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April 14, 1987
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Council, Councilman Washington. All Council members were present with the exception of Councilman Van Sandt and Councilman at Large Martinez.

Councilman at Large Singletary removed Consent Calendar Item No. 3.b., Resolution R87-16, a resolution supporting the restoration of United States Citizenship for John Slidell, (Singletary/Williams-Washington), for discussion.

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Berault moved to adopt the following Consent Calendar as amended:

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the minutes of the March 24, 1987 Regular Meeting, the March 31, 1987 Special Meeting, the April 1, 1987 4:30 P.M. Special Meeting, and the April 1, 1987 6:30 P.M. Special Meeting of the Slidell City Council.
 2. **Proposed Ordinances:**
 - a. **Item No. 87-04-1128:** An ordinance amending Chapter 17. Taxation and Licenses, Article III. Sales and Use Tax, Section 17-35. Imposition of tax., of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, (Washington/Callahan).
 - b. **Item No. 87-04-1161:** An ordinance amending Chapter 2. Administration, Article I. In General, Section 2-2. Date, place, time of regular meetings of mayor and council., Sub-part (b), of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, (Washington/Callahan).
 - c. **Item No. 87-04-1162:** An ordinance amending Chapter 2. Administration, Article I. In General, Section 2-2.2. Certain city and parish officials to be notified upon adoption of annexation ordinances., Sub-parts (a), (b), and (c), of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, (Washington/Callahan).
 - d. **Item No. 87-04-1163:** The Louisiana Gas Service Company Franchise and related documents (Resolution R87-14 and The Slidell Gas Service Agreement), (Singletary/Martinez-Berault).
 - e. **Item No. 87-04-1166:** An ordinance amending Appendix A-Zoning, Part 10. Modifications and Exceptions, Section 10-4. Accessory buildings and uses., Sub-section 10.403 Communications, televisions and radio antenna or towers and satellite dishes., Sub-part (a)(2), of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, (Singletary/Washington).
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- f. **Item No. 87-04-1167:** An ordinance rezoning approximately 5.79 acres of land located on Palm Drive, Oleander Drive, and North Palm Drive in Bayou Lake Estates; approximately 159.96 acres of city-owned land located north by Canulette Road, south by Bonfouca Drive, east by Bayou Lake Estates, and west by Bonfouca Drive; approximately 3.72 acres of land located north of Bonfouca Drive and west of North Palm Drive and fronting on Bonfouca Drive; and approximately 6.526 acres of land located behind Lots 1-11 of Bayou Lake Estates lying west of Palm Drive, from M-2 Light Industrial to A-6 Single Family Urban, petitioned by the City of Slidell and property owners according to records on file in the Planning Department of the City of Slidell, (Washington/Van Sandt).
- g. **Item No. 87-04-1168:** An ordinance Sections 17-11. through 17-16. of Chapter 17. Taxation and Licenses, Article II. Licenses*, Division 1. Generally, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, (Washington/Callahan (both by request)).
- h. **Item No. 87-04-1169:** An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2069, an ordinance rescinding and reenacting Chapter 5. Auditorium and City Buildings, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, (Salvaggio/Washington (by request)).
- i. **Item No. 87-04-1170:** An ordinance declaring two police automobiles surplus and providing for the sale of said automobiles to the City of Mandeville, (Washington/Callahan (both by request)).

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON EACH OF THE ABOVE LISTED PROPOSED ORDINANCES ON TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1987 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEM NO. 87-04-1168 ABOVE WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1987 AND ON TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1987 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW.

3. **Proposed Resolutions:**

- a. **Resolution R87-15:** A resolution approving expansion of the CDBG target area, (Washington/Callahan (both by request)).

3. **Approval of Special Function Liquor/Beer Licenses:**

- a. The International Association of Lions, Slidell Evening Lions Club - Antique Festival in Olde Towne - April 25 and 26, 1987.
- b. The International Association of Lions, Slidell Evening Lions Club - John Slidell Park - Softball Tournament on June 27 and 28, 1987.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent Van Sandt Martinez	CARRIED
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Councilman at Large Singletary read aloud Resolution R87-16. Mr. D'Antonio and Mr. John Hunley addressed the Council in favor of adopting this resolution.

