

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 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 Caruso, Martin, and Singletary. Mayor Hart was absent.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of November 24th, 1981 Minutes
2. Proposed Ordinances: (Public Hearing January 12th, 1982)
 - a. Item No. 81-12-411 (Amendment to Sidel1 Business Preference Ordinance)
 - b. Item No. 81-12-413 (Amendment to Surplus Property Ordinance No. 1437)
 - c. Item No. 81-12-414 (Amendment to Surplus Property Ordinance No. 1400)

ROLL CALL 6 Years 0 Days 3 Absent CARRIED

With no objections from the Council, President Martinez deferred action on Item No. 81-11-383, a proposed ordinance naming the "San Bosco Municipal Park", until Councilman Caruso, author of the proposed ordinance, joined the meeting.

As advertised, a public hearing was held in connection with Item No. 81-11-384, a proposed ordinance levying a \$10.00 fee for all property tax researches to be performed by the City. Mrs. Virginia Roe, Director of Finance, stated the City presently charges \$4.00 or \$5.00 for this service but as there was no ordinance levying this fee, she had requested the fee be raised to \$10.00 to bring it more in line with what other cities are charging and to set the fee by ordinance. As no one indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed and Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Barthelmy, moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 1456.

ROLL CALL 6 Years 0 Days 3 Absent CARRIED

As advertised, a public hearing was held in connection with Item No. 81-11-385, a proposed ordinance amending Notification Ordinance No. 1297. Mr. Steve Buser, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, stated the proposed ordinance was to ensure that each utility which pays a franchise tax to the City be notified of all annexations. As no one indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed and Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe, moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 1457.

ROLL CALL 6 Years 0 Days 3 Absent CARRIED

As advertised, a public hearing was held in connection with Item No. 81-11-386, a proposed Peddler's Ordinance. Councilwoman Wood explained the proposed ordinance would tighten the language of the Peddler's Ordinance and make it easier to enforce.

(Mayor Hart joined the meeting at 6:45 P.M. and Councilmen Martin and Singletary joined the meeting at 6:50 P.M.)

The Council discussed charitable organizations being exempt from the distance and specific location requirements of the proposed Peddler's Ordinance and how and which organizations would, in fact, be determined as charitable.

(Councilman Caruso joined the meeting at 7:00 P.M.)

Mr. George Phillips, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police, spoke in favor of the enforcement section of the proposed ordinance stating it would be much easier to enforce than the present peddler's ordinance. As no one else indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed. The Council discussed the revocation of license by the City Council to which the majority of Council Members felt this should be handled by the City Court. Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Caruso, introduced Amendment A to the proposed ordinance which would delete a section of the ordinance prohibiting peddlers from peddling their wares within 3,000 feet of any retail outlet that sold similar wares. City Attorney, Lloyd Walters, stated he felt the 3,000 foot distance requirement was

1 excessive and should either be deleted or lowered to 500 feet if the Council felt
2 such a provision was needed. After discussion, Councilwoman Wood, seconded by
3 Councilman Caruso, withdrew Amendment A. Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilwoman
4 Wood, introduced Amendment B to the proposed peddler's ordinance which would require
5 itinerant markets or mobile vendors dealing in perishable foods to provide an
6 enclosed vehicle equipped with mechanical and/or electrical refrigeration system,
7 and Amendment C which would require itinerant markets or mobile vendors dealing in
8 perishable foods to provide proper refrigeration as required by the Louisiana
9 Sanitary Code. The Council discussed Amendment B versus Amendment C, and after
10 discussion, Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, moved the adoption
11 of Amendment C.

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13 ROLL CALL 9 Years 0 Nays CARRIED

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15 Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, withdrew Amendment B.

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17 Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, introduced Amendment D
18 to Item No. 81-11-386, which stated the legislative intent of the proposed peddler's
19 ordinance. Councilman Hinton, seconded by Councilman Caruso, moved the adoption
20 of Amendment D.

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22 ROLL CALL 9 Years 0 Nays CARRIED

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24 With no objections from the Council, the President deferred further
25 action on the proposed peddler's ordinance until amendments could be prepared.

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27 As advertised, a public hearing was held in connection with Item No.
28 81-11-383, a proposed ordinance naming the Effie and Rosa Park the "Sam Bosco
29 Municipal Park". Councilman Caruso made opening comments on why this name was
30 chosen for the park. As no one indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing
31 was closed. Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Barthelery, moved the
32 adoption of Ordinance No. 1458.

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34 ROLL CALL 9 Years 0 Nays CARRIED

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36 (Councilman Hinton Leaves the meeting at 7:55 P.M.)

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38 Mr. Gibb Farish from the St. Tammany Parish Planning Department, addressed
39 the Council regarding a resolution appointing a city representative to serve on
40 the Parish-Wide Solid Waste Committee. He explained the city's representative
41 would participate in the selection of an engineering or solid waste management firm
42 which the Parish Council would contract to conduct a solid waste engineering study
43 and develop a solid waste plan for St. Tammany Parish and receive and maintain
44 funds provided by the State for such study and plan. President Martinez recommended
45 Mr. Bob Lawrence be nominated to serve on this committee after which Councilwoman
46 Gallinghouse Hoppe moved the nomination of Mr. Bob Lawrence as the city's representative
47 to the Parish-Wide Solid Waste Committee.

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49 ROLL CALL 8 Years 0 Nays 1 Absent CARRIED

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51 Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe, introduced
52 a resolution appointing Mr. Bob Lawrence as the City's representative to the Parish-
53 Wide Solid Waste Committee. Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe, seconded by Councilman
54 Caruso, moved the adoption of the resolution.

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58 Carlos Cordon, City Engineer, informed the Council that work on the Lee
59 Street drainage pump station had been completed and requested the Council to
60 accept Saucier Construction Company's contract as complete in the amount of \$14,439.13,
61 along with Change Order No. 2, increasing the contract by \$2,481.00, to provide for
62 the use of concrete reinforcement rather than brick. It was moved by Councilman
63 Barthelery, seconded by Councilman Washington, that Change Order No. 2 be approved
64 and said contract be accepted as complete in the amount of \$14,439.13.

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Representatives of Arthur Andersen & Co. reviewed their suggestions for improvement of the City's accounting procedures and internal accounting controls in connection with the 1980-81 audit and as outlined in the Blueback.

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Joe Martinez
Councilman-at-Large
President of the Council

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