# MINUTES

## SLIDELL CITY COUNCIL

## APRIL 26, 1988

## 6:30 P.M.

Council President Van Sandt called the meeting to order. All members were present with the exception of Councilman Barthelemy and Councilman-at-Large Martinez.

**SUSPENSION OF RULES**

Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilman Callahan moved to suspend the rules and add Item No. 88-04-1269, an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 1577 requiring Council ratification of salaries for elected City officials and all unclassified employees, to the consent calendar.

| ROLL CALL | 7 Yeas | 0 Nays | 2 Absent (Martinez & Barthelemy) | CARRIED |
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Councilman Berault removed Items C. 2. & C. 3., from the consent calendar.

Councilman Van Sandt removed from the consent calendar Item No. C. 4.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved to adopt the consent calendar as amended.

**A. Approval of the Minutes of the April 12, 1988, Meeting.**

**B. Proposed Ordinances:**

1. **Item No. 88-04-1263:** An ordinance declaring certain property of the City of Slidell surplus and setting the method of disposing of same, (Van Sandt/Callahan, both by request).

2. **Item No. 88-04-1264:** An ordinance establishing maximum salaries/retainers for city officials and all unclassified city employees, (Van Sandt/Callahan).

3. **Item No. 88-04-1265:** An amendment amending Ordinance No. 2170, Revenue, Operating, and Capital Budget Fiscal Year 1987-88, (Callahan/Van Sandt, by request).

4. **Item No. 88-04-1266:** An ordinance rezoning 2.79 acres from A-6 Single Family Urban to M-2 Light Industrial, as petitioned by Mr. E.H. Ryder, representing Central Louisiana Electric Company, (Barthelemy/Van Sandt, both by request).

5. **Item No. 88-04-1267:** An ordinance rezoning a parcel of property located on Audubon Street from A-6 Single Family Urban to C-2 Neighborhood Commercial, as petitioned by Mr. Gregory K. Allen, (Barthelemy/Van Sandt, both by request).

6. **Item No. 88-04-1268:** An ordinance authorizing Salvatore A. Caruso, Mayor, to sign and accept a drainage servitude granted to the City of Slidell by Gause II Limited Partnership, (Van Sandt/Callahan, both by request).

7. **Item No. 88-04-1269:** An ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 1577 requiring Council ratification of salaries for elected City officials and all unclassified employees, Washington & Callahan/ Williams, Berault, & Van Sandt).

**NOTE: A Public Hearing will be held on the above listed ordinances on Tuesday, May 24, 1988, at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.**

**C. Proposed Resolutions:**

1. **R88-18:** A resolution supporting the St. Tammany Parish application for funding assistance under the Louisiana Statewide Flood Control Program for the South Slidell Area, (Callahan/Van Sandt, by request).

**D. Approval of Special Function Liquor Licenses:**

1. O.D. Productions/Fashions Slidell (Jazz Fest)
2. Le Bonnes Amies (Jazz Fest)
3. Young Men's Business Club (Jazz Fest)
4. St. Tammany Sheriff Deputies Association (Gong Show)

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

1. River Sand - B&W Trucking Company
2. Mason Sand - Louisiana Industries
3. Pea Gavel - J.F. Smith Truck & Dragline
4. Class B Concrete Gravel - Vinson Truck & Tractor Service

**F. Change Order:**

1. Change Order #3 Water Well #8 - Adds $16,400

**ROLL CALL** **7 Yeas** **0 Nays** **2 Absent** (Martinez & Barthelemy) **CARRIED**

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilman Berault explained Resolutions R88-20 and R88-21, regarding the enterprise zone. Council Administrator Davis Dautreuil addressed the Council on the involvement and impact of the enterprise zone. He stated that this particular enterprise zone is located partially in the City and partially in the Parish. Resolution R88-20 establishes the zone and Resolution R88-21 identifies Albertson's, Inc., as a participant in the zone. All participants within the zone are allowed certain concessions regarding sales taxes from the City of Slidell when making purchases for equipment and building materials. A general Council discussion followed with Councilman-at-Large Singletary requesting a future public hearing on the two (2) enterprise zone resolutions. He instructed Council Administrator Davis Dautreuil to send a public notice to the newspaper as notification of a public hearing to be held May 24, 1988, on the proposed enterprise zone resolutions.

Councilman-at-large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to table Resolutions R88-20 and R88-21 for a public hearing to be held on May 24, 1988.

**ROLL CALL** **6 Yeas** **0 Nays** **3 Absent** (Martinez & Barthelemy) (Williams out of the room) **CARRIED**

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ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

Councilman Van Sandt explained Resolution R88-22, regarding the installation of sidewalks on Fremaux Avenue in State Project No. 13-13-12. City Engineer Stan Polivick addressed the Council as to the proposed location of the sidewalks. He added that the cost for installation would be $33,000. Councilman-at-Large led a brief discussion on the right-of-way regarding the sidewalk location.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved to adopt Resolution R88-22.

