

MINUTES
SLIDELL CITY COUNCIL

MAY 24, 1988

6:30 P.M.

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

Councilman Salvaggio removed Item G. 1., the final acceptance of City Hall renovations and re-roofing, from the consent calendar. Councilwoman Williams removed Item C. 1. a resolution requesting a traffic signal on Robert Road, from the consent calendar.

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

A. Approval of the Minutes of the May 10, 1988, Meeting.

B. Proposed Ordinance:

1. **Item No. 88-05-1276:** An ordinance rescinding and re-enacting Section 4.702, Appendix D Subdivision Regulations, (Van Sandt/Callahan, both by request).

NOTE: A Public Hearing will be held on the above listed ordinance on Tuesday, June 28, 1988, at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

C. Proposed Resolution:

2. **R88-31:** A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into settlement agreement with Jeanne Roques, (Van Sandt/Callahan, both by request).

D. Approval of Special Function Liquor Licenses:

1. Toys for Tots
2. Slidell Memorial Hospital Hospice

E. Bids and Request to Purchase:

1. 7,000 lb & 12,000 lb. Hydraulic Floor Lifts - \$7,684.18
Greiner Equipment and Service, Inc.
2. High Speed Precision Metal Lathe - \$13,785.00
H & S Machinery Corporation

F. Change Order:

1. Fremaux Avenue Drainage Improvements
Add \$10,576.00

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Washington)	CARRIED
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ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilwoman Williams explained Item C. 1. Resolution R88-30, a resolution requesting that a traffic signal be installed at either the intersection of Pinewood Drive and Robert Road, or Country Club Boulevard and Robert Road. It was requested that the Council Administrator obtain accident reports from these locations to send to the Department of Transportation and Development with R88-30. She also added that a petition was being circulated, and it should also be attached to R88-30 when sent.

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ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED):

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to adopt Resolution R88-30, and attaching the related petition and accident reports to same.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Washington)	CARRIED
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Councilman Salvaggio led a brief discussion concerning Item G. 1., City Hall renovations and re-roofing. He stated that since there have been difficulties concerning the operation of the air conditioning system, this matter should be tabled until these differences are solved. Councilwoman Williams suggested that the Council Administrator send a letter to the project architect detailing the problem.

Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman Berault, moved to table the final acceptance of the City Hall renovations and re-roofing until the air conditioning problems are solved.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Washington)	CARRIED
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MOVE TO RECONSIDER

Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to reconsider Item E. 1. the bid for hydraulic floor lifts in the amount of \$7,684.18 from Greiner Equipment and Service, Inc.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Washington)	CARRIED
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Councilman Callahan requested more information on the size of the hydraulic lifts. City Engineer Stan Polivick explained the sizes of the lifts and the need for same.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Berault, moved to accept the bid of Greiner Equipment and Service, Inc., in the amount of \$7,684.18 on the recommendation of Administration.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Washington)	CARRIED
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REGULAR AGENDA

TABLED ITEMS

Council Members agreed to hold a general discussion on Items R88-20, R88-21, 88-04-1261, and 88-04-1262 as follows:

City Engineer Stan Polivick advised the Council he received a letter from various emergency service groups regarding their preference as to the proposed closing of Lafayette Street. The agencies responding were both ambulance services, fire department, and police department. The police department stated they have no preference as to the closing of Lafayette Street, but requested that portable barricades not be used. The fire department requested that Lafayette Street remain open. Only one (1) ambulance service responded, and stated their preference for Lafayette Street to remain open. Councilman Van Sandt advised the

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TABLED ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Council as to the results of the questionnaire sent to the residents of Belvedere. One hundred sixty-five (165) ballots were mailed out, and one hundred thirteen (113) were completed by residents of Belvedere. Eighty-seven percent (87%) of the ballots returned were in favor of closing Lafayette Street to traffic. Responses were received from ninety-one (91) residents voting to close the street and fourteen (14) residents voting for Lafayette Street to remain open.

Councilman Salvaggio read a memo sent to Chief Max Rodriguez from Slidell Police Sgt. Tommy Miller regarding traffic surveillance and citations issued on Lafayette Street on May 19, 1988. There was a general Council discussion and it was determined that the Mayor's Office has recently received inquiries from residents of other subdivisions to close streets in their areas. Councilman Callahan stated that the area of Lopez and Hickory Streets have been a major problem for years and it is not possible to close every street that has traffic problems. Councilman-at-Large Martinez stated he feels there is no choice but to close Lafayette Street to traffic. A public hearing was opened and appearing to speak in favor of closing Lafayette Street were Clyde Trent, Norman Marten, Jack Brown, Jerry Magness, Lillie Marten, and Lillie Sparks. Also appearing was Clifton Alexander who recommended that Carnation Street be made a north/south thoroughfare. Councilman Salvaggio requested that the City Engineer conduct a study into the problems of the major thoroughfares of all City subdivisions.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Berault, moved to close Lafayette Street to all vehicular traffic.

