Humane Society, but it had been found that there is presently an animal control department already on the books. Mr. Dearing, Council Administrator, stated the proposed ordinance, if adopted, would maintain an animal control department under the city structure but it would be in a revised form. Mr. Stanley Martin, President of the Sidell Humane Society, addressed the Council stating the Humane Society had been recently reorganized and he requested the Council to delay action on the proposed ordinance until the first of November in order to provide the Humane Society time to evaluate the program now in operation and submit to the Council their recommendations outlining the methods they would like to see used for animal welfare in the community. Mrs. Niki McDonald, Council Advisory to the Humane Society, expressed the need for a meeting between all parties involved in order to discuss the problems of the Humane Society and the animal shelter and work toward their solution. As no one else indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed on Item No. 81-8-354. Councilman Hinton, seconded by Councilman Caruso, moved to table action on the proposed ordinance until the November 10th, 1981 meeting of the Council at which time the Council will receive recommendations from the Humane Society.

ROLL CALL

8 Yeas

0 Nays

1 Absent

CARRIED

As advertised, a public hearing was opened in connection with Item No. 81-8-355, a proposed ordinance amending Section 3-61 of the Code of Ordinances, Gallonage tax on beverages of Low Alcoholic Content. Mr. Reinhard Dearing stated in order to comply with changes made in State Law, this proposed ordinance must be adopted as the City ordinance tracked State Law. As no one indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed and Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 1434.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Abstain	1 Absent	CARRIED
			(Martinez)		

It was moved by Councilman Hinton, seconded by Councilman Caruso, that the Council's Rules of Procedure be suspended in order to discuss the City's leash law.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent	CARRIED
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Mr. William Reavis, 136 Southpark, spoke in opposition to the registration fee required for animals. Councilman Caruso addressed the question stating the registration fee was a service to the people whose dogs are registered and it helped to raise funds to run the Animal Shelter. Mr. Norman Pedelamore and Mr. Donald Miller spoke regarding the enforcement of the leash law stating they had vicious dogs in their neighborhoods which posed a threat to their families and they had been unsuccessful in their attempt to get the dogs taken care of. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the enforcement of the leash law.

President Martinez informed the Council that he had received a letter of resignation from Mr. John J. Coerver, a member of Fire Protection District No. 1 Board. President Martinez requested the appointment of a new member to replace Mr. Coerver be placed on the September 22nd Agenda for Council action.

Mayor Hart requested the Council to authorize him to hire special legal counsel to review a permit application of Gulf Outlet Marine to construct additional buildings. He stated this action was necessary as the situation would put Mr. Walter, City Attorney, in a conflict of interest dilemma as Mr. Walter's partner represented Gulf Outlet Marine. After discussion, it was moved by Councilman Hinton, seconded by Councilman Singletary, that the Mayor be authorized to hire an attorney to review the Gulf Outlet Marine zoning matter at an amount not to exceed \$500.00. Councilwoman Wood called for the question.

ROLL CALL	4 Yeas	4 Nays	1 Absent	FAILED
On Question		(Wood/Singletary)		
		(Caruso/Martinez)		

President Martinez requested Councilman Barthelmy, Vice-President of the Council, to chair the meeting after which Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, offered a substitute motion to authorize the Mayor to hire an attorney at the Mayor's discretion to review the Gulf Outlet Marine zoning matter at an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00. Councilman Martinez restated the motion to authorize the Mayor to hire an attorney at his discretion to review the Gulf Outlet Marine Zoning matter, with compensation not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) per hour, and the total sum of said attorney's fees shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	1 Nay	1 Absent	CARRIED
		(Hinton)		

It was moved by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe, that Mayor Hart be requested to contact Mr. Arthur Lemann, a New Orleans attorney, or any other attorney with similar expertise in zoning matters, to discuss the Gulf Outlet Marine issue before making his final choice of an attorney for this case. Councilwoman Wood called for the question.

ROLL CALL	5 Yeas	3 Nays	1 Absent	CARRIED
On Question		(Hinton/Singletary)		
		(Gallinghouse Hoppe)		

ROLL CALL	6 Yeas	2 Nays	1 Absent	CARRIED
On Motion		(Hinton/Singletary)		

Mrs. Virginia Roe, Director of Finance, addressed the Council regarding the funding of a transportation van for the Council on Aging stating the City now funds one-half of two transportation vans up to \$9,600.00. Mrs. Roe stated Mrs. Gloria Sellers, Director for the Council on Aging, had requested the City to approve the full funding of one transportation van which would be utilized within the city limits rather than fund one-half of two vans. It was moved by Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, that the Council authorize the Council on Aging funds to be used to fully fund one transportation van and to match Title XX funds up to the \$9,600.00 approved in the 1982 budget.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent	CARRIED
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Mr. Ralph Moser addressed the Council on behalf of St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 requesting the Council's support on two propositions which will be on the October 17th, 1981 ballot. Mr. Moser stated Proposition No. 1 would facilitate and permit the sale of bonds authorized by the voters in 1979 by increasing the interest rate of the bond issue to twelve percent, and Proposition No. 2 would renew a ten-mill tax which provides the bulk of the revenue for the Fire District. It was moved by Councilman Hinton, seconded by Councilman Washington, that the Council endorse the two proposed propositions which will be voted on by the qualified voters on October 17th, 1981, regarding Fire Protection District No. 1 and that the Council hereby urges all eligible voters to participate in said election and support these two propositions.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent	CARRIED
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As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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Councilman-at-Large
President of the Council

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Clerk of the Council