Councilman at Large Singletary, seconded by Councilwoman Williams moved to adopt Resolution R87-16.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent	CARRIED
			Van Sandt	
			Martinez	

As advertised, a public hearing was held in connection with Item No. 87-03-1135, an ordinance annexing and zoning Lot No. 1, Indiana Avenue, from Parish Suburban Agricultural to A-6, Single Family Urban, petitioned by Debra Landry Diecidue, (Washington/Barthelemy (both by request). As no member of the public desired to be heard, the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Berault moved to adopt Item No. 87-03-1135.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent	CARRIED
			Van Sandt	
			Martinez	

As advertised, a public hearing was held in connection with Item No. 87-03-1136, an ordinance amending Chapter 2. Administration, Article VII. Code of Ethics*, Section 2-110. Disclosure of certain financial interest., and Section 2-111. Form of financial statement., of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, (Washington/Callahan (both by request). As no member of the public desired to be heard, the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy moved to adopt Item No. 87-03-1136.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent	CARRIED
			Van Sandt	
			Martinez	

As advertised, a public hearing was held in connection with Item No. 87-03-1137, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2065, an ordinance authorizing Mayor Salvatore A. Caruso, or his authorized representative, to sign any and all documents in connection with the lease of a parcel of city-owned land to Mr. L. J. Levy Jr., (Washington/Callahan (both by request). As no member of the public desired to be heard, the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy moved to adopt Item No. 87-03-1137.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent	CARRIED
			Van Sandt	
			Martinez	

Councilman at Large Singletary, seconded by Councilwoman Williams moved to Suspend the Rules in order to move up Agenda Item No. 6, Water Study Committee.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent	CARRIED
			Van Sandt	
			Martinez	

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Mr. Ken Hemphill, District No. 1 Water Program Supervisor of the Department of Health and Human Resources, addressed the Council. He discussed the chronic problem of "black water" here in Slidell and his recommendations for improving on the situation.

Councilman Van Sandt entered at 6:50 P.M.

Councilman at Large Martinez entered at 6:55 P.M.

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy moved to request the City Engineer proceed with obtaining all information he needs including prices for capital and operational expenses in connection with the recommended disinfection of the City's potable water distribution system and forward that information to the Council; and that the Council initiate proceedings to fund this water program in the Fiscal Year 1987-88 Budget.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

At this time, Councilman at Large Martinez requested a meeting of the Franchise Committee be set up within the next two weeks.

After the Administrative report concerning Fremaux Ave. and the Fremaux/I-10 Interchange, Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman at Large Martinez moved to fund up to \$4,000 to temporarily repair Fremaux Avenue at its most critically damaged points. Councilman Barthelemy suggested that the work begin only after a letter is sent to the State notifying them of the problem, that the Council is willing to assist, however, that it is the State's responsibility, and try to get some help from the State, if not by their doing all of the temporary repair work then at least some assistance would be called for.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

The City Engineer then addressed the Council regarding the March 24, 1987 acceptance of Water Meter Bids that did not meet specifications. Councilman Berault, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio moved to table a decision on the water meter bids until the next meeting so that the City Engineer will have enough time to follow proper procedure in notifying the low and accepted bidder.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

Finance Director David Squires notified the Council of the Administration's intent to acquire a utility rate study.

A lengthy discussion then ensued among the Council and the Administration in regard to the design, costs, funding status, scheduling, and value engineering of the Sewerage Treatment Plant. The City Engineer updated the Council on the operation of the plant and the status of the grant for the expansion. The Council was in general agreeable to value engineering of same.

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Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio moved the Council go into Executive Session to discuss Council staff selection and to discuss pending litigation regarding the City/Parish Sales Tax/Annexation issue.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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The Council entered Executive Session at 8:15 P.M.

Councilman Van Sandt left Executive Session and the meeting at 9:45 P.M.

Council returned from Executive Session at 10:05 P.M.
Councilman Berault was not present.

Councilman at Large Martinez then introduced two amendments to proposed ordinance Item No. 87-04-1165, the public hearing to be held on same on Tuesday, April 21, 1987 as advertised. Councilman at Large Martinez made his feelings known that the clear intent of any compromise agreement at all was to try to reach an "equal partnership" agreement.

Councilman at Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio moved to Suspend the Rules in order to allow Mr. Roy Laurent to address the Council.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent Van Sandt Berault	CARRIED
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Mr. Laurent addressed the Council concerning a problem he had with the present Building Code which did not allow him to do his own plumbing at his property on Effie Street. After considering Mr. Laurent's comments he was instructed that the Council could not disobey their own law by exempting him from that restriction, nor did they feel they should set precedent.

Councilman Berault returned to the meeting at 10:12 P.M.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

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

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