

MINUTES

SLIDELL CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 22, 1988

6:30 P.M.

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

Councilman Berault removed Item B.1. from the Consent Calendar and Councilman Van Sandt removed Item F.6. from the Consent Calendar.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Singletary, moved to suspend the rules to introduce Item No. 88-11-1308, a proposed ordinance amending operational requirements for wrecker companies to delete the provisions requiring the possession of a city occupational license.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Berault, moved to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the November 8, 1988 Meeting.

B. Proposed Ordinances:

1. Item No. 88-11-1308: An amendment to Ordinance No. 2205, operational requirements for wrecker companies to delete the provision requiring the possession of a city occupational license.

NOTE: A Public Hearing will be held on the above listed ordinance on Tuesday, December 27, 1988, at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

C. Approval of A.C.H.M.R.V. Licenses:

1. Francis Fisher

D. Approval of Liquor Licenses:

1. Bill's Grocery

E. Appointments:

1. BZA - Richard Kolb (Berault)

F. Bids and Request to Purchase:

1. One or more marked police cars
2. One new 1989 1 1/2 ton truck with Trash Dump Body (Public Works)
3. Rubber Gasket Joint Pipe - Tanglewood Drainage
4. Drainage Improvements - Tanglewood Ditch
5. One new 1989 1 ton truck with Dump (Recreation)

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

Councilman Berault read Resolution R88-59, a resolution requesting an interchange at I-10 and Fremaux Avenue for the City of Slidell. There was a brief discussion. Councilman Berault, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved to adopt Resolution R88-59.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Item No. F.6. was removed from the Consent Calendar, a purchase of a used road grader. There was a general discussion regarding the need for the road grader and its funding source. Councilman Barthelemy led a discussion regarding the roll-over funding practice used by Administration to purchase equipment in the following years. He recommended to Administration that equipment purchases not acquired in the year of the appropriation be reidentified in the next years budget. This would provide for better overall planning by the City Council and Administration. Councilman Callahan concurred with this proposal, and Mayor Caruso agreed to review the policy.

Council-at-Large Martinez, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to purchase the road grader from the current years capital reserve fund. Consideration will be given to consolidating unused roll-over surpluses into the current years capital reserve fund.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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REGULAR AGENDA

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Martinez, moved to bring forward Items 8.1, 8.3, and 6.D.1 for discussion.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

The closure of Lafayette Street was brought before the Council for discussion. Councilman Van Sandt indicated his purpose in placing this item on the agenda was to allow one person to speak in favor of its closure and one person to speak against its closure in order to update the Council on this matter. He emphasized that the street was closed temporarily for a 90-day trial period. He stated that this matter will again come before the Council for final determination. If the street is to be officially closed it will be done by ordinance thereby requiring additional public hearings. Councilman Van Sandt read a letter from Craig Henry and requested that it be made part of the official minutes of the Council. Mr. John Eppert addressed the Council in favor of re-opening the street, and Mr. Clyde Trent spoke in favor of keeping the street closed.

Item No. 8.3. a discussion of the Olde Towne Task Force was brought before the Council. Mayor Caruso addressed the Council regarding progress made by the Task Force. He gave comparisons of Slidell to other cities which had successfully revitalized their Olde Towne areas. There was a discussion regarding private versus public fundings for such programs. Mayor Caruso thanked the members of the Olde Towne Study Committee for their service and indicated that they were well ahead of schedule.

There was a general Council discussion regarding the incorporation of a Tax Incremental Financing District for the Olde Towne Area. The purpose and objectives were explained to the Council by Mr. Eric DuBuisson, Mr. Tom Shedler, Mr. Bob Whalen, and also State Representative Eddie Deno. There was a lengthy Council discussion following the Task Force Members presentation. It was generally agreed by the Council that more information would be necessary such as powers of the corporation, the boundaries, funding mechanisms, and plans including capital costs and capital purchases.

At this point Councilwoman Williams left the meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m.

