

MINUTES

SLIDELL CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 25, 1988

6:30 P.M.

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

Councilman Salvaggio removed Item B. 1., a resolution renaming Robert Road as Robert Boulevard, from the consent calendar.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Singletary, moved to suspend the rules to introduce the bid for the St. Joseph Drainage Improvements, Phase B.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Singletary, moved to accept the recommendation of administration, for the low bid of Cashio Concrete Products Company in the amount of \$21,769.23, for St. Joseph Drainage Improvements, Phase B.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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A. Approval of the Minutes of the October 11, 1988, Meeting.

C. Approval of ACHMRV License:

1. Randy Hebert

D. Approval of Liquor Licenses:

1. Vincent's Seafood

E. Approval of Special Function Liquor Licenses:

1. Slidell Evening Lions

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Salvaggio read Resolution R88-57, a resolution renaming Robert Road as Robert Boulevard.

Councilman Salvaggio recognized members of the Robert family who were present. Appearing before the Council was Mrs. Beulah Robert, Ms. Alice Robert, and Mr. Clarence Crockett. They all expressed their thanks and appreciation for the renaming of Robert Road as Robert Boulevard.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to request that the original authors of R88-57 allow the entire Council to join in as co-authors of the resolution.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to adopt Resolution R88-57.

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

Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to suspend the rules to move Item 8. 1., the Audit Report, forward.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

Diane Hanephin, Finance Director, addressed the Council. She reviewed the General Purpose Financial Statement portion of the Audit Report. Also appearing before the Council was Rene Ordone of the Arthur Andersen. He reviewed the Accountant's Report of the Auditor's Report. Also reviewed was the management letters.

REGULAR AGENDA

CONTRACT

Council Administrator, Davis Dautreuil, advised the Council that the City Administration has requested that the proposed contract with American Waste be placed on the agenda. He stated that Administration had recently re-negotiated the contract for waste removal. There was a brief discussion. Councilman-at-Large Martinez recommended that the Council defer approval of the contract, and that it be reviewed by the Sanitation Committee for further recommendations. There was a discussion regarding waste pick-up dates in connection with the holiday schedule. Councilwoman Williams suggested that the committee consider next day waste collection following a holiday.

Councilman Berault, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to defer approval of the contract for waste removal with American Waste and Pollution Control Company until the Sanitation Committee studies the matter and makes further recommendations.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved to suspend the rules for a brief discussion on the black water problem.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

Councilman Barthelemy advised the Council that Mrs. Marie Williams had contacted him and requested permission to speak to the Council regarding black water. Mrs. Williams proceeded to display samples of black water taken from her home. She also provided the Council with broken parts taken from her washing machine and a bathroom fixture. There was a brief discussion regarding the quality of the water. Councilwoman Williams stated that she discussed this matter with several physicians and was assured that the Slidell water is safe to drink. She added that the City has been advised that the black water problem will subside as more chlorine is injected into the wells.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

As advertised, public hearing were held on Item No. 88-09-1292, an ordinance rescinding and reenacting Chapter 4 Animals and Fowl of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell. Martin Thieme appeared before the Council to discuss a portion of the proposed ordinance regarding snakes. There was a brief discussion. Mayor Caruso advised the Council that Administration requested this matter be tabled for further clarification. He added he is in favor of a strict animal control ordinance. Councilman Callahan briefly discussed leash laws as they apply to dogs and cats on private property.

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to table Item No. 88-09-1292, upon recommendation of Administration, until a request is made for it to be placed back on the agenda.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 88-09-1296, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor or his designated representative, to negotiate and acquire servitudes for public works projects. Since no one from the public appeared to speak, the public hearing was closed. Council Administrator, Davis Dautreuil, explained the ordinance and stated that the Chief of Staff and the City Attorney requested this item be placed on the agenda. The City Attorney added that this would allow for negotiation for acquisition of servitudes under the amount of \$3,000. Councilman Callahan requested that the Council be notified of said acquisitions.

Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to adopt Item No. 88-09-1296.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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As advertised, public hearing were held on the following Items:

Item No. 88-09-1297: An ordinance rezoning a parcel of property located east of Voter's Road and north of the Ecol Gas Station and Old Spanish Trail, from C-4 Highway Commercial to C-6 Regional Shopping Center District, as petitioned by Mr. Angelo A. Paternostro.

Item No. 88-09-1298: An ordinance annexing and zoning approximately 20.02 acres of land located north of the Ecol Gas Station and Old Spanish Trial, and east of Voter's Road, as petitioned by Mr. Angelo A. Paternostro.

Item No. 88-09-1299: An ordinance annexing and zoning approximately 17.88 acres of land located east of Voter's Road and north of the Ecol Gas Station and Old Spanish Trial, as petitioned by Mr. Angelo A. Paternostro.

Since no one from the public appeared to speak, the public hearings were closed. The Council was reminded that these proposed annexations/zonings are for the proposed Manufacturer's Retail Outlet (M.R.O.).

The City Attorney advised the Council that the owners of the property requested this matter be tabled. There was a brief discussion regarding traffic problems in the area of the proposed M.R.O. Development.

Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to table this matter until the Council Meeting of November 8, 1988.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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PUBLIC HEARINGS (CONTINUED)

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 88-09-1300, an ordinance annexing and zoning approximately one (1) acre of land located on Carol Drive in the Holiday Acres Subdivision, as petitioned by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Pennington. Since no one from the public appeared to speak, the public hearing was closed. Councilman Berault inquired as to the zoning of the property adjacent to the Pennington property. He was advised that all property adjacent to the site had been previously annexed into the City, and that the roadway was also annexed.

Councilman Berault, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Singletary, moved to adopt Item No. 88-09-1300.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 88-09-1301, an ordinance annexing and zoning approximately .128 acres of land located adjacent to Arby's Restaurant, as petitioned by the City of Slidell. Since no one appeared from the public to speak, the public hearing was closed.

The City Attorney advised the Council that this was forced annexation since all surrounding properties are part of the City. She added that this area is an old roadway strip approximately twenty (20') feet wide.

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Berault, moved to adopt Item No. 88-09-1301.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 88-09-1302, an ordinance amending Chapter 9 Crimes - Miscellaneous, Section 9-57 Obstructing Public Passages, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell. Since no one from the public appeared to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Van Sandt explained this ordinance to the Council. This ordinance would add the prohibition of fishing from bridges to the City's Criminal Code.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to adopt Item No. 88-09-1302.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Abstaining (Washington)	CARRIED
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NEW POSITION - CIVIL SERVICE

The position of Media Specialist was briefly discussed. Council Administrator, Davis Dautreuil, distributed an ordinance to be introduced to allow for this Civil Service position.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams moved to suspend the rules to introduce Item No. 88-10-1304, which amends Ordinance No. 2078 the Municipal Employee's Pay Plan, to allow for the position of Media Specialist.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman Van Sandt explained that the position of Media Specialist replaces a current position. He stated that it would cost the City an additional \$1,500 per budget year. Suzanne Parsons addressed the Council regarding this matter. Councilman-at-Large Martinez requested that she meet with him to further discuss the ordinance while it lays over for public hearing.

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15 LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS
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17 Councilwoman Williams reminded everyone that election
18 day is November 8, 1988. She stressed the need for support in
19 passing the City of Slidell's Propositions regarding the
20 refinancing of bonds. She added that this will not cause an
21 increase in any taxes whatsoever.
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23 EXECUTIVE SESSION
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25 Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams,
26 moved to enter into Executive Session to Discuss the performance
27 and evaluation of Council Personnel.
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29 ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED
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31 The Council entered into Executive Session at 9:00 P.M.
32 and returned at 11:20 P.M.
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34 Since there was no further business, the meeting was
35 adjourned.
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37 *Richard B. Van Sandt*
38 Richard B. Van Sandt
39 Councilman, District C
40 President of the Council
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42 *Davis Dautreuil*
43 Davis Dautreuil
44 Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council
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