

MINUTES

SLIDELL CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 25, 1989

6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at the Slidell City Council Chambers by the Council President, Philip Salvaggio. All members were present except Councilman-at-Large Singletary and Councilman Barthelemy.

Councilwoman Williams removed item E.1. Special Function Liquor License for Jim Hennessey, and item G.1. Project Acceptance for the Culvert Line Rehabilitation Project, Phase B from the Consent Calendar.

Councilman Callahan removed item D.1. Electricians License for Mr. C. E. Soeller from the Consent Calendar.

Councilman-at-Large Martinez, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Singletary) (Barthelemy)	CARRIED
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A. Approval of the Minutes of the April 11, 1989, Meeting.

B. Proposed Ordinance:

1. Item No. 89-04-1352: An ordinance amending Chapter 20 Water Sec. 20-7.1. Monthly rates for services; use of funds; and Chapter 2 Administration Sec. 2-126. Exemption concerning water bill. of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Slidell.

NOTE: A Public Hearing will be held on the above listed ordinance on Tuesday, May 23, 1989, at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

C. Proposed Resolution:

1. R89-19: A resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$2,200 in conjunction with the National Pony Slow Pitch Championship Tournament for girls sponsored by the Slidell Bantam Baseball Association.

D. Approval of Special Function Liquor License:

1. Slidell Evening Lions - Slidell Antique Fair - April 29-30

E. Bids and Request to Purchase:

1. Pinetree Ditch Drainage Improvements - Pipe Bid
2. Pinetree Ditch Drainage Improvements - Construction Bid

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

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Councilwoman Williams substituted an application for Mr. Jim Hennessey for a Special Function Liquor Permit with one stating it was for the New Orleans Fire Department rather than for Jim Hennessey. Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to accept the substitute application for Mr. Jim Hennessey for the New Orleans Fire Department for a Special Function Liquor Permit.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Singletary) (Barthelemy)	CARRIED
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Councilwoman Williams removed the Culvert Line Rehabilitation Phase B Project Acceptance from the agenda. She stated that rights-of-way could not be acquired from three residents, and a fund balance remains. The Engineer will investigate the possibility of doing three other locations and will request that this item be returned to the agenda when additional locations are obtained.

Councilman Callahan commended Mr. C. E. Soeller for his successful completion of the electrical license examination. He was the only one out of eight applicants to pass the test. The Council recently removed the experience requirements for graduates of an accredited university as a prerequisite for taking the exam.

Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to approve the Electricians License for Mr. C. E. Soeller.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Singletary) (Barthelemy)	CARRIED
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TABLED ITEMS

A resolution to revise the Table of Contents and Index of the City of Slidell's Code of Ordinances was brought before the Council. Since Councilman-at-Large Singletary was the author and was absent, Council President Salvaggio moved to table resolution R88-61 and Amendment A until the next Council meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 89-03-1341, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2206 to add an exemption for professional artists to the City of Slidell's public bid policy.

No one from the public appeared to speak.

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Berault, moved to adopt Amendment A to Item No. 89-03-1341.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Singletary) (Barthelemy)	CARRIED
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Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to adopt Item No. 89-03-1341 as amended.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Singletary) (Barthelemy)	CARRIED
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As advertised a public hearing was held on Item No. 89-03-1342, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2225 to extend the solicitation time to 9:00 p.m. during periods of daylight savings time.

Mr. Norman Gordon, Mr. George Hayes, Ms. Nicky McDonald, and Ms. Irma Cry appeared before the Council speaking against the adoption of this ordinance.

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to suspend the rules and enter into Executive Session, not to exceed ten minutes, for further Council discussion because of possible pending litigation regarding this item.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Singletary) (Barthelemy)	CARRIED
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The Council entered Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

The Council resume its meeting in the Council Chambers at 7:55 p.m.

There was a lengthy Council discussion including the City Attorney.

Upon the advice of the City Attorney, Councilman Salvaggio introduced Amendment B to Item No. 89-03-1342 which would permit solicitation until 9:00 p.m. year round.

Prior to the vote, Councilman Salvaggio, introduced Resolution R89-20, a resolution requesting that a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500) be appropriated for "No Solicitation" signs, and said signs be made available to residents of the City of Slidell upon request.

There was further Council discussion referencing the City's Code and possible penalties for non-compliance.

Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to adopt Amendment B to Item No. 89-03-1342.

ROLL CALL	5 Yeas	2 Nays (Berault) (Callahan)	2 Absent (Singletary) (Barthelemy)	CARRIED
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Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to adopt Item No. 89-03-1342 as amended.

ROLL CALL	5 Yeas	2 Nays (Berault) (Callahan)	2 Absent (Singletary) (Barthelemy)	CARRIED
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Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to adopt Resolution R89-20, a resolution requesting that a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500) be appropriated for "No Solicitation" signs, and said signs be made available to residents of the City of Slidell upon request.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Singletary) (Barthelemy)	CARRIED
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Councilman Martinez request that a letter be sent to the City Judge requesting that he act swiftly and appropriately with problems relative to violations of this solicitation ordinance.

