

MINUTES

SLIDELL CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 22, 1989

6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order in the Slidell City Council Chambers by the Council President, Philip Salvaggio. All members were present.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved to suspend the rules to add Resolutions R89-45 a resolution expressing support for the tax millage renewal for the St. Tammany Parish Library, R89-46 a resolution urging quick response to city insurance claims, R89-47 a resolution supporting the closure of the Downman Road on-ramp onto Interstate 10 in east New Orleans, a bid for one or more 1/2-ton small pickup trucks, a bid for one or more 1-ton utility trucks, and a special function liquor permit for Slidell Memorial Hospice, onto the Consent Calendar.

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Councilman Salvaggio removed Resolution R89-44 from the Consent Calendar.

Councilman Washington removed Resolution R89-45 from the Consent Calendar.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary removed Resolution R89-46 from the Consent Calendar.

Councilman-at-Large Martinez removed the bids for the purchase of trucks from the Consent Calendar.

Councilman Berault, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to accept the Consent Calendar as amended.

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A. Approval of the Minutes of the August 8, 1989, Meeting.

B. Proposed Ordinance

1. Item No. 89-08-1379: An ordinance declaring that the City of Slidell does not desire to be included under the "Louisiana Underground Utilities and Facilities Damage Prevention Law"; and providing for related matters.

NOTE: A Public Hearing will be held on the above listed ordinance on Tuesday, September 26, 1989, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

C. Proposed Resolutions

1. R89-42: A resolution requesting the installation of a sidewalk extension on Rue Rochelle to Gause Boulevard.
2. R89-43: A resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and the Department of Natural Resources to extend dredging prohibition to three (3) miles from the shoreline of Lake Pontchartrain in St. Tammany Parish.
3. R89-47: A resolution supporting the closure of the Downman Road on-ramp onto Interstate 10 in east New Orleans on weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

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D. Bids and Request to Purchase

1. One new 6" vertical centrifugal pump

E. Project Acceptance

1. Ducksworth Park Concession Building

F. Special Function Liquor Permit

1. Slidell Memorial Hospice, September 9, 1989, Fund Raiser

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Resolution R89-44, a resolution authorizing the refunding of outstanding bonds for the St. Tammany Parish Public Trust Fund for the issuance of single family mortgages and other matters related thereto, was brought before the council.

Mr. Jerry Osborne, bond attorney, appeared to review R89-44 and Amendment A with the council and addressed the possibility of acquiring a new City Hall with bond reserve proceeds.

After a lengthy discussion, Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved for the adoption of Amendment A to Resolution R89-44.

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Councilman-at-Large Martinez noted that the council could re-evaluate the use of these funds if the proposed use was unattainable, however, it would have to be presented to the St. Tammany Parish Public Trust Fund Authority for final approval.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to adopt Resolution R89-44 as amended.

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Councilman Washington reviewed Resolution R89-45, a resolution expressing support for the tax millage renewal for the St. Tammany Parish Library, with the council. He emphasized the importance of a good library.

Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Singletary, moved for the adoption of Resolution R89-45.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman-at-Large Singletary read Resolution R89-46, a resolution urging quick response to city insurance claims by the city's insurance administrator, Group Programs, Incorporated.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved for the adoption of Resolution R89-46.

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14 The bids for the purchase of trucks were brought before
15 the council. After a brief discussion, upon the recommendation of
16 the City Engineer, Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman
17 Callahan moved to accept the bid of seventeen thousand one hundred
18 forty-nine dollars and eighty-nine cents (\$17,159.89) per truck
19 from Crescent Trucks for the purchase of five one-ton utility
20 trucks, and the bid of ten thousand three hundred seven dollars
21 and fourteen cents (\$10,307.00) per truck from Crescent Trucks for
22 the purchase of three 1/2-ton small pickup trucks.
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24 ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED
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28 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR
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30 Councilman Van Sandt reviewed Resolution R89-41, a
31 resolution requiring all appointed Board Members to take an "Oath
32 of Office" supporting state and local laws, and to participate in
33 city sponsored work sessions. Councilman Van Sandt discussed
34 information City Attorney, Elaine Guillot, presented relevant to
35 state statute noting that the "Oath of Office" is required by
36 state law.
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38 Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Berault,
39 moved for the adoption of Resolution R89-41.
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41 ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED
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43 SUSPENSION OF RULES
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45 Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy,
46 moved to suspend the rules to move discussion item 8.1. Ralph
47 Smith, forward on the agenda.
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49 ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED
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51 DISCUSSION ITEM
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53 Mr. Ralph Smith of the Slidell Police Department
54 appeared before the council. Mr. Smith requested the council to
55 pay his attorney fees related to his recent hearing before the
56 Municipal Police Civil Service Board. He presented a synopsis of
57 his case to the council.
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59 There was a lengthy council discussion.
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61 Mr. Smith also discussed with the council the chain of
62 command regarding the Assistant Chief of Police's position and
63 police morale problems. He stated that Assistant Chief of Police,
64 Terry Parta, was harassing employees, and that complaints to the
65 Chief of Police, Max Rodriguez, were unanswered.
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67 There was a lengthy council discussion in which the
68 City Attorney stated that the position of Assistant Chief of
69 Police for the City of Slidell was illegal in its present form.
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71 Mrs. Betty Parta appeared before the council and
72 expressed her concerns about allegations regarding her husband,
73 Terry Parta, and the legality of his position stating he has been
74 Assistant Chief of Police for more than ten (10) years.
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76 The council discussion continued.
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After a discussion on the cost of such a facility and the available funds, Councilman-at-Large Martinez and Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved to set aside the three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$325,000) budgeted for this purpose into a separate interest bearing account so that interest earned could be accumulated and applied toward the construction of a larger facility.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to delay tabled item B.2. until later in the meeting.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Martinez, out of room)	CARRIED
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PUBLIC HEARINGS

