

MINUTES

SLIDELL CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 27, 1989

6:30 P.M.

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

Councilwoman Williams removed C.2. and E.9. from the Consent Calendar.

Councilman Barthelemy removed C.1. from the Consent Calendar.

Councilman Berault removed F.1. from the Consent Calendar.

Councilman Callahan removed E.1. and E.7. from the Consent Calendar.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt moved to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Martinez)	CARRIED
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A. Approval of the Minutes of the June 13, 1989 Meeting.

B. Proposed Ordinances

1. Item No. 89-06-1366: An ordinance annexing and zoning approximately 2.19 acres of land located east of Vaultz Road and south of Highway 433 from C-2 Parish Zoning to C-4 Highway Commercial Zoning District, as petitioned by Paul Kosbab, representing Calvin Klein Mobile Homes, Inc., (Salvaggio/Singletary, both by request of Administration).
2. Item No. 89-06-1367: An ordinance amending Chapter 5 Auditorium and City Building of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell (Williams/Salvaggio, by request).
3. Item No. 89-06-1368: An ordinance annexing approximately 1,020 feet of Voter's Road right-of-way which extends from the Old Spanish Trail right-of-way to the northern lot line of Lot 1-B of the Ecol Village Subdivision, (Salvaggio/Singletary, both by request of Administration).
4. Item No. 89-06-1369: An ordinance adopting a new pay plan for Municipal Employees Civil Service for the City of Slidell, (Salvaggio/Singletary, both by request of Administration).

NOTE: A Public Hearing will be held on the above listed ordinances on Tuesday, July 25, 1989, at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

C. Approval of Special Function Liquor License

1. French Quarter Merchants Softball Tournament, Fritchie Park, July 8, 1989.

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D. Bids and Request to Purchase

1. Liquid Chlorine
2. CR-S2 Emulsion
3. Clam Shells
4. Concrete
5. Sand and Gravel
6. Ducksworth Park Restroom Facility
7. Laser Printer - Mayor's Office

E. Project Acceptance

1. Gause East Utility Extension Project

F. Change Order:

1. WWTP Expansion Project, Change Order No. 5

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilwoman Williams reviewed Item C.2., Resolution R89-37 expressing support for the creation of a foundation to combat Lake Pontchartrain pollution, with the Council.

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Berault introduced Amendment A to Resolution R89-37 which adds a provision to have a representative from the Greater Slidell Area as a member of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation.

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Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy moved for the adoption of Resolution R89-37 as amended.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Martinez)	CARRIED
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Resolution R89-36, a resolution expressing support for the Commission on the Arts/Department of Cultural Affairs' application for a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) was brought before the Council.

Arts Director, Suzanne Parsons, reviewed the details of the grant requirements. There was a Council discussion.

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt moved for the adoption of Resolution R89-36.

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Councilman Callahan reviewed the bids received for the Official Journal for the Slidell City Council, and the annual bid for gas and diesel for the City of Slidell.

Councilman Callahan stated that these items were showing a significant rise in cost over last year. A brief Council discussion followed.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Callahan moved for the adoption of the low bid to supply the City of Slidell with gas and oil from Slidell Oil Company for fiscal year 1989-90.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Martinez)	CARRIED
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Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Singletary moved for the adoption of the Sentry Daily News as the Official Journal for the City of Slidell for fiscal year 1989-90.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Martinez)	CARRIED
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Councilwoman Williams reviewed the bids for floor covering for the Cultural Arts Center renovation project with the Council. She stated that bid documents were unavailable at the time the agenda was printed and that they were available in the handout presented the Council prior to the meeting.

After a brief discussion, Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio moved for the adoption of the low bid of three thousand five hundred seventy-four dollars and three cents (\$3,574.03) from Designer's Touch for floor covering to be used in the Cultural Arts Center renovation project.

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

At this point in the meeting, Councilman Berault, seconded by Councilwoman Williams moved for the suspension of the rules to recognize Mr. Ken Arnold, Chairman of the Municipal Civil Service Board.