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| **ROLL CALL** | **7 Yeas** | **0 Nays** | **2 Absent** (Martinez & Barthelemy) | **CARRIED** |

REGULAR AGENDA

BID

Councilman Van Sandt explained there was a tie regarding the bid for washed sand. He explained that the usual solution for breaking ties did not apply in this situation since both companies are located outside of the City of Slidell. He stated that the City Attorney has advised the Council to break the tie with a toss of a coin. A representative of B&W Trucking was present at the meeting. No one was present from Vinson Truck and Tractor Service. After the coin toss, the bid was awarded to the absent contractor, Vinson Truck and Tractor Service in the amount of $3.40 per cubic yard.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to accept the bid for washed sand from Vinson Truck and Tractor Service in the amount of $3.40 per cubic yard.

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| **ROLL CALL** | **7 Yeas** | **0 Nays** | **2 Absent** (Martinez & Barthelemy) | **CARRIED** |

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 88-03-1256, the Revenue, Operating, and Capital Budgets for fiscal year 1988-89. Council Administrator Davis Dautreuil stated that the budget was submitted on March 30, 1988, and it has been reviewed in great detail. He distributed a Budget Highlight Report to the Council Members indicating proposed major changes being considered by the Council.

Appearing from the public to speak was Herman Waschka in behalf of the St. Tammany Senior Citizens Center/Council on the Aging. He proceeded to ask the Council to do whatever they could to help the senior citizens of the City. He stated that he would provide statistics at the next public hearing regarding state budget cuts affecting Slidell senior citizens.

Appearing to speak in behalf of the Youth Services Bureau was Laurie Bourgeois. She provided the Council with an update on the services of the bureau, and she added that over 4,000 hours of community service has been provided to the City from the youths in the form of restitution. She also stated that the City of Slidell provided the bureau with $7,500 last fiscal year, and that they are requesting $11,000 this fiscal year. She added that the bureau is trying to raise funds from other sources.

Councilwoman Williams stated that this matter would be placed on the agenda for another public hearing on May 10, 1988.

## LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Councilman Van Sandt proceeded to discuss the traffic problems in Belvedere Subdivisions in relation to Lafayette Street. He asked City Engineer Stan Polivick to talk with the State Highway Department and provide the Council with some information to alleviate the traffic problems in the area before May 10, 1988, when a public hearing is scheduled regarding this area. There was a general discussion led by Councilman Berault regarding possible options for improvements on Highway 11 and Lafayette Street.

Also discussed was the renaming of Salmen Park as Veteran's Park. Council Administrator Davis Dautreuil advised the Council that Larry Ciko of the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office was scheduled to appear but he was not present. The Council proceeded to discuss the matter reserving time for Mr. Ciko if he appeared. Councilman Van Sandt updated the Council on the proposed commemorative wall for veterans. He stated that large monuments would not be allowed in the park, and that a commemorative wall is proposed for honoring veterans. Councilwoman Williams reminded the Council that the Mayor's Commission on the Arts would also have to approve improvements for the park. Councilman Callahan asked that the Council Administrator contact various veterans groups and ask for a member to volunteer to work on the program with the Mayor's Commission on the Arts. Councilman Washington added that recreation Director Larry Abney should also be included to coordinate this project with the Arts Department.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

Kelly LeBoeuf of St. Tammany Cablevision addressed the Council on a proposed rate increase for basic cable television service. He stated in a letter to the Council Members that customers would be notified during the first week of June of an increase in basic service from $13.00 to $15.00. Councilman Salvaggio requested that this letter be made an official part of the minutes. Councilman Van Sandt stated that the Council has no control over this increase, and that the only recourse customers have would be to drop their service. Councilman Berault requested that a public hearing be held on this matter at the June 28, 1988, meeting.

Councilwoman Williams addressed the Council regarding a letter she received from Mr. Bill Skinner regarding the extension of the curfew at John Slidell Park. She stated that there is a softball tournament at the park on August 5, 6, and 7, 1988. Councilwoman Williams requested that the park not be closed at the usual 10:00 p.m. curfew on these dates.

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved that the usual curfew time of 10:00 p.m. for John Slidell Park be extended on August 5, 6, and 7, 1988 in order to permit play of all scheduled softball games on these nights.

| ROLL CALL | 7 Yeas | 0 Nays | 2 Absent (Martinez & Barthelemy) | CARRIED |
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Larry Ciko of the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office appeared before the Council to discuss the placement of monuments for veterans at Salmen Park, which will be soon re-dedicated as Veteran's Park. He said that he does not intend to place a large monument to honor one (1) single veteran, but will meet with the Mayor's Commission on the Arts to discuss the prospect of a commemorative wall with individual plaques. Mr. Ciko stated that the re-dedication of the park would take place on May 21, 1988,

**DISCUSSION ITEMS (CONTINUED)**

with the Council's approval. Councilman Van Sandt stated that the dedication date is approved, but that the Council will not approve any monuments in the park. Councilman Van Sandt asked Council Administrator Davis Dautreuil to contact veterans groups to participate on a committed to discuss the proposed commemorative wall.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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

Davis Dautreuil
Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council