

MINUTES

SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 1-A

MARCH 8, 1988

6:30 P.M.

The meeting of Sewerage District No. 1-A was called to order by the President, Councilman Van Sandt. All members were present.

Councilman-at-large Martinez, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to adopt the consent calendar as follows:

1. **Item No. 88-03-1251:** An ordinance amending Special Assessment Ordinance No. 6 of 1984 Sewerage District No. 1-A of the City of Slidell, Louisiana, (Van Sandt/Callahan, both by request).

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON THE ABOVE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1988, at 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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SLIDELL CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 8, 1988

6:35 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Councilman Van Sandt. All members were present.

Councilman Barthelemy removed Item B.1 and Councilman At Large Martinez removed Items D. 1, 2, and 3 from the consent calendar.

Councilman-at-Large Martinez, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved to adopt the consent calendar as amended.

A. Approval of the Minutes of February 23, 1988.

C. Bids and Request to Purchase:

1. Chlorine Accessory Equipment - \$1,224.00 each
2. Materials for Lights at Ducksworth Park - \$11,332.64

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Barthelemy spoke briefly on Item No. 88-03-1253, an ordinance authorizing the execution of a community service contract between the City of Slidell and the St. Tammany Council on Aging. He inquired as to the type of maintenance required for the parking lot. Councilman Callahan explained that the lot would need shells and grading only.

Councilman-at-Large Martinez, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to introduce Ordinance No. 88-03-1253.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

Items D,1,2 and 3 were removed from the consent calendar for discussion:

D. Project Approvals:

1. City Hall Renovations (Substantially Completed)
2. Change Order #1 (City Hall Renovations) - \$4,628.15
3. Change Order #2 (City Hall Renovations) - \$1,259.25

Councilman-at-Large Martinez briefly discussed the \$125,000 the Council appropriated for the City Hall renovations. He asked if there was any money remaining for City Council renovations, and was advised that there was less than \$1,000.00.

There was also a brief discussion with Chief of Staff Reinhard Dearing and City Engineer Stan Polivick regarding Change Orders. Councilman-at-Large Martinez requested that a memo be sent to Administration from the Council stating that the Council should be immediately notified of any change orders. It was determined that change orders under the amount of \$1,000 would not require prior Council approval, but immediate Council notification. It was requested that Council Administrator Davis Dautreuil prepare an amendment to the Rules of Procedure to establish a policy for administration of change orders under \$1,000.

Councilman-at-Large Martinez, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to accept Item D. 1, 2, and 3.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to suspend the rules to move up Item No. 9, Executive Session.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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The Council stated that they would enter into executive session for a short time, return to the regular agenda, and then finish the executive session later in the meeting. The Council entered into executive session at 6:50 P.M. and returned at 7:05 P.M.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

BID

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to suspend the rules to add a chlorine bid to the agenda.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Singletary Out of Room)	CARRIED
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City Engineer Stan Polivick reviewed details and cost of equipment with the Council.

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Singletary, moved to accept the Gulf State Chlorinator Bid Packet #1 and #2.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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TABLED ITEMS

Item No. 88-01-1238, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2144 of the Slidell Code of Ordinances, Appendix A-Zoning, Section 2.2502 Land Clearing Permit Required, was brought before the Council. Councilman Van Sandt briefly explained the ordinance. A public hearing was declared, but no one from the public appeared to speak.

Councilman-at-Large Martinez lead a brief discussion on the use of Loblolly Pine and Slash Pine trees in residential yards. He stated that he would like to prepare an amendment to this ordinance, and requested that this item be tabled for further study.

Councilman-at-Large Martinez, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to table Item No. 88-01-1238 until the Council meeting of March 22, 1988.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Item R88-8, a resolution expressing the City of Slidell's interest in participating in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program and a designation of such enterprise zone, and Item R88-9, a resolution stating the City of Slidell's endorsement of Standard Materials, Inc. to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program, was brought before the Council.

Councilman Van Sandt stated that there is much public interest in these two (2) resolutions and he feels that a public hearing should be held on these resolutions even though it is not required. Appearing to speak in favor of the Enterprise Zone Program were Lorraine Currier, Brent Bishop, and Bob Echols. Also appearing was Dianne Gustafson, who asked for more information on the Enterprise Zone. Councilman Van Sandt advised her that a public hearing will be held at a special meeting of the City Council and more information will be provided.

Councilman Callahan lead a discussion on the eligibility requirements for acceptance into the Enterprise Zone. Councilman-at-Large Singletary requested more specific information on the location of Standard Materials. He was advised by Mr. Bishop of Standard Materials that they are located on the site of the Old Gulf Outlet property. There was a brief discussion regarding the residential property of the area. A suggestion was made by Councilman Berault that an amendment be prepared to insure that the zone would apply only to existing commercial and industrial properties presently zoned M-2, light industrial.

