

MINUTES

SLIDELL CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 10, 1989

6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at the Slidell City Auditorium by the President, Councilman Salvaggio. All members were present.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Singletary, moved to suspend the rules and move C.2. Item No. 88-12-1310, and C.1. Item No. 88-12-1309 forward on the agenda.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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PUBLIC HEARING

The Council began a discussion on Lafayette Street. Councilman Van Sandt addressed the Council expressing his reasons for wanting Lafayette Street closed.

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 88-12-1310, an ordinance authorizing the closure of Lafayette Street within the city limits of the City of Slidell.

The Council held a two and one-half hour public hearing. Dr. Ronald Francis, Jorem Diecidue, Dudley Guilott, Gil Graf with the Chamber of Commerce, Charlie Frazier, Dennis Gilbert, Chuck Branton with the Tanglewood Homeowners Association, Irma Cry, Tom O'Conner, Craig Henry, Theo Ratliff, and John Eppert all spoke in favor of opening Lafayette Street. Speaking in favor of its closure were Grace Bousfield, Carol Broussard, Paula Brown, Becky Ford, Jack Brown, Mary Klester, Catherine Hamilton, Johnny Touchet, Clyde Trent with Belvedere Homeowners Association, Peter Callac, and Leslie Smith.

Mayor Caruso and Stan Polivick, City Engineer, both spoke in favor of opening Lafayette Street.

There was further discussion by the Council.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Berault, moved to adopt Item No. 88-12-1310.

ROLL CALL	2 Yeas (Van Sandt) (Berault)	7 Nays	0 Absent	DENIED
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SUSPENSION OF RULES

Councilman Berault, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to suspend the rules to introduce a verbal resolution regarding additional traffic control devices for Lafayette Street and the entrance to The Crossings Development.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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After a discussion, Councilman Berault withdrew his resolution in favor of a study and recommendations to be performed and submitted by the City Engineer.

Council President Salvaggio called for a fifteen (15) minute break, and for the Slidell City Council meeting to reconvene in the Council Chambers.

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Council President Salvaggio called the meeting back to order in the Council Chambers at 9:25 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 88-12-1309, an ordinance activating the Tax Incremental Development Corporation for the City of Slidell.

Eric Dubuisson and Ralph Basile spoke from the public in favor of the Tax Incremental Development Corporation for the Olde Towne Area in the City of Slidell. It was stated that all by-laws, charters, etc. would have to come before the Council for approval.

There was a brief Council discussion.

Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Singletary, moved to adopt Item No. 88-12-1309.

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

Councilman-at-Large Martinez, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved to suspend the rules to move Discussion Item 8.4 forward.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Catherine Faciane and Antoine Laurent spoke regarding the Slidell Head Start program, and Ms. Rosalie Black addressed the Council regarding the East St. Tammany Rainbow Child Care Center (ESTRCCC). Wilma Hoppe from the Job Training Partnership Act spoke favorably of these two programs. They asked the Council to assist them with the acquisition of land and buildings to house their programs.

Councilman Washington, Councilman-at-Large Martinez, and Councilman-at-Large Singletary volunteered to work with these groups in an attempt to reach their desired goals.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilwoman Williams removed item D.1., liquor license approval for The New Addition, Inc., from the consent calendar.

Councilman Salvaggio removed item E.1., bids for Slidell Retail Outlet Center Utility Extensions, from the consent calendar.

Councilman Van Sandt removed item C.2., R89-02, a resolution authorizing acceptance of the improvements made to Lafayette Street Extension by Maurin-Ogden relative to The Crossings Development, from the consent calendar.

Councilman Barthelemy introduced corrections to the Minutes of the December 27, 1988 meeting, of the Slidell City Council.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended.

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

Councilman Washington was out of the room temporarily.

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A. Approval of the Minutes of the December 27, 1988 Meeting as amended.