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 88-10-1304, an ordinance adding a Media Specialist to the City of Slidell's Municipal Employee's Civil Service Pay Plan. There was a brief discussion.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Williams)	CARRIED
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Resolution R88-60, a resolution providing for canvassing the returns of the November 8, 1988 election to authorize incurrence of debt and the issuance of bonds was brought before the Council. Council Administrator Davis Dautreuil opened the official returns from the St. Tammany Parish Board of Elections Supervisors. It was determined that Proposition 1 passed by a vote of 6,054 for, and 3,362 against. Proposition 2 passed by a vote of 5,837 for, and 3,446 against, and Proposition 3 passed by a vote of 5,404 for, and 3,799 against. The returns were declared as official and a Proces Verbal was signed by the Council Members attesting to the validity and correctness of the election returns.

ROLL CALL	8 Years	0 Days	1 Absent (Williams)	CARRIED
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1. **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, (Washington/Van Sandt, both by request).

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2. **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 Trail, and east of Voter's Road, as petitioned by Mr. Angelo A. Paternostro, (Washington/Van Sandt, both by request).
3. **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 Trail, as petitioned by Mr. Angelo A. Paternostro, (Washington/Van Sandt, both by request).

Councilman-at-Large Martinez, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to table these items until notified by the property owner that they are in final form for passage.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Williams)	CARRIED
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PUBLIC HEARING

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item 88-09-1292, an ordinance rescinding and reenacting Chapter 4 Animals and Fowl for the City of Slidell. There was a lengthy Council discussion with many Council Members expressing concerns and reservations about various sections of the proposed ordinance. Mrs. Patricia Chiri, Mr. Martin Thieme, Mr. Gerald Ruggiero, and Mrs. Barbara Borchers appeared before the Council to express various concerns with the ordinance. At the conclusion of the discussion, Council President Van Sandt instructed Council Administrator Davis Dautreuil to meet with Council Members expressing concerns and draft amendments accordingly. These amendments will then be forwarded to Administration and the Department of Animal Control for review.

Councilman-at-Large Martinez, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to table this item until all areas of concern are addressed.

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

Mayor Caruso address the Council regarding the park and ride reimbursements relative to commuter parking lots. The Council was advised that the Federal Government had overruled the state on retroactive reimbursements for expenditures. The Mayor indicated that the city will be eligible for reimbursement for any funds spent henceforth, but that funds previously spent for this purpose would not be reimbursed.

The Mayor review with the Council the need for a traffic study for the M.R.O. development. He stated that an estimated three hundred fifty thousand (\$350,000) dollars would be necessary to do street repair work which should be funded by the state. To move this matter forward, he requested that the city advance thirteen thousand (\$13,000) dollars to expedite an engineering study and that we would request reimbursements from the state for same. The Mayor indicated he had reviewed the M.R.O. project and its progress with Governor Roemer and urged the Council to proceed as quickly as possible. There was a general Council discussion regarding annexation of the property and the intergovernmental agreement with the St. Tammany Police Jury.

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It was moved by Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, to fund a thirteen thousand (\$13,000) dollar traffic study for the M.R.O. location contingent upon annexation of the property, subject to the Mayor's discretion, and to pursue all possible avenues for reimbursement from the State and Police Jury. The funds for this project are to come from the water and sewer appropriations for the utility line extensions to the M.R.O. development.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Williams)	CARRIED
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The Mayor advised the Council that the cost of the utility extensions to the M.R.O. development may be less than originally anticipated.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There was a general discussion regarding garbage pickup after holidays, with the Council authorizing and approving a one hour earlier starting time for garbage collection on Friday, November 25, the day after Thanksgiving.

A discussion of sanitation and recycling was brought before the Council. Councilman-at-Large Martinez addressed the Council with reference to the status of the waste management contract review. He indicated that he recently met with Reinhard Dearing, Elaine Guillot, Dianne Hanephin and Bob Callahan to review the contract. They are in the process of finalizing recommendations and should have them available for the next Council meeting. He indicated he had some concerns relative to landfills, and suggested that we should consider recycling in concert with the renewal of the contract.

A discussion on the Slidell Water System was withdrawn by Councilman Callahan.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 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