Mr. Arnold appeared before the Council and gave a brief presentation of an ordinance to revise the Municipal Employees' Civil Service pay plan. He said the ordinance was being introduced to the Council at this time. It was stated by Councilwoman Williams that job descriptions were not included in the packet but were available for review in the Council Office.

Councilman Callahan expressed his desires to have a complete review of the pay plans for all City employees, including the Police Department.

Items Removed from Consent Calendar - Continued

Councilman Berault reviewed F.1. the Project Acceptance for Rue Rochelle Roadway Improvements, Phase 2, with the Council. He asked if improvements had been made to the neutral ground. He was advised by Chief of Staff, Reinhard Dearing, that said neutral ground improvements were being attended to this date.

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Councilman Berault, seconded by Councilman Callahan on the recommendation of the City Engineer and Administration, moved for the acceptance of the Rue Rochelle Roadway Improvements, Phase 2.

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TABLED ITEMS

The Bid Acceptance of the Kostmayer Water Well Generator Setup was again brought before the Council. City Engineer, Stan Polivick, advised the Council that the apparent low bidder had been notified of his disqualification, and recommended the acceptance of the next responsive bidder to supply said water well generator setup.

Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt moved for the acceptance of the bid of Holt Equipment Company in the amount of twenty-six thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$26,250.00).

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Martinez)	CARRIED
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Item No. 89-03-1344, a proposed ordinance to amend Appendix A-Zoning, in the City of Slidell's Industrial Zoning Classifications as they relate to setbacks and buffering standards, was brought before the Council.

Also introduced were Amendments C and D to the proposed ordinance.

Council President Salvaggio gave a brief description of the proposed amendments and the effects of the proposed ordinance.

Councilman Callahan also reviewed the changes included in Amendment D.

Council President Salvaggio stated that a public hearing was already held on this matter but would entertain comments from people wanting to speak on the proposed ordinance and amendments.

Appearing before the Council in support of the ordinance were William A. Watson, Judy Hahn, Grace Warolin, Lorraine Currier, Jack Maxwell, and Jamie Wilson.

Speaking in opposition to the proposed ordinance were Mr. Bren Bishop, Mr. V. J. Scogins, both of Standard Materials, and Mr. Jackson.

As no one else from the public appeared to speak on the subject before the Council, the Council President brought the matter back to the Council floor.

At this point, Councilman-at-Large Martinez entered the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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After a discussion, Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilwoman Williams moved for the adoption of Amendment D to Item No. 89-03-1344.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt moved for the adoption of Amendment C to Item No. 89-03-1344.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Callahan moved for the adoption of Amendment B as amended.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

Amendment A was withdrawn by Councilman Van Sandt.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Callahan moved for the adoption of Item No. 89-03-1344 as amended.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

Councilman Van Sandt thanked the homeowners and industrial property owners for working out a compromise which was satisfactory to most parties.

At this point in the meeting, 7:45 p.m., Council President Salvaggio called for a five minute recess.

At 7:50 p.m., the Council President called the meeting back to order.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 89-05-1356, an ordinance rezoning Lot 1, Square 10, Northside subdivision from C-2 to C-4 Highway Commercial, as petitioned by Ms. Gloria McCurnin.

Mr. Max Clay and Mr. Earnest Boudreaux appeared before the Council to speak against the rezoning of said property. The public hearing was closed and the matter was brought back before the Council for deliberation.

The Council was advised that Ms. McCurnin had family health problems, and could not appear to speak before the Council. She further requested that the item be tabled until the September 12, 1989, Council Meeting.

There was a brief Council discussion.

Councilman Barthelemy advised the Council that all such requests for rezoning were denied by the Council in the past.

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilwoman Williams moved for the denial of Item No. 89-05-1356.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

The request for rezoning failed.

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Councilwoman Williams suggested that the Rules of Procedures be amended to require a written request to table any and all matters under consideration by the Council.

