

MINUTES

SLIDELL CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 22, 1987

6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Councilman Washington. All members were present with the exception of Councilman Salvaggio.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Callahan removed Item E. 1., the bid of Louisiana Utilities for sewer manhole cover liners, from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

Councilwoman Williams removed Item E. 2., the bid of John Brown Olds for one or more 1988 four-door sedans, from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to suspend the rules to return Item No. 87-10-1217 to the agenda and adopt same as 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.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Salvaggio)	CARRIED
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Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, presented Ms. Barbara Fennimore with a certificate of recognition in appreciation for her community service to the needy families of Slidell.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Salvaggio)	CARRIED
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CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the December 8, 1987 Meeting.

B. Proposed Ordinances:

1. **Item No. 87-12-1235:** An ordinance amending Chapter 15 Section 15-68. Pipe. of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, (Washington/Van Sandt).
2. **Item No. 87-12-1236:** An ordinance dedicating a right-of-way for Terrace Avenue and Tenth Street at the entrance to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, (Washington/Van Sandt, by request).
3. **Item No. 87-12-1237:** An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2140 Chapter 7. Buildings. of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, (Washington/Van Sandt, both by request).

NOTE: A Public Hearing will be held on the above listed ordinances on Tuesday, January 26, 1988 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

C. Approval of Liquor Licenses:

1. Chinese Chopsticks
2. Fashions Slidell

D. Special Recognition Certificate:

1. Julius Baham (Washington)

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REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Callahan briefly explained the funding required for Item E. 1., the bid of Louisiana Utilities in the amount of \$23.50 each for 1,000 or more sewer manhole cover liners.

Councilwoman Williams advised the Council that Assistant Police Chief Terry Parta would address them in regard to Item No. E. 2., the bid in the amount of \$13,302.75 of John Brown Olds for one or more 1988 four-door sedans. Assistant Chief Parta explained to the Council that Chief Max Rodriguez renegotiated the bid of John Brown Olds to a reduced cost of \$12,551.00.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to accept the bid of Louisiana Utilities in the amount of \$23.50 each for 1,000 or more sewer manhole cover liners, and the bid of John Brown Olds in the amount of \$12,551.00 for one or more 1988 four-door sedans.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Salvaggio)	CARRIED
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TABLED ITEMS

Item No. 87-08-1200, an ordinance rescinding and reenacting Section 2.15. Planned Development of Appendix A-Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, and Amendments A and B to Item No. 87-08-1200 were brought before the Council.

Councilman Berault explained that this ordinance is presented as a result of the work of the Planned Unit Development Committee. The following are significant changes adopted by the committee:

1. An ordinance is required for all action including adoption and changes.
2. PUD's will be used only to upgrade zoning.
3. Formal notification is required for all changes and must become part of the property deed.
4. A visual flow chart is added.
5. The minimum PUD size will be two (2) acres.
6. Recordation is required of all plats and ordinances.
7. Public notification is required for all changes.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary briefly explained amendments A and B to Item No. 87-08-1200. There was a general discussion regarding amendment B, with Councilman-at-Large Singletary deciding to withdraw Amendment B to Item No. 87-08-1200.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to adopt Amendment A to Item No. 87-08-1200.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Salvaggio)	CARRIED
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Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Berault, moved to adopt Item No. 87-08-1200, as amended.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Salvaggio)	CARRIED
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TABLED ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Item No. 87-08-1206, an ordinance rezoning a parcel of property identified as lots 1,2,3,4, and 16 of Square 33 of the Prevost Addition (also known as Pine Park Place) from A-4 Transitional to C-2 Neighborhood Commercial, as petitioned by Ray and Betty Gatwood, was brought before the Council.

City Planner Pete Cioni, gave a brief explanation of the requested rezoning of this property. Councilwoman Williams advised the Council that a new zoning category will be forthcoming for this area. It will be known as C-1 Fremaux Business District. She stated that in view of this change, the request to rezone as C-2 should be denied, and the fees waived for a reapplication to C-1 zoning when available. Councilman-at-Large Martinez stated that due to the size and location of the property he would have to remain in favor of the C-2 zoning request.

