

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 24th, 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 Hinton, Martin, Caruso, and Gallinhouse Hoppe. Mayor Hart was absent.

Councilman Singletary requested Item No. 81-11-387, a proposed occupational tax license ordinance, be removed from the Consent Calendar and placed as Agenda Item No. 1 after which Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, moved the adoption of the following Consent Calendar as amended:

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of November 10th, 1981 Minutes
2. Proposed Ordinances: (Public Hearing December 22nd, 1981)
 - b. Item No. 81-11-388 (Rezoning Lots 1 & 2, Square 6, Pinecrest Subdivision-Doyle)
 - c. Item No. 81-11-389 (Annexation .034 Acre-Breeding)
 - d. Item No. 81-11-390 (Rezoning .331 Acre-Breeding)
 - e. Item No. 81-11-391 (Rezoning Lot 12, Square 4, Sidel1 Heights Subdivision-LaNasa)
 - f. Item No. 81-11-392 (Rezoning 1.76 Acres-Smart)
 - g. Item No. 81-11-393 (Rezoning Lots 1-10, Square 2, Sidel1 Business Sites-Herr)
3. Proposed Resolutions:
 - a. Senior Citizen Recreation Facility
4. Approval of Application for Plumbing and Gasfitters License
 - a. Daryl Miller

ROLL CALL	5 Yeas	0 Nays	4 Absent	CARRIED
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Mrs. Sarah Sink, Coordinator for the Senior Citizen's Center, offered support of the resolution to construct a senior citizen's facility in the John Sidel1 Municipal Park which was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Councilman Singletary requested his name be withdrawn as seconder to Item No. 81-11-387, a proposed occupational tax license ordinance, as his name had been placed on the proposed ordinance without his consent. Councilwoman Wood seconded the proposed ordinance as introduced by Councilman Martinez.

It was moved by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Barthelmy, that the Council's Rules of Procedure be suspended in order to address Agenda Item No. 6, Certificates of Appreciation. With no objections, the President so declared.

On behalf of the City Council, Councilwoman Wood presented Mrs. Niki McDonald a Certificate of Appreciation for her work and time she has devoted to the Sidel1 Animal Shelter and Humane Society as liaison officer to the Council.

On behalf of the City Council, Councilwoman Wood presented Mr. Jack Rennie a Certificate of Appreciation for his thorough research of traffic problems in Sidel1, particularly in connection with Rue Rochelle.

It was moved by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Singletary, that the Council's Rules of Procedure be suspended in order to address Agenda Item No 9, resolution of priorities regarding road districts. With no objections, the President so declared.

(Councilman Caruso joined the meeting at 6:55 P.M. and Mayor Hart joined the meeting at 7:00 P.M.)

Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilman Singletary, introduced a resolution requesting the Parish Council to prepare an estimate of funds they felt they could allocate by priority to road districts 14 and 15 with regard to 1982 road district funds which the Parish Council had "frozen". Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, moved the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL	6 Yeas	0 Nays	3 Absent	CARRIED
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1 It was moved by Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilman Caruso, that
2 the Council's Rules of Procedure be suspended in order to address Agenda Item No.
3 8, Mrs. Jean Broussard.

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5 ROLL CALL 6 Yeas 0 Nays 3 Absent CARRIED

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7 Mrs. Jean Broussard, 1444 Seventh Street, owner of the Time Out Lounge,
8 addressed the Council regarding Ordinance No. 1266, which states that all businesses,
9 persons, or firms licensed to sell high and low content alcoholic beverages at
10 retail by the drink shall close their doors at 2:00 A.M. on Sunday and remain closed
11 until 10:00 A.M. on Sunday morning. Mrs. Broussard stated there were petitions
12 being circulated throughout the city supporting the abolishment of said ordinance.
13 She asked the Council to consider abolishing the ordinance and indicated a desire
14 to appear at the December 8th Council meeting with said petitions and hear the
15 Council's feelings regarding the matter.

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17 It was moved by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Caruso, that
18 the Council's Rules of Procedure be suspended in order to address Agenda Item No.
19 7, Mr. Willis McDonald. With no objections, the President so declared.