As advertised a public hearing was held on Item No. 89-03-1343, an ordinance amending Chapter 20 Water, Sec. 20-2. Separate connections required; exception.

No one from the public appeared to speak.

Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved to adopt Item No. 89-03-1343.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Singletary) (Barthelemy)	CARRIED
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As advertised a public hearing was held on Item No. 89-03-1344, an ordinance amending Appendix A-Zoning, in the City of Slidell's Industrial Zoning Classifications as they relate to setbacks and buffering standards.

Ms. Judy Hahn and Ms. Grace Warolin appeared before the Council and spoke in favor of adopting this ordinance.

Mr. Tom O'Connor, Mr. Bob Echols, Mr. Ben Bishop, Mr. B. J. Scogin, Mr. Jim Scogin, Mr. Paul Ellington, Ms. Irma Cry, and Mr. Earl Broom all appeared before the Council speaking against adopting this ordinance.

There was a lengthy Council discussion.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Martinez, moved to table Item No. 89-03-1344 and Amendment A until there can be a meeting among the homeowners, property owners, City Planner, City Attorney, and other City Officials to resolve their differences.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Singletary) (Barthelemy)	CARRIED
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There was a five minute recess.

The Council meeting resumed at 8:35 p.m.

As advertised a public hearing was held on Item No. 89-03-1345, an ordinance establishing standards for demolition of buildings in the Slidell Olde Towne Preservation District; and establishing the Slidell Olde Towne District Advisory Commission.

Ms. Darlene Horvath and Mr. Eric Dubuisson appeared before the Council in support of Item No. 89-03-1345.

There was a Council discussion regarding the boundaries of the Slidell Olde Towne Preservation District. Changes were proposed.

Councilman Berault suggested that this item be tabled until later in the meeting to give the City Planner time to review and revise the map setting forth the Olde Towne boundaries.

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As advertised a public hearing was held on Item No. 89-03-1346, Revenues, Operating, and Capital Budgets for the City of Slidell fiscal year 1989-90.

Mr. Tom Schedler appeared before the Council representing the Olde Towne Task Force and requested funding for that group in the way of office supplies and postage.

Another public hearing will be held on Item No. 89-03-1346, the 1989-90 budget, at the next Council meeting on May 9, 1989.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to table Item No. 89-03-1346 until the next regular Council meeting.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Singletary) (Barthelemy)	CARRIED
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

Ms. Jackie Carr appeared before the Council regarding the White Kitchen property. She stated her dissatisfaction with the manner in which the Olde Towne Study was being conducted. She requested that she be allowed input as she had property in the study area.

Mr. Steven Bresler, attorney from New Orleans representing Joan Turner, Bankruptcy Trustee, appeared before the Council. He said the property in question is not owned by Ms. Carr but by the Bankruptcy Trustee.

Councilman Salvaggio requested the City Attorney to review the issued regarding this property and report back to him.

The Council resumed its public hearing on the Olde Towne Preservation District. As no one from the public wanted to comment further on Item No. 89-03-1345, the public hearing was closed. The City Planner offered a revised map showing the revised Olde Towne Preservation District.

Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to adopt Item No. 89-03-1345 as amended with the revised map.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Singletary) (Barthelemy)	CARRIED
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Mr. Kelly LeBouef representing St. Tammany Cablevision appeared before the Council. Mr. LeBouef reviewed their proposal to add 2 new programming stations to their cable service, and stated the price of the basic cable service will increase by \$1.00 effective June 1, 1989.

Councilman Van Sandt stated that the Council has no control over the cable rates.

The Council entered into a discussion on the American Waste Garbage Contract, and the opinions issued by the Attorney General on this matter. Councilman Callahan led a lengthy discussion and entered the opinions into the official Council Minutes. A further clarification of the Attorney General's opinions would be sought to resolve this matter.

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The Park-n-Ride discussion was brought before the Council. Councilman-at-Large Martinez asked Administration for an update. As information was not available, the discussion will be rescheduled after data is assembled.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

The Council entered a discussion on renovations to the former library building.

Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to suspend the rules to introduce Verbal Resolution VR89-04 as follows: NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), from the interest earned on the Special Road Certificate held for District A, to the Slidell Commission on the Arts to be used in renovating the old library building.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Singletary) (Barthelemy)	CARRIED
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Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to adopt Verbal Resolution VR89-04.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Singletary) (Barthelemy)	CARRIED
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SUSPENSION OF RULES

Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to suspend the rules to introduce another Executive Session regarding possible pending litigation onto the agenda.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Singletary) (Barthelemy)	CARRIED
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Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to enter into Executive Session.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Singletary) (Barthelemy)	CARRIED
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The Council entered into Executive Sessions at 10:30 p.m.

The Council returned from the Executive Sessions at 12:15 a.m.

Since there was no further business to discuss, the Council meeting was adjourned at 12:20 a.m.


Philip M. Salvaggio
Councilman, District F
President of the Council


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Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council