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to deny the adoption of Item No. 87-08-1206.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	1 Nays (Martinez)	1 Absent (Salvaggio)	CARRIED
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PUBLIC HEARINGS

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 87-11-1228, an ordinance amending ordinance No. 2020 Sign Regulation. of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Appendix A-Zoning Sections 502.41 and 527.04(B). Since no one from the public appeared to speak, the public hearing was closed. City Planner Pete Cioni, addressed the council on the vehicle sign restrictions and lead a brief discussion on the Grandfather Clause as it applies to this item.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Berault, moved to adopt Item No. 87-11-1228.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Salvaggio)	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 87-11-1229, an ordinance rezoning a parcel of property located on Rama Street in the Terrace Park Addition from A-8 High Density Urban to C-2 Neighborhood Commercial, as petitioned by Anne Pratt and Maria Viguerie. Since no one from the public appeared to speak, the public hearing was closed. City Planner Pete Cioni advised the Council that the Planning Commission recommended the rezoning of this property as all surrounding properties are presently zoned commercial.

Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to adopt Item No. 87-11-1229.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Salvaggio)	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 87-11-1230, an ordinance rezoning a parcel of property located on Gause Boulevard in the Log Cabin Subdivision from C-2 Neighborhood Commercial and C-4 Highway Commercial to C-4 Highway Commercial, as petitioned by Western Auto Supply Company. Since no one from the public appeared to speak, the public hearing was closed. City Planner Pete Cioni advised the Council that this parcel involves two (2) lots, one which is zoned C-2 and another which is zoned C-4. He stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission suggests both lots be zoned C-4.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to adopt Item No. 87-11-1230.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Salvaggio)	CARRIED
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PUBLIC HEARINGS (CONTINUED)

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 87-11-1231, an ordinance adding a new subsection to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell Appendix B Rules of Procedure Chapter 6. Agenda to identify executive session formats and procedures. Since no one from the public appeared to speak, the public hearing was closed. Councilman-at-Large Martinez lead a brief discussion on the ordinance and explained the format. Mayor Caruso inquired as to the proper form and procedure to be used for executive session. A general Council discussion followed.

Councilman-at-Large Martinez, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to adopt Item No. 87-11-1231.

ROLL CALL	6 Yeas	2 Nays	1 Absent	CARRIED
		(Barthelemy & Singletary)	(Salvaggio)	

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Caruso advised the Council that he received a response from the Department of Environmental Quality regarding the Compliance Order for the City of Slidell. He stated that D.E.Q. agrees with our schedule and financing for the project. He also requested the Council to enter an executive session regarding the Sales Tax Suit as he has an update in the matter.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Attorney Madeline Slaughter addressed the Council regarding Slidell Police Department retirement benefits. She briefly updated the Council on the findings furnished by City Attorney Elaine Guillot. Ms. Slaughter explained the issue in question regarding retirement benefits and asked for retirement credit and benefits for her clients. Also addressing the Council in this matter was Charles Edwards of the Slidell Police Department. He attempted to clarify the old retirement system in regard to the new system currently in effect.

Councilman Washington stated to Ms. Slaughter that the Council has reviewed all information regarding this matter and they feel that her clients received all benefits they were entitled to. Should she desire to take this matter further, she should address it to the State Legislature or the Police Municipal Retirement System.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At this time an election was held to nominate and elect a new President and Vice President for the Slidell City Council for the term of January 1988 through June 1988. Councilman-at-Large Martinez expressed the Council's appreciation for the job Council President Washington and Council Vice-President Van Sandt have done.

Councilman Berault, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Singletary, nominated Councilman Van Sandt as President of the Slidell City Council.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent	CARRIED
			(Salvaggio)	

Councilman-at-Large Martinez, seconded by Councilman Washington, nominated Councilman Callahan as Vice-President of the Slidell City Council.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent	CARRIED
			(Salvaggio)	

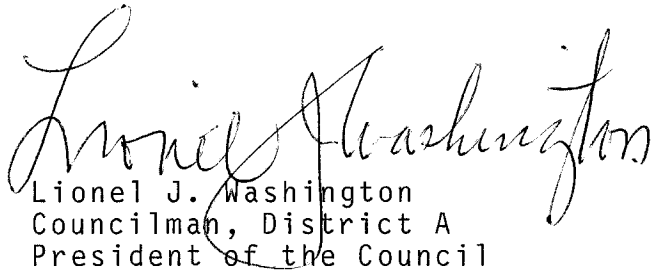
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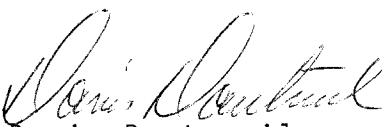
14 EXECUTIVE SESSION
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16 As requested by Mayor Caruso, Councilman-at-Large
17 Martinez, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to enter into
18 executive session in order to discuss the pending litigation on
19 the Sales Tax Suit.
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21 The Council entered into executive session at 7:30 P.M.
22 and returned at 7:55 P.M.
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24 Since there was no further business to discuss, the
25 meeting was adjourned.
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33 Councilman, District A
34 President of the Council
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39 Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council
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