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21 Mr. Willis McDonald, City Bond Attorney, offered a resolution for council
22 adoption authorizing the advertising for sale on sealed bids of \$1,900,000 drainage
23 improvement bonds and \$1,780,000 sewerage improvement bonds. Councilman Singletary,
24 seconded by Councilwoman Wood, introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution.

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26 ROLL CALL 6 Yeas 0 Nays 3 Absent CARRIED

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28 (Councilman Hinton joined the meeting at 7:15 P.M.)

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30 Mr. McDonald requested the Council to give him authority to ask for a rating
31 on the bonds from Standard and Poor after which Councilman Caruso, seconded by
32 Councilwoman Wood moved to authorize Mr. Willis McDonald to apply to Standard and
33 Poor for a rating on both issues of bonds.

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35 ROLL CALL 7 Yeas 0 Nays 2 Absent CARRIED

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37 Mr. Carlos Gordon, City Engineer, addressed the Council regarding the
38 reports of the Department of Natural Resources and Steimle and Associates on
39 effluent discharge alternatives for the 201 Sewerage Project. He stated he had
40 reviewed both reports and had found major areas of discrepancy between the two
41 reports. Mr. Gordon suggested that since a final decision in the degree of treat-
42 ment to be implemented had not been made and as the final point of discharge had
43 not yet been selected, the City should seek the services of a third party to review
44 both reports on the different alternatives for the discharge of the new treatment
45 plant effluent and provide the City with a summary of their findings and submit
46 recommendations pertaining to further dealings with the Environmental Protection
47 Agency and the Department of Natural Resources for implementation of these findings.
48 Mr. Gordon presented a proposed contract between the City and Environmental
49 Professionals Limited, Inc. for said evaluation and asked the Council's approval of
50 said contract. Councilwoman Wood suggested the City Attorney review the contract
51 and report back to the Council later in the meeting with his opinion. With no
52 objections, the President deferred action on the proposed contract until the
53 City Attorney could review the contract.

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55 Reinhard Dearing, Council Administrator, explained the amendment to
56 tabled Item No. 81-10-372, a proposed Code of Ordinances amendment to Chapter 12,
57 Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article III, Parking, Stopping and Standing, stating
58 the amendment was technical in nature and would make the language uniform with
59 Ordinance No. 1444. Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, introduced
60 and moved the adoption of the amendment.

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62 ROLL CALL 7 Yeas 0 Nays 2 Absent CARRIED

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64 Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilman Barthelmy, moved the
65 adoption of Ordinance no. 1448, as amended (Item No. 81-10-372).

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67 ROLL CALL 7 Yeas 0 Nays 2 Absent CARRIED

As advertised, a public hearing was held in connection with Item No. 81-10-376, a proposed ordinance rezoning Heritage Estates Subdivision from A-7 Multi-Family Urban to A-6 Single Family Urban. Mr. Carl Esbensen, President of Heritage Estates Homeowner's Association, spoke in favor of the rezoning and presented a graph and petitions from 89.8% of the homeowners in the subdivision indicating their support of the rezoning. As no one else indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed. Councilman Singletary requested the graph and the petitions presented by Mr. Esbensen be made a part of the Minutes and the President so declared. Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 1449.

ROLL CALL 7 Yeas 0 Nays 2 Absent CARRIED

As advertised, a public hearing was held in connection with Item No. 81-10-377, a proposed ordinance annexing and rezoning 29.84 acres as requested by the Roman Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Barry Brupbacher, Planning Director, stated the Planning Commission had recommended approval of said request contingent upon the paving of Tyler Drive. Mr. Brupbacher informed the Council that Tyler Drive had been paved and brought up to standard; therefore, the Council could disregard the contingency and approve said request if they so desired. Mr. Glen Gennaro, principal of Pope John Paul II High School, spoke in favor of the annexation/zoning. As no one else indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed and Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 1450.