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 89-05-1357, an ordinance annexing and zoning approximately 0.41 acres of land from Parish to A-6 Single Family Urban Zoning District, located south of Fremaux Extension and west of Joan Avenue, as petitioned by Lakewood Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

No one from the public appeared to speak.

There was a brief Council discussion regarding the exact location of said property and its use thereof.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Berault moved for the adoption of Item No. 89-05-1357.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 89-05-1359, an ordinance amending Appendix A-Zoning, Section 2.1601 Permitted Uses of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell to include day care centers and nurseries as permitted uses in the C-2 Zoning District.

No one from the public appeared to speak.

The public hearing was closed and a brief Council discussion followed.

Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt moved for the adoption of Item No. 89-05-1359.

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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 89-05-1360, an ordinance amending Chapter 11 Health and Sanitation to place accounting functions for Garbage Services in the Enterprise Fund.

Councilman Callahan gave a brief explanation of the extent of the ordinance.

No one from the public appeared to speak. The public hearing was closed.

Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman Berault moved for the adoption of Item No. 89-05-1360.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 89-05-1361, an ordinance amending Chapter 12 1/4 Parks and Recreation to require the presence of a law enforcement officer at functions having alcoholic beverages available for sale.

No one from the public appeared to speak.

Councilwoman Williams gave a brief explanation of the intent of the ordinance. It was moved by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt for the adoption of Item No. 89-05-1361.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 89-05-1361, an ordinance amending the Operating, Revenue, and Capital Budgets for the City of Slidell's fiscal year ending June 30, 1989.

Council Administrator, Davis Dautreuil, gave an explanation of the amendments to the budget.

As no one from the public appeared to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Council President Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman Callahan introduced Amendment B for adoption.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman Callahan moved for the adoption of Item No. 89-05-1362 as amended.

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Amendment A was withdrawn.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

As instructed at the last Council Meeting, the Council Administrator gave an update on the condemnation hearing of the property located at 2123 Park Avenue. The Council Administrator advised the Council that the condemned property had been satisfactorily demolished.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

MAYOR

Mayor Sam Caruso appeared before the Council. He requested that the first Executive Session be withdrawn from the agenda.

The Mayor further advised the Council that he had solicited proposals for general insurance coverages and had awarded the policy for fiscal year 1989-90 to Risk Management Incorporated at a savings of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000).

The Mayor further gave a brief update to the Council on developments at the M.R.O. site. He advised that Council that roadway improvements were guaranteed by Governor Roemer.

There was a brief discussion regarding traffic control and traffic related problems at the M.R.O. development.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The matter of replacing the doors entering the Council Chambers was brought before the Council. It was decided that two additional bids would be solicited, and the proposals would be brought before the Council for further consideration.

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At this point, the Council entered into a brief discussion relative to the Slidell Municipal Airport. Councilman-at-Large Martinez advised the Council that he was working with the Police Jury in an effort to negotiate an option and a lease for the airport facilities.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The elections for the President and Vice-President of the Slidell City Council was brought before the Council.

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Washington nominated Philip Salvaggio as President.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Berault moved that nominations be closed.

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Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Washington moved for the election of Councilman Philip Salvaggio as President.

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Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilman Callahan moved for the nomination of Councilman-at-Large Alvin Singletary as Vice-President of the Council.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Berault moved that nominations be closed.

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Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilman Callahan moved for the election of Councilman-at-Large Alvin Singletary as Vice-President of the Council.

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

Council President Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt moved to suspend the rules to offer a Verbal Resolution VR89-05, expressing support for President George Bush's insistence that the American Flag should never be desecrated.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Council President Salvaggio, seconded by all remaining Council Members moved to adopt Verbal Resolution VR89-05.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council President Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman Berault moved that the Council enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation at the request of the City Attorney.

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14 The Council entered Executive Session at 9:40 p.m.

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16 The Council returned from Executive Session at 10:05 p.m.
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18 As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting
19 was adjourned at 10:06 p.m.
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25 Philip M. Salvaggio
26 Councilman, District F
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