

MINUTES

SLIDELL CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 12, 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 Martinez, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to suspend the rules to add Item No. 89-09-1384, an ordinance requiring all monetary appropriations be submitted to the council office prior to agenda closing time, and Change Order No. 1 for Water Tower No. 2, onto the consent calendar.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman Callahan removed Resolution R89-48, and the Emergency Purchase for the temporary water storage tanks for the MRO Development from the Consent Calendar.

Councilman Barthelemy removed Resolution R89-50 from the Consent Calendar.

Councilman-at-Large Martinez removed Change Order No. 1 for Water Tower No. 2 from the Consent Calendar.

Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved to accept the Consent Calendar as amended.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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A. Approval of the Minutes of the August 22, 1989, Meeting.

B. Proposed Ordinances

1. Item No. 89-09-1380: An ordinance amending Chapter 7 Buildings to require Building, Plumbing/Gas, Electrical and ACHMRV Contractors to carry liability insurance, display license, and to allow for an inactive license.
2. Item No. 89-09-1381: An ordinance amending Appendix A-Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell to provide for specific industrial uses in M-1 and M-2 zoning districts.
3. Item No. 89-09-1382: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Slidell to enter into an inter-governmental agreement to lease and manage the Slidell Airport.
4. Item No. 89-09-1383: An ordinance amending Chapter 7 Buildings of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell to provide for sanitation and maintenance of swimming pools.

NOTE: A Public Hearing will be held on the above listed ordinances on Tuesday, October 10, 1989, at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

C. Proposed Resolution

1. R89-49: A resolution accepting the Legislators Auditors' System Survey and Compliance Questionnaire as complete and accurate.

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D. Approval of License

1. Electricians License - Mr. Steven R. Harris

E. Approval of Special Function Liquor Licenses

1. Slidell Food and Fun Fest, October 14-15, Church Parish Fair, 1050 Robert Road.
2. Greater Slidell Area Chamber of Commerce, September 29-October 1, Slidell Trade Fair/Octoberfest, City Auditorium and surround park.
3. Slidell Evening Lions, October 28-29, Fall Street Fair, First Street.

F. Project Acceptance

1. Pinetree Ditch Drainage Project

G. Emergency Purchase

1. Sewer pump at City Barn Pump Station

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Callahan read Resolution R89-48, a resolution urging the Congress of the United States to revise the Cable Communication Policy Act of 1984, and expressing general concern about the need for greater local government regulatory authority. He emphasized the need for local government regulatory authority, as in the last three years, the basic cable rate has increased from eight dollars and fifty cents (\$8.50) to the current rate of sixteen dollars (\$16.00).

Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved to adopt Resolution R89-48.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman Barthelemy read Resolution R89-50, a resolution congratulating Miss Stacy King as Miss Louisiana of 1989 and wishing her the best of luck in the 1990 Miss America Beauty Pageant.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman Callahan requested an update from Chief of Staff, Reinhard Dearing, regarding the MRO Development and the location of the emergency pumps.

City Engineer, Stan Polivick, informed the Council that the easement agreement for the tank site had been signed by the property owner and agreed to by the MRO Development.

There was a Council discussion.

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Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to accept the Emergency Purchase of the temporary water storage tanks for the MRO Development.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

Councilman-at-Large Martinez requested an explanation from the City Engineer regarding Change Order No. 1 for Water Tower No. 2. City Engineer, Stan Polivick, explained it was a modified protective hand rail system to prevent objects from falling.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to accept Change Order No. 1 for Water Tower No. 2.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to suspend the rules to move discussion Item No. 1, Slidell School Crossing Guards, forward on the agenda.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

Ms. Nina Tetlow, representing the Slidell School Crossing Guards, appeared before the Council to express their concerns regarding sick leave pay and days off for deaths in their