Mayor Caruso addressed the Council stating that businesses presently located in the proposed Enterprise Zone would retain their present zoning classification and they would continue their business as they have in the past. City Planner Pete Cioni added that the entire block group has to be designated as an Enterprise Zone.

Councilman Berault, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to table Resolutions R88-8 and R88-9 until a special meeting of the Slidell City Council on March 15, 1988.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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SUSPENSION OF RULES

RENAMING OF SALMEN PARK

Councilman-at-Large Martinez, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to suspend the rules to bring up Item No. 8, Discussion Items, and Item No. 9, Executive Session.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

Larry Ciko, of the St. Tammany parish Sheriff's Office, addressed the Council on renaming Salmen Park as Veteran's Park. He stated that the City needs a permanent place to honor their veterans. He told the Council that he would like to hold a dedication of the park on May 21, 1988, which is Armed Services Day. Mr. Ciko distributed a report detailing the military history of one of Slidell's most decorated servicemen, the late James F. Goldman.

Councilmen-at-Large Martinez and Singletary both stated that the report prepared by Mr. Ciko was very good, and the Council will place this report in their archives along with the minutes of this meeting. Councilman-at-Large Singletary stated that the Council should hold a public hearing on this matter, and it should be introduced on March 15, 1988 during the special meeting for the Enterprise Zone. Councilman Van Sandt added that this should be done as an ordinance.

WATER SEWER RATE STUDY

Finance Director David Squires addressed the Council on the water sewer rate study recently conducted by David M. Griffith & Associates. He stated that the study points out serious deficiencies in the system. A lengthy Council discussion followed with Harry Reed of David M. Griffith & Associates explaining the study. He told the Council that the study determined revenue requirements, allocated cost of providing services, and developed the water rate structure. He added that the city has forty (40) miles of sub-standard mains and it has been twenty-five (25) years since major improvements were made.

Councilman Callahan recommended working on a joint venture with outlying areas to accomplish this. Councilman Barthelemy said that he would consider holding a special meeting of the City Council in order to address this issue.

OLDE TOWNE REVITALIZATION

Councilman Van Sandt stated that he had no new information on this issue but that he may call for a special City Council meeting in the near future to further discuss the progress. He added that Walter J. Skayhan & Associates would attend this special meeting to present the contract. Councilman Barthelemy advised the Council that there are some changes to be made in the contract. Eric Dubusion appeared to express his thanks to the Council for trying to help the business community of Olde Towne and asked for consideration in the way of water, sewer and street capital projects for the area. Also appearing was Dudley Smith who referred to the OZARK study. He said he hoped this proposed revitalization project would fair better, as the OZARK study accomplished very little. Mayor Caruso assured Mr. Smith that this proposed project is more than just a study. It attracts investors and puts the project together. He then delivered a prepared statement endorsing this project.

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OLDE TOWNE REVITALIZATION (CONTINUED)

Councilman Van Sandt advised Mayor Caruso to inform Walter J. Skayhan that a special meeting would be held on either April 5th or April 19th to further discuss the Olde Towne Revitalization Project, and arrive at a course of action.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Singletary, moved to suspend the rules to add the issue of the North Side Lateral Canal Expropriation Suit to the executive session.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to enter into executive session.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

The Council entered into executive session at 9:00 p.m. and returned at 10:20 P.M.

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Singletary, moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a settlement agreement on the North Side Lateral Canal Expropriation Suit in the amount of \$13,200.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

Resolution R88-10, a resolution identifying capital projects and establishing a policy for interest thereon, was brought before the Council. Councilman Barthelemy explained that this resolution outlined the capital projects for Bond Issue #2, and provided a fund for interest thereon. Councilman-at-Large Singletary added that the interest would be used on a first priority basis for capital projects in this bond issue.

Councilman Callahan distributed a detailed statement regarding the Spartan Drive donation, flooding on Carolla Avenue, and capital projects. A lengthy discussion followed with Councilman Barthelemy expressing a need for road repairs to West Hall, and Councilman Callahan stating his desire for drainage work on Carolla Avenue.

Councilman Callahan presented Amendment "A" to Resolution R88-10. Council Administrator Davis Dautreuil explained the amendment as removing all language referring to the \$800,000 donation for Spartan Drive and any interest accumulating thereto.

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved to Adopt Amendment A to Resolution R88-10 as a substitute for the original resolution.

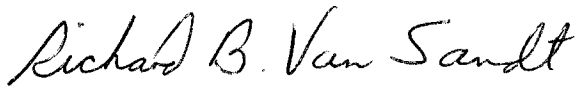
ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

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Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Washington, made the following verbal resolution: Be it resolved by the Slidell City Council in legal session convened that it is the intention of the Slidell City Council that any interest income earned from the investment of the proceeds from Bond Issues #1 and #2 shall be used first for funding the capital projects in Bond Issue #1 and #2 and after completion of those projects, then for other capital projects.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 P.M.


Richard B. Van Sandt
Councilman, District C
President of the Council


Davis Dautreuil
Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council