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REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Berault read Resolution R87-48, a resolution expressing opposition to the establishment of offtrack betting parlors in the City of Slidell. The President opened the discussion and Mr. Jack Lohman addressed the Council. Mr. Lohman stated that he represents Jefferson Downs, the Fair Grounds and the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association. He stated that the breeding of thoroughbred race horses is the second largest industry in the Parish. He presented the Council Members with pamphlets and also showed a video recording on offtrack betting. He reviewed its advantages with the Council, such as jobs, increased taxes, etc.

Also introduced was Mr. Warren de Brueys, Managing Director of the New Orleans Metropolitan Crime Commission. Mr. de Brueys addressed the Council on the problems related to offtrack betting parlors. He stated that offtrack betting parlors would undermine the stability of neighborhoods, increase drug use, and ruin the quality of life in the area.

A discussion by the Council followed.

Councilman Berault, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to adopt Resolution R87-48.

ROLL CALL	4 Yeas	5 Nays	0 Absent	DENIED
		(Washington)		
		(Callahan)		
		(Salvaggio)		
		(Williams)		
		(Martinez)		

The Resolution failed.

APPOINTMENT:

Councilman Van Sandt reviewed the re-appointment of Ms. Anne Flotte to the Board of Zoning Adjustment with the Council.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to reappoint Ms. Anne Flotte to the Board of Zoning Adjustments.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent	CARRIED
			(Berault out of room)	

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 87-10-1313, an ordinance rescinding and reenacting Slidell Code of Ordinance, Appendix A-Zoning. Section 2.2502, Land Clearing Permit Required. Since no one from the public appeared to speak, the public hearing was closed. Councilman Barthelemy led a brief discussion regarding the technicalities of the ordinance. He stated the ordinance protects oak and magnolia trees. City Planner, Pete Cioni, explained the administration and standards of the ordinance. Councilman Callahan stated that he had some reservations regarding the ordinance, and requested the matter be tabled for further clarification.

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to table Item No. 87-10-1213.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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PUBLIC HEARINGS (CONTINUED):

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 87-10-1214, an ordinance annexing and zoning approximately 11 acres of land located north of I-10 and east of I-59 from Parish to C-4 Highway Commercial, as petitioned by Kenneth R. George, Sr., representing Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Salassi, along with Amendment A to Item No. 87-10-1214, and amendment amending Item No. 87-10-1214.

Mr. Kenneth George addressed the Council as to the possible commercial development of the tract. He stated the area was ideal for future commercial development, but at the present time he only wanted to place billboards on the property, as the City Code of Ordinances would permit. Councilman Van Sandt informed Mr. George that the City would not provide water/sewer services. After a brief discussion with City Attorney, Elaine Guillot, Councilman-at-Large Singletary said that the law states that the owner of the property would have to pay for water/sewer services when located under the Interstate Highway. Councilwoman Williams stated that it would be a very difficult and expensive project. She also added that it would be a liability for the City to maintain the additional 2,600 feet of roadway located on Brownsitch.

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to deny Amendment A of Item No. 87-10-1214.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Singletary)	DENIED
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Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to deny Item No. 87-12-1214, as amended.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Singletary)	DENIED
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The petition was denied.

At this time, 8:10 p.m. Council President Washington called for a brief recess. The Council Members returned at 8:15 p.m. to resume the meeting.

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 87-10-1215, an ordinance annexing and rezoning approximately 3.61 acres of land located east of Robert Road as petitioned by Robert J. Madison, representing Lucille C. Alford and the estate of Karla N. Madison, along with Amendment A, an amendment amending Item No. 87-10-1215.

Mr. Robert J. Madison appeared before the Council requesting that this item be tabled until the next Council Meeting. Councilman-at-Large Singletary explained that Mr. Madison has petitioned for annexation and rezoning of an additional twenty-one (21) feet and would prefer that the two (2) pieces of property be annexed and zoned as one (1) parcel.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to table Item No. 87-10-1215 until the next Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent	CARRIED
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At this time, 8:30 p.m. Councilman Berault left the meeting.

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 87-10-1216, an ordinance rescinding and reenacting Article IV. Flood Hazard Prevention * of Chapter 7 Buildings*. Since no one from the public appeared, the public hearing was closed.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS (CONTINUED):

City Planner, Pete Cioni, addressed the Council as to the revisions in the current flood hazard ordinance. He stated that the National Flood Insurance Program required the changes in order to bring the City into compliance with the Federal Government. He advised the Council that the changes in the ordinance covered mobile homes and definitions. Councilman Callahan led a brief discussion concerning variance procedures. Councilwoman Williams questioned the requirements for flood insurance on certain streets in her district. City Engineer, Stan Polivick, stated that there were many misconceptions regarding 100 year storm statistics.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to adopt Item No. 87-10-1216.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Berault)	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 87-10-1217, an ordinance revoking all dedicated rights-of-way within several parcels of land located north of Highway 190 and west of the Southern Railroad right-of-way. Since no one from the public appeared to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Barthelemy requested that this item be tabled as the developers and the City are presently working on improvements.

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to table Item No. 87-10-1217.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Berault)	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 87-10-1218, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2113 Occupational License Tax, to provide exemptions for editors and publishers. As no one from the public appeared to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Van Sandt led a brief discussion questioning whether or not adopting this ordinance would put the City in a position which would allow the Parish to tax the newspapers. City Attorney, Elaine Guillot, stated that the ordinance does not exempt them from the tax, but it just states that we cannot force them to close due to an unpaid Occupational License Tax. She added that this item was recommended by the Louisiana Municipal Association. The Council requested that the provisions for "Cable T.V. Operator" be removed from the Ordinance.

Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to table this item until the next meeting.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Berault)	CARRIED
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BIDS:

Chief of Staff, Reinhard Dearing, addressed the Council regarding the bid on one or more 1988 four-door sedans for the Slidell Police Department. He stated that Police Chief Max Rodriguez requested him to reject all bids as they did not meet bid specifications. He added that all bidders had been notified.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to reject all bids on one or more 1988 four-door sedans.

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

City Engineer, Stan Polivick, distributed a memo detailing his recommendations for Capital Projects on Bond Issue #2. He stated that there were twenty-seven (27) recommended projects for the Council to consider. Mayor Caruso added that twenty-five (25) of these recommended projects were generated by Council Members, and that only two (2) projects were presented by the Administration.

Mr. Polivick also updated the Council on the proposed street resurfacing project regarding BASS Asphalt Sealing Specialists.

Councilman Van Sandt inquired as to any progress Mr. Polivick has had regarding the unnecessary noise issue at the Party Barge. He stated that he recently made observations from the residence of the complainant and the Party Barge. He is conducting further research into the matter and feels the City needs the guidance and professional assistance of a sound expert. Councilman Callahan recommended that the Council President and Mayor meet with the owners of the Party Barge to discuss a compromise.

At this time, 9:35 p.m., Council President Washington moved to suspend the rules to go into executive session in order to discuss pending litigation.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Berault)	CARRIED
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The Council returned from executive session at 10:40 p.m.

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Berault)	CARRIED
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Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.


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


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Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council