

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 26th, 1983
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order in the Slidell Municipal Auditorium by the President of the Council, Lionel J. Washington. All Council Members and Mayor Hart were present with the exception of Councilman Martinez.

Councilman Salvaggio explained the Resolution before the Council with regards to the Fremaux/I-10 Interchange. Councilman Salvaggio introduced Mr. John Evanco, from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. Mr. Evanco presented the States view on the Interchange and the widening of Fremaux Avenue. The State would not request the Interchange from the Federal Government unless the State is assured of the full support of the local persons.

As advertised a public hearing was held in connection with the widening of Fremaux Avenue and proposed I-10 Interchange. There were many citizens voicing their opposition to widening Fremaux Avenue to more than three lanes. There were citizens requesting service roads along both sides and just one side of the Interstate. There were citizens in favor of the Interchange that did not have a preference to the number of lanes for Fremaux Avenue. A general discussion followed with citizens and Mr. John Evanco from the Department of Transportation and Development. As no one else from the public desired to be heard, the public hearing was closed. At this time, a general discussion between the Councilmembers and Mr. Evanco took place regarding the requirements for the Interchange and the widening of Fremaux Avenue.

At this time, Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilman Singletary moved for the adoption of the following amendment to the Resolution with regards to the I-10 Interchange at Fremaux Avenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that priority be given by all Federal, State, Parish and City agencies and authorities to pursue and/or sanction construction and improvement of service roads parallel to I-10 in the greater Slidell area.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman Berault moved for the adoption of the Resolution as amended.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman Martinez moved to table the Resolutions pertaining to the widening of Fremaux Avenue until such time as a meeting could be arranged with the State Authorities in Baton Rouge.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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It was requested that Reinhard J. Dearing, Council Administrator, contact the proper authorities for the arrangements for this meeting.

Councilman Berault at this time made a formal request of Mr. John Evanco for a meeting with the state authorities in Baton Rouge, with the Department of Transportation and Development, to discuss Gause Boulevard.

A motion was made by Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman Martinez to publicly thank Mr. John Evanco, Department of Transportation and Development, State of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, for the time he took in helping the citizens of Slidell with this problem.

At this time, Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilman Callahan moved to include Item number 11 on the Agenda (Westchester Area Homeowners Association) in the discussion of the Flooding/Drainage in the City of Slidell.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Not Voting (Barthelemy)	0 Absent	CARRIED
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A public discussion was held in connection with Flooding/Drainage. Councilman Callahan gave opening remarks addressing this issue. There were many citizens addressing the Council and the Mayor as to the existing problems in their area. As noted the majority of those citizens present were from District B, represented by Councilman Callahan. Following the citizens remarks, Mayor Hart

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1 was asked to respond to the complaints. Bob Smith, City Engineer, and Jack Boyd,
2 Department head for the Water and Sewer Treatment department, also responded to
3 the complaints. A general discussion was held among the Council, Mayor Hart,
4 Department heads and citizens.

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6 Nikki McDonald presented a petition to the Council with regards to the
7 strong objection to the placement of a Federal Housing Unit for the low income
8 and elderly in the Westchester area.

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10 Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilman Callahan moved for the
11 adoption of a Resolution stating the Council's opposition to the establishment
12 of any multi-family dwellings or housing projects in the Westchester Subdivision
13 area.

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15 ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

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17 Barry Brupbacher, Director of Planning and Permits, stated to the Council
18 and the citizens that when the Housing Authority makes a choice, at that point it
19 is a matter of public record which site they are choosing and you will know if
20 Westchester is the site they wish for the project. The permit cannot be denied
21 if the Federal Authorities choose this site, however, as Reinhard Dearing,
22 Council Administrator, stated "traditionally" the Housing Authority does ask for
23 a resolution of no objection to the site they desire from the local governing
24 authority. If this resolution is not obtained, they "traditionally" will not
25 keep the site.

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27 The petition presented to the Council is made a part of these minutes.

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29 At this time, the Council recessed for 15 minutes and will reconvene in
30 the Council Chambers.

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32 President of the Council, Lionel J. Washington, called the meeting
33 back to order at 10:35 P.M.

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35 Councilman Van Sandt requested the removal of Item Number 3a(Proposed
36 Resolutions: Home Rule Charter - St. Tammany Parish) from the Consent Calendar.

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38 Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt moved for the
39 adoption of the following Consent Calendar as amended:

