

MINUTES  
SLIDELL CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 22, 1988

6:35 P.M.

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

Councilwoman Williams removed Item C. 1. from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**A. Approval of the Minutes of the March 8, 1988, Meeting.**

**B. Proposed Resolutions:**

1. **R88-6:** A resolution proclaiming March 20-28, 1988 as "Poison Prevention Week" in Slidell, (Van Sandt/Callahan, both by request).
2. **R88-12:** A resolution recognizing the month of April as "Clean City Month" in Slidell, (Williams/Salvaggio).
3. **R88-13:** A resolution proclaiming "National Public Works Week" May 15-21, 1988, (Van Sandt/Callahan, both by request).

**D. Bids and Request to Purchase:**

1. Asphalt Roller - Bengal Enterprises, Inc. - \$22,480.00
2. Fremaux Avenue Drainage and Sidewalk Improvements

**E. Change Order:**

1. Pump Station No. 25 Force Main Extension - \$2,877.62

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

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| ROLL CALL | 8 Yeas | 0 Nays | 1 Absent<br>(Martinez) | CARRIED |
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REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilwoman Williams discussed the Special Function Liquor permit for Our Lady of Lourdes School. Councilman Salvaggio advised the Council that the State recently adopted a new policy requiring charitable associations to obtain a liquor permit. He added that the State will issue their permit free of charge to charitable organizations for special functions.

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to approve the Special Function Liquor Permit for Our Lady of Lourdes School.

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SUSPENSION OF RULES

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Berault, moved to suspend the rules to bring Item No. 88-02-1249 forward.

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REGULAR AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PUBLIC HEARING

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 88-02-1249, an ordinance rezoning a 6.79 acre parcel of land located at 1001 Gause Boulevard, from A-6 Single Family Urban to C-2 Neighborhood Commercial, as petitioned by Slidell Memorial Hospital. Bob Atkinson, Chief Administrative Officer of Slidell Memorial Hospital, addressed the Council. He explained that this tract of land would be more compatible with Gause Boulevard and the rest of the hospital if it were rezoned from A-6 to C-2. Also appearing to speak in favor of the rezoning was George F. Hayes. Councilman-at-Large Singletary stated that had no objection to the rezoning, but he asked that the hospital be mindful of the Brugier residents with regard to future hospital plans. Councilman Berault expressed congratulations to the hospital administration for a fine plan.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved to adopt Item No. 88-02-1249.

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| ROLL CALL | 8 Yeas | 0 Nays | 1 Absent<br>(Martinez) | CARRIED |
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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Resolution R88-7, a resolution providing for the opening of sealed bids received for the purchase of \$5 million dollars of Public Improvement Sales Tax Bonds for the City of Slidell, was presented to the Council. Bond Attorney Jerry Osborne addressed the Council. He explained that the City has maintained their "A" rating and has received approvals from four (4) insurance companies to insure the bonds. He added that six (6) bids would be opened tonight.

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to adopt R88-7, providing for the opening of the sealed bids.

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Mr. Osborne proceeded to open and announce the bid amounts. He then left the Council Chamber to verify the bids.

TABLED ITEMS

Item No. 88-01-1238, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2114 of the Slidell Code of Ordinances, Appendix A-Zoning, Section 2.2502 Land Clearing Permit Required, was presented to the Council. Council Administrator Davis Dautreuil advised the Council the Councilman-at-Large Martinez, who was absent tonight, would like to present an exception for landscaping on this item. He also said that Councilman-at-Large Martinez would like the Planning and Zoning Department to draft appropriate legislation to this effect. There was a brief Council discussion, with the general consensus being that the Council wished to proceed with the adoption of the ordinance. Councilmen Barthelemy and Van Sandt stated that Councilman-at-Large Martinez's recommendation could be considered at another meeting.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Berault, moved to adopt Item No. 88-02-1238.