B. Proposed Ordinances:

1. Item No. 89-01-1321: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor, or his representative, to purchase a R.O.W. for construction of a turn lane at the intersection of Rue Rochelle and Gause Boulevard, (Singletary, Berault/Salvaggio, by request).
2. Item No. 89-01-1322: An ordinance amending Chapter 13 3/4 Raffles, Bingo, and Keno Licensing for the City of Slidell to add provisions for "pull tabs", (Callahan/Washington, by request).
3. Item No. 89-01-1323: An ordinance authorizing and empowering Salvatore A. Caruso, Mayor of the City of Slidell, or his representative, to sign and accept a water line and a sewer line servitude granted to the City of Slidell by Gause II Limited Partnership, (Salvaggio/Callahan, both by request).
4. Item No. 89-01-1324: An ordinance amending Chapter 7. Buildings. of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Slidell to allow exceptions for work experience, and graduation from an accredited university for licensing purposes, (Callahan/Singletary, by request).

NOTE: A Public Hearing will be held on the above listed ordinances on Tuesday, February 14, 1989, at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

C. Proposed Resolutions:

1. R89-01: A resolution requesting additional school crossing guards at Brock Elementary School, (Washington/Callahan, by request).

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to table item D.1., the issuance of a liquor license to The New Addition, Inc., pending the City Attorney's review with the State's Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for possible administrative deficiencies.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman Van Sandt stated that the intent of Resolution R89-02 was to provide traffic control devices which would prevent in or out traffic onto Lafayette Street from The Crossings Development.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to adopt Resolution R89-02, a resolution authorizing acceptance of the improvements made to Lafayette Street Extension by Maurin-Ogden relative to The Crossings Development.

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

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Martinez) out of room	CARRIED
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No one from the public appeared to speak.

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Councilman Berault, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to adopt Item No. 88-12-1311, an ordinance amending Chapter 12 1/2 Peddlers, and Chapter 9 Criminal Code* to assure the privacy rights of the citizens of the City of Slidell.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Martinez) out of room	CARRIED
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COMMENTS AND REPORTS

MAYOR

Mayor Caruso asked the Slidell City Council to adopt a resolution to express its opposition to the drinking of alcoholic beverages by anyone driving anything while participating in any parade within the City of Slidell.

Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to offer Verbal Resolution VR89-01 as follows: Be It Resolved by the Slidell City Council, in legal session convened, that the Slidell City Council does hereby express its opposition to the drinking of alcoholic beverages by anyone driving anything or riding any animal while participating in any parade within the City of Slidell.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Mayor Caruso reviewed Health Insurance Contracts with the Council. It was suggested that all city employees be required to attend a seminar on insurance.

City Engineer, Stan Polivick, reviewed the Third Street Improvement Bids. The bids were fifty-six thousand (\$56,000) dollars over budget. There was a discussion regarding funding of the additional balance.

Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved to suspend the rules to introduce the Third Street Improvement Bids onto the agenda.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to table the Third Street Improvement Bids until next Council meeting to allow for a further financial source review.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Martinez, moved to bring forward Discussion Item 8.3. Mr. Lee O'Quinn, President of the Slidell Bantam Baseball Association (SBBA), addressed the Council. He stated the SBBA will host the First National Pony Slow Pitch Tournament for girls August 9-13, 1989, and may need assistance regarding defraying the costs involved. Councilman-at-Large Martinez suggested that the Council answer Mr. O'Quinn's request within thirty (30) days.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Councilman-at-Large Martinez stated his report regarding sanitation and recycling should be ready for the next Council meeting.

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14 Mr. Billie Toups of BFI Waste Systems, offered
15 information regarding waste management, and recommended that the
16 City consider rebidding its contract to obtain the lowest possible
17 price. There was a brief discussion.
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19 EXECUTIVE SESSION
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21 SUSPENSION OF RULES
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23 Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt,
24 moved to suspend the rules to add an executive session regarding
25 pending litigation concerning Cindy Pustanio onto the agenda.
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27 ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED
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29 Councilman President Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman
30 Van Sandt, moved to enter into executive session to discuss
31 pending litigation regarding the Police Retirement Fund, and also
32 pending litigation regarding Cindy Pustanio.
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34 ROLL CALL 8 Yeas 0 Nays 1 Absent CARRIED
35 (Washington)
36 out of room
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38 The Council entered executive session at 11:00 p.m. and
39 returned at 11:50 p.m.
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41 Since there was no other business to discuss, the
42 meeting was adjourned at 11:55 p.m.
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49 Philip M. Salvaggio
50 Councilman, District F
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