ROLL CALL	4 Yeas	4 Nays	1 Absent	DENIED
	(Van Sandt, Berault, Martinez, Singletary)	(Callahan, Barthelemy, Salvaggio, Williams)	(Washington)	

Motion failed. Councilman-at-Large Martinez moved to reconsider this matter at the meeting of June 28, 1988.

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

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Resolution R88-20, a resolution expressing the City of Slidell's interest in participating in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program and a designation of such enterprise zone. Since no one from the public appeared to speak, the public hearing was closed.

City Engineer Stan Polivick led a general discussion regarding the street design for the entrance/exit of the proposed Albertson's supermarket.

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to adopt Resolution R88-20.

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

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Resolution R88-21, a resolution stating the City of Slidell's endorsement of Albertson's, Inc., to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program. Since no one from the public appeared to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to adopt Resolution R88-21.

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

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TABLED ITEMS (CONTINUED)

City Attorney Elaine Guillot proceeded to discuss Items 88-04-1261, an ordinance authorizing Mayor Salvatore A. Caruso to accept dedication of a right-of-way from the Southern Railway Systems for an extension of Lafayette Street, and Item No. 88-04-1262, an ordinance revoking and vacating any tacit or formal dedication of a railroad crossing near the intersection of U.S. Highway 11 and U.S. Highway 190. She stated that she has not yet received the necessary documentation from the railroad and is requesting that these two (2) items be tabled.

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to table Items 88-04-1261 and 88-04-1262, until all necessary documentation is received from the railroad.

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

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 88-04-1263, an ordinance declaring certain property of the City of Slidell as surplus, and setting the method of disposing of same. Since no one appeared from the public to speak, the public hearing was closed. Administrative Assistant of the Slidell Police Department, George Philips, addressed the Council. He stated that the police car has 120,000 miles on it and it is no longer useful to the police department. It will be sold for \$500 to the St. Tammany parish Sheriff's Reserve Unit.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to adopt Item 88-04-1263.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Washington)	CARRIED
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SUSPENSION OF RULES

Councilman Berault, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to suspend the rules to bring Item No. 88-04-1269 forward.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Washington)	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 88-04-1269, an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 1577 requiring Council ratification of salaries for elected city officials and all unclassified employees. Since no one from the public appeared to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Barthelemy proceeded to explain Amendment A to Item No. 88-04-1269, outlining procedures for granting salary increases. Mayor Caruso stated that he is in favor of the amendment.

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to adopt Amendment A to Item No. 88-04-1269.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Washington)	CARRIED
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Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to adopt Item No. 88-04-1269 as amended.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	1 Nays (Martinez)	1 Absent (Washington)	CARRIED
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TABLED ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Councilman Van Sandt withdrew Item No. 88-04-1264, an ordinance establishing maximum salaries/retainers for unclassified employees of the City of Slidell for fiscal year 1988-89.

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 88-04-1265, an amendment amending Ordinance No. 2170, Revenue, Operating, and Capital Budgets for fiscal year 1987-88. Since no one from the public appeared to speak, the public hearing was closed.

There was a brief discussion concerning the State Ethics Board relative to Councilman Callahan and Councilwoman Williams voting on items pertaining to State supplemental pay for police officers. Council Administrator Davis Dautreuil stated that since \$7,500 supplemental pay is included in this ordinance for police officers, it will be necessary to include the disclosure statements of Councilman Callahan and Councilwoman Williams as an official part of the minutes, along with the letter from the State Ethics Board acknowledging receipt of same. A general discussion of the amendments to the budget followed.

There was also a brief discussion led by Councilman-at-Large Singletary concerning fire hydrants for the Lutheran Church on 8th and Louisiana Avenue.

Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Singletary, moved to adopt Item No. 88-04-1265.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Washington)	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on 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. Mike Breeding appeared before the Council and discussed the location of this property.

Councilman Barthelemy stated that he would abstain from voting on this item as he works for a utility company.

Councilman-at-Large Martinez, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to adopt Item No. 88-04-1266.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Washington)	CARRIED
			1 Abstaining (Barthelemy)	

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 88-04-1267, An ordinance rezoning a parcel of property from C-6 Single Family Urban to C-2 Neighborhood Commercial, as petitioned by Mr. Gregory K. Allen. Since no one from the public appeared to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Barthelemy stated that there was opposition to the rezoning of this item by the Planning and Zoning Commission, with an unanimous denial.

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny rezoning for Item No. 88-04-1267.

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

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to suspend the rules to introduce a one (1) year maintenance bond and letter related to Item No. 88-04-1268.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Washington)	CARRIED
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Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to accept the Northside Lateral Pipe Installation Project. City Engineer Stan Polivick explained that everything was in good order and he recommends acceptance.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Washington)	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 88-04-1268, an ordinance authorizing and empowering Salvatore A. Caruso, or his representative, to sign and accept a drainage servitude granted to the City of Slidell by Gause II Limited Partnership. Since no one from the public appeared to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to adopt Item No. 88-04-1268.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Washington)	CARRIED
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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Caruso thanked the Council for repealing the salary ordinance.

DISCUSSION ITEM

The discussion item regarding the Bon Fouca Homeowners Association regarding findings of the Board of Zoning Adjustment was withdrawn.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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

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Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council