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LIQUOR LICENSE REVOCATION

There was a brief discussion lead by Councilman Salvaggio regarding the liquor license revocation of Southern Pacific Bar & Grill. Finance Director David Squires was out of the Council Chamber at the moment and this matter was tabled until he returned.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

As advertised, a public hearing was held on items 88-02-1246, 88-02-1247, and 88-02-1248. These items are ordinances declaring certain property of the City of Slidell surplus and setting the method of disposing of same. Since no one from the public appeared to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to adopt items 88-02-1246, 88-02-1247, and 88-02-1248.

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The next scheduled item, 88-02-1250, a supplemental ordinance providing for the issuance of \$5 million public improvement sales tax bonds, was tabled until Bond Attorney Jerry Osborne returned to the Council Chamber, as he was verifying interest on the bids.

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 88-02-1252, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to purchase on behalf of the City of Slidell, property needed for a water tower in South Slidell, and amendment A to Item No. 88-02-1252. Since no one from the public appeared to speak, the public hearing was closed. Councilman Van Sandt asked for a statement from administration explaining why land in the Bayou Bonfouca area donated in the past was not used for the water tower. City Engineer Stan Polivick explained that the land was not suitable. He stated that there were problems concerning access, land elevation, and soil condition. He added that the purchases site has no disadvantages.

Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to adopt Amendment A to Item No. 88-02-1252.

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Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to adopt Item No. 88-02-1252 as amended.

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LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Council Administrator Davis Dautreuil recommended to the Council the date of April 19, 1988, for a special meeting regarding the Olde Towne Revitalization contract. Councilwoman Williams suggested having a Town Meeting in the City Auditorium in conjunction with the City Council Meeting in order to facilitate the number of people attending.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to call a special meeting of the Slidell City Council, along with a Town Meeting in the City Auditorium on April 19, 1988, to discuss the Olde Towne Revitalization.

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LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS (CONTINUED)

Council Administrator Davis Dautreuil requested a Special Meeting of the City Council to be scheduled on Wednesday, March 30, 1988 to receive the 1988-89 budget.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to call a special meeting of the Slidell City Council to receive the 1988-89 budget on March 30, 1988.

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SUSPENSION OF RULES

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to suspend the rules to add the bid of New Orleans Cement for the Fremaux Avenue drainage and sidewalk improvements; pipe only, to the agenda.

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City Engineer Stan Polivick explained that this bid was for pipe in the Fremaux Avenue sidewalks project in the Lakewood/Broadmore area. Councilman Berault acknowledged the hard work of Council Administrator Davis Dautreuil, Chief of Staff Reinhard Dearing, City Engineer Stan Polivick, and Mayor Sam Caruso in putting this project together.

Councilman Berault, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved to accept the bid on the recommendation of administration, from New Orleans Cement in the amount of \$12,631.38.

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Council Administrator Davis Dautreuil informed the Council that the City is presently working with the Department of Transportation and Development on replacing the sidewalks removed for the Fremaux Avenue road construction project. City Engineer Stan Polivick advised the Council that the D.O.T.D. will replace the sidewalks on the north side of Fremaux. Councilman Washington stated that sidewalks were also removed from the south side. Councilman-at-Large Singletary advised the Council that there were sidewalks removed on Fremaux Avenue from 1st to 6th Street on the south side, and from 1st to 8th Street on the north side. There was a general Council discussion and it was decided that Councilman Washington and Councilman-at-Large Singletary would meet with the project engineer to coordinate the sidewalk replacement.

Councilwoman Williams invited the public and Council Members to an artist's presentation of building a commemorative wall for the Slidell Centennial at 7:00 p.m. on March 25, 1988.

Councilman Berault lead a discussion regarding the placement of an off track betting parlor in the City of Slidell. He advised the Council that off track betting officials are presently looking at the Old Chicago Speakeasy as a potential site. He stated that he is 100% against the location of an O.T.B. parlor at any site within the City of Slidell. He asked his colleagues to give consideration to how the citizens in their districts voted on O.T.B. He added that he would organize opposition to O.T.B. in the City of Slidell.



## EXECUTIVE SESSION

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| ROLL CALL | 8 Yeas | 0 Nays | 1 Absent<br>(Martinez) | CARRIED |
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Since there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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

  
Davis Dautreuil  
Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council