

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 24th, 1982
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President of the Council, Lionel J. Washington. All Council Members and Mayor Hart were present with the exception of Councilmen Martin and Caruso.

It was moved by Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe, that the Council's Rules of Procedure be suspended for the introduction of a proposed ordinance.

ROLL CALL 7 Yeas 0 Nays 2 Absent CARRIED

Councilman Washington, co-sponsored by Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilman Caruso, introduced Item No. 82-2-431, a proposed transit ordinance. Councilman Singletary requested the proposed ordinance be added to the Consent Calendar after which Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, moved the adoption of the following Consent Calendar as amended:

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of February 9th, 1982 Minutes
2. Proposed Ordinances: (Public Hearing March 23rd, 1982)
 - a. Item No. 82-2-426 (1981-82 Operating Budget Amendment)
 - b. Item No. 82-2-427 (1981-82 Operating Budget Amendment)
 - c. Item No. 82-2-428 (Municipal Employees Civil Service Pay Plan Amendment)
 - d. Item No. 82-2-429 (Annexation/Zoning 18.98 Acres-Parker)
 - e. Item No. 82-2-430 (Rezoning Lots 8 & 9, Square 4, Town of Slidell-Mercer)
 - f. Item No. 82-2-431 (Transit Ordinance)
3. Providing for the Deposit of Funds - Sale of Sewerage and Drainage Bonds
4. Application for Liquor/Beer Permit:
 - a. Ava L. Magill d/b/a The Rib Cage, 1306 Corporate Square Building

ROLL CALL 7 Yeas 0 Nays 2 Absent CARRIED

Councilwoman Wood made opening comments on tabled Item No. 81-12-412, a proposed sign ordinance. Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe, introduced and moved the adoption of Amendment #60 to the proposed sign ordinance which would add Interstate 10 to the list of roadways where billboards are permitted.

ROLL CALL 7 Yeas 0 Nays 2 Absent CARRIED

Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe, introduced and moved the adoption of technical Amendment #61 to Item No. 81-12-412.

ROLL CALL 7 Yeas 0 Nays 2 Absent CARRIED

Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe, introduced and moved the adoption of Amendment #62 to Item No. 81-12-412, which would set an effective date of March 15th, 1982.

ROLL CALL 6 Yeas 1 Nay 2 Absent CARRIED
(Hinton)

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

Councilman Hinton, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, introduced and moved the adoption of Amendment #63 to Item No. 81-12-412, setting regulations regarding billboards obstructing the view of free-standing signs or buildings.

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

Councilman Martin joined the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	CARRIED
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Councilman Hinton leaves the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

ROLL CALL	6 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent	2 Not Voting (Barthelemy/Caruso)	CARRIED
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ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent	1 Abstain (Caruso)	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held in connection with Item No. 82-1-424, a proposed ordinance employing Mr. Willis McDonald as bond attorney in connection with the sale of \$1,900,000 drainage improvement bonds. As no one indicated a desire to be heard, the public hearing was closed. President Washington noted a possible typographical error in the proposed ordinance after which it was moved by Councilman Martin, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe, that Item No. 82-1-424 be tabled until the March 9th, 1982 council meeting in order for an amendment to be prepared before adoption, if necessary.

ROLL CALL 8 Yeas 0 Nays 1 Absent CARRIED

It was moved by Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe, that the Council's Rules of Procedure be suspended in order to accept a contract as complete.

ROLL CALL 8 Yeas 0 Nays 1 Absent CARRIED

Acting upon the recommendation of Mayor Hart and Carlos Cordon, City Engineer, it was moved by Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, that Hercules Tank and Iron Works' contract for the interior coating of the Slidell water tower be accepted as complete in the amount of \$32,250.00, less 10% retainage.

ROLL CALL 8 Yeas 0 Nays 1 Absent CARRIED

The City Engineer gave a report on the progress of the police substation in John Slidell Municipal Park. After discussion, it was moved by Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe, that Mr. Cordon, City Engineer, meet with Mr. Dave Parker of Parker Construction, Inc., to seek any advice and expertise he might lend to enhance the construction of the log cabin substation in exchange for Mr. Parker's recognition of participation in said project.

ROLL CALL 8 Yeas 0 Nays 1 Absent CARRIED

It was moved by Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilwoman Wood, that the Request for Proposal for Audit of Financial Records be accepted as presented for the year ending June 30, 1982.

ROLL CALL 8 Yeas 0 Nays 1 Absent CARRIED

It was moved by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, that Arthur Andersen & Co. be employed to perform a compliance audit on Federal Revenue Sharing, 1981, for a fee of \$2,700.00, in order to comply with federal guidelines.

ROLL CALL 8 Yeas 0 Nays 1 Absent CARRIED

Mr. Harry Grant, Executive Director of the St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation, addressed the Council and explained the agency's program and purpose in connection with their request for funding a portion of their program. After discussion, it was moved by Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilman Martin, that the matter be tabled until the March 9th, 1982 meeting. Councilman Singletary withdrew his motion for further discussion, after which no council action was taken.

The City Engineer and the City Planner made a presentation on the proposed Community Youth Center project. After discussion, it was moved by Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe, that the City Engineer and the City Planner proceed with preparing a proposal to be advertised and let for the design and construction of a Community Youth Center for Slidell.

ROLL CALL 7 Yeas 0 Nays 1 Absent 1 Not Voting CARRIED
(Singletary)

Mrs. Gloria Sellers, Executive Director of the St. Tammany Council on Aging, addressed the Council regarding the proposed Senior Citizens Center. After discussion, it was moved by Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilwoman Gallinghouse Hoppe, that preceded upon the receipt of capital improvement funds from the State Mineral Trust Funds, funds not to exceed \$100,000 be allocated toward the construction of a senior citizens recreational facility, said facility to be owned by the City of Slidell with the Council on Aging managing and maintaining the facility predicated upon a satisfactory contract or agreement for management and maintenance between the Council and the Council on Aging being approved.

ROLL CALL 8 Yeas 0 Nays 1 Absent CARRIED

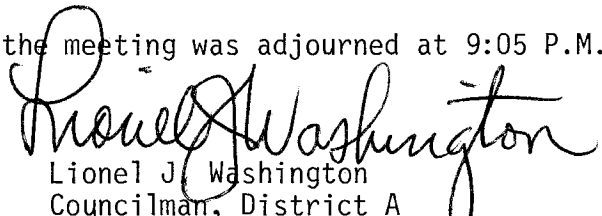
It was moved by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Martin, that the Council's Rules of Procedure be suspended in order to address an emergency situation.

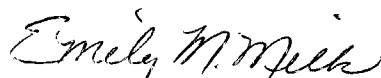
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Councilman Caruso advised that Southern Shipyards had filed suit to stop construction of the waterworks facilities in Bonfouca Estates. Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Martin, moved that the Council request the City Attorney and/or the City Bond Attorney, to go into court and ask the judge to require the plaintiff, Southern Shipyards, to post a bond sufficient to cover any increase in the cost of construction of said project that might occur, from the day of the filing of the suit until the settlement of the suit, said bond to work in favor of the residents of Bonfouca so that they would not suffer financially as a result of the suit, and, should the plaintiff lose the suit, the Court would be requested to order them to pay the difference in cost as well as the court cost.

ROLL CALL 8 Yeas 0 Nays 1 Absent CARRIED

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.


Lionel J. Washington
Councilman, District A
President of the Council


Emily M. Mills
Clerk of the Council