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 89-07-1372, an ordinance increasing the compensation for the Mayor and Chief of Police for the City of Slidell.

No one from the public appeared to speak.

Councilman Washington introduced Amendment A to Item No. 89-07-1372 which made an adjustment to the salary amounts.

Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved for the adoption of Amendment A to Item No. 89-07-1372.

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Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to adopt Item No. 89-07-1372 as amended.

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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 89-07-1373, an ordinance rezoning properties which front on Fremaux Avenue between 8th Street and 9th Street from A-6 to C-1 and A-4 to C-1, as petitioned by Robert and Leah Jones.

Mr. Jones appeared before the council expressing his desire for such rezonings. No one else from the public appeared to speak.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Berault, moved to adopt Item No. 89-07-1373.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 89-07-1374, an ordinance amending Chapter 9, Criminal Code, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell prohibiting the use of public property after the posted time allotment.

Sergeant Lionel Hicks of the Slidell Police Department appeared before the council supporting the adoption of Item No. 89-07-1374.

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved for the adoption of Item No. 89-07-1374.

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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 89-07-1375, an ordinance amending Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell to authorize the Slidell Police Department to exercise traffic control in the Slidell Housing Authority's parking lot.

Councilman Washington informed the council of a written request from Ms. Rose Peychaud, Director, Housing Authority of the City of Slidell, requesting assistance from the Slidell Police Department.

Sergeant Lionel Hicks of the Slidell Police Department appeared before the council supporting the adoption of Item No. 89-07-1375.

Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Singletary, moved to adopt Item No. 89-07-1375.

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TABLED ITEM

Item No. 89-06-1369, an ordinance adopting a new pay plan for Municipal Employees Civil Service for the City of Slidell, was brought before the council.

Councilman Callahan address the council stating he made a thorough analysis of the pay plan. He gave a detailed report of his review and recommended that it be returned to the Board for further review of the recommendations identified.

Council President Salvaggio suggested the formation of a committee to review these recommendations. He suggested the committee consist of six members as follows: Councilman-at-Large Singletary, Councilman Callahan, two representatives appointed by the Mayor, and two representatives of the Municipal Employees Civil Service Board.

Councilman-at-Large Martinez, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved to defer Item No. 89-06-1369 until recommendations are reviewed by the suggested committee.

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COMMENTS AND REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

MAYOR

Mayor Caruso informed the council of his selection of Brooks, Morial, Cassibry, Fraiche and Pizza as special legal counsel in the lawsuit Rene Roux versus City of Slidell.

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor, Councilman Berault, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to accept the appointment of Brooks, Morial, Cassibry, Fraiche and Pizza as legal counsel.

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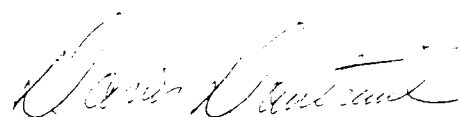
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14 Chief of Staff, Reinhard Dearing, informed the council
15 of an emergency situation with renovations to the city jail. He
16 advised the council that the necessary repairs were completed over
17 the weekend at a cost under the public bid limit.
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19 At the request of Chief of Staff, Reinhard Dearing, the
20 discussion item relative to Mr. Larry Rogers was withdrawn by the
21 Council President.
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23 Since there was no further business to discuss, the
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32 Councilman, District F
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39 Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council
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