ROLL CALL 7 Yeas 0 Nays 2 Absent CARRIED

As advertised, a public hearing was held in connection with Item No. 81-10-378, a proposed ordinance annexing and zoning 40 acres as requested by the St. Tammany Parish School Board. Barry Brupbacher stated the annexation process was the same as Ordinance No. 1450 and the same explanations applied to this request. As no one indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed and Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy and Councilman Singletary, moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 1451.

ROLL CALL 7 Yeas 0 Nays 2 Absent CARRIED

As advertised, a public hearing was held in connection with Item No. 81-10-379, a proposed ordinance annexing Tyler Drive, Natchez Street, Yaupon Drive and Seminole Drive. As no one indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed and Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Caruso, moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 1452.

ROLL CALL 7 Yeas 0 Nays 2 Absent CARRIED

As advertised, a public hearing was held in connection with Item No. 81-10-380, a proposed ordinance amending the Municipal Employees Civil Service Pay Plan. Mr. Barry Brupbacher, Planning Director, explained the proposed ordinance would create three new classes of Planner, I, II, and III, under the Municipal Employees Civil Service Pay Plan. As no one indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed and Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 1453.

ROLL CALL 6 Yeas 0 Nays 1 Not Voting 2 Absent CARRIED
(Hinton)

As advertised, a public hearing was opened jointly in connection with Item Nos. 81-10-381 and 81-10-382, proposed ordinances amending the 1979-80 Operating Budget and the 1981-82 Operating Budget, respectively. Councilman Martinez stated the proposed ordinances were introduced at the request of the Mayor in order to allocate funds for a police substation in the John Sidel Municipal Park. As no one indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed. Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 1454 (Item No. 81-10-381).

ROLL CALL 7 Yeas 0 Nays 2 Absent CARRIED

Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 1455 (Item No. 81-10-382).

ROLL CALL 7 Yeas 0 Nays 2 Absent CARRIED

(Councilman Martinez leaves the meeting at 8:15 P.M.)

Carlos Cordon, City Engineer, explained the problems the City was facing regarding the sewer improvements on Robert Road and asked the Council to take emergency measures to authorize the readvertisement of bids and the awarding of a contract for the completion of sewer collection work on Robert Road. Acting upon the recommendation of the City Attorney, it was moved by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Washington, that a State of Emergency be declared regarding the sewer collection work on Robert Road as any delay in resolving the matter could result in property damage and become a threat to the welfare of residents in the area as well as a major inconvenience to the commercial businesses.

ROLL CALL 6 Yeas 0 Nays 3 Absent CARRIED

It was moved by Councilman Hinton, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, that the Mayor be authorized to receive and accept bids and award a contract for sewer collection work on Robert Road.

ROLL CALL 6 Yeas 0 Nays 3 Absent CARRIED

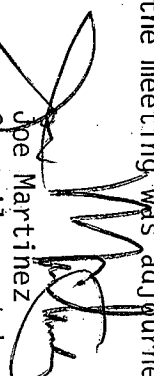
Mayor Hart discussed the removal of trees at the Lauren Plaza Shopping Center and stated he would make sure the Tree Ordinance was complied with.

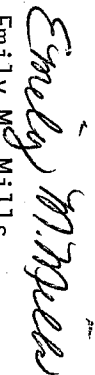
Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Caruso, introduced Item Nos. 81-11-394 through 81-11-410, proposed yearly tax ordinances, with a public hearing to be held December 22nd, 1981.

Lloyd Walters, City Attorney, informed the Council that the proposed contract between the City and Environmental Professionals Limited, Inc. for an evaluation of the reports of the Department of Natural Resources and Steimle and Associates regarding effluent discharge alternatives for the 201 Project was in order with the exception of a few minor changes. It was moved by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Washington, that the Council authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Environmental Professionals Limited, Inc. for an evaluation of the reports of the Department of Natural Resources and Steimle and Associates regarding effluent discharge alternatives for the 201 Project and that Environmental Professionals Limited, Inc. submit to the City a summary of their findings with recommendations for implementation of their findings.

ROLL CALL 6 Yeas 0 Nays 1 Not Voting 2 Absent CARRIED
(Hinton)

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.


Jose Martinez
Councilman-at-Large
President of the Council


Emily M. Mills
Clerk of the Council