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41 CONSENT CALENDAR

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43 1. Approval of April 12th, 1983 Minutes.
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45 2. Proposed Ordinances: (Public Hearing - May 24th, 1983)
46 a. Item No. 83-4-568 (Amending Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances of the
47 City of Slidell, by adding thereto a new section, to be designated as
48 Section 9-13. Relative to offenses against general peace and order.)
49 (Washington/Salvaggio)
50 b. Item No. 83-4-569 (Annexation and C-2 Zoning (First United Pentecostal
51 Church)(Williams/Washington by request)
52 c. Item No. 83-4-570 (Rezoning from A-6 to A-7 (Mr. Clifton Alexander)
53 (Callahan/Washington by request)
54 d. Item No. 83-4-573 (Amending Ordinances No. 1490, a Sign Ordinance)
55 (Washington/Callahan by request)
56 e. Item No. 83-4-574 (Amending Ordinance No. 1502, an Ordinance establishing
57 a Municipal Employees and Municipal Police Employees Civil Service
58 Pay Plan)(Washington/Van Sandt)
59 f. Item No. 83-4-575 (Adopting an organizational plan of the executive branch
60 of government of the City of Slidell)(Singletary/Barthelemy)
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62 3. Proposed Resolutions:
63 a. Removed
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65 4. Approval of Liquor/Beer Permit:
66 a. Catherine S. Bremond d/b/a Le Mistral, 2228 Carey Street
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68 ROLL CALL 8 Yeas 0 Nays 1 Absent CARRIED

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(Martinez)

Councilman Van Sandt spoke on Item 3a removed from the Consent Calendar (Proposed Resolution: Home Rule Charter - St. Tammany Parish) stating that since this is such a controversial subject and in court, he would rather not ask his fellow councilmembers to ratify this at this time.

Councilman Martinez joined the meeting at 10:37 P.M.

Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman Callahan moved to Suspend the Rules to introduce a Resolution regarding the flooding reported from the Pearl River with regards to Slidell proper.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman Callahan moved for the adoption of the Resolution.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Tabled Item 3a (Receiving and Accepting of Bids: Mower/Tractor) was brought before the Council. Following a discussion among the Council, Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt moved to reject all bids and re-advertise.

ROLL CALL	5 Yeas	4 Nays (Washington) (Martinez) (Barthelemy) (Williams)	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Item 3b (Item No. 83-2-553 (Amending Chapter 11. Health and Sanitation of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, by adding a new Section 11-50 Garbage Dumpsters and Containers Regulated) was brought before the Council. Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to table this until Councilman Singletary stated that this item would be ready for Council approval.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Item 3c (Item No. 83-3-562 (Amending Chapter 11. Health and Sanitation of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell) was brought before the Council Councilman Berault, seconded by Councilwoman Williams moved to table this until this item would be ready for Council approval.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Item 3d (Item No. 83-3-560 (Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell by adding a new Chapter 19. Charitable Raffles, Bingo and Keno Licensing) was brought before the Council. Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Callahan moved to table this until such time it is ready for Council approval.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Item 3e (Item No. 83-3-555 (Amending Ordinance No. 795, a Zoning Ordinance) was brought before the Council. Councilman Berault, seconded by Councilman Singletary moved to table this item.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio moved to Suspend the Rules and accept three Electricians License applicants.

Max M. Yeager
Sidney Arceneaux
Michael Pearson

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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1 Bob Smith, City Engineer, reported that an emergency situation is present.
2 Mr. Smith requested that we upgrade the vacuum pump to a Camel "200" for the 201
3 Sewerage Improvement Project. In order to do this, we must accept the change
4 order from Cajun Contractors for slightly less than \$93,226.00, which is a
5 combination of the \$75,000.00 allocated for this item and the \$18,226.00
6 credit that we have coming from Cajun Contractors.
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8 The city attorney stated that since this was part of the original
9 bid the process was proper.
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11 Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy moved that
12 on the recommendation of the City Engineer and the Mayor, we accept the change
13 order from Cajun Contractors for slightly less than \$93,226.00.
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15 ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED
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17 Mrs. Roe, Director of Finance, addressed the Council stating that there
18 is a need to have ordinances for tax millage introduced and passed prior to June 1,
19 1983. Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio moved to Suspend the
20 Ruled to introduce millage ordinances.
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22 ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED
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24 Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt moved to introduce
25 Item No. 83-4-576 through 83-4-594.
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27 The Resolution from the Planning Commission regarding Highway 190 was
28 brought before the Council. After discussion among the Council, Councilman Barthelemy
29 seconded by Councilman Singletary moved to accept this Resolution.
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31 ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED
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33 The Resolution from the Planning Commission regarding the opening
34 of McKinney Street was brought before the Council. After discussion, Councilman
35 Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman Berault moved to table this item.
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37 ROLL CALL 8 Yeas 1 Nay 0 Absent CARRIED
38 (Williams)
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40 Councilman Martinez requested that the Road Millage be placed on the Agenda
41 for the next meeting (May 10, 1983) for discussion purposes.
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43 Councilman Berault reported to the Council that the Annexation Committee
44 met with the following action being take: Barry Brupbacher, Director of Planning
45 and Permits and Reinhard Dearing, Council Administrator, reported to the Committee
46 on Louisiana Statues regarding annexation. The Committee will be recommending
47 to the Council specific legislative programs that the Committee thinks can be
48 accomplished to change the statues to give the City of Slidell a better situation
49 regarding annexation.
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51 It was moved by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Berault
52 for the Council to go into executive session at the request of the City Attorney
53 to discuss the Bennett vs. City of Slidell, et al.
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55 ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED
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57 The Council went into executive session at 11:40 P.M.
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59 The Council returned from executive session at 11:53 P.M.
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61 Moved by Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adjourn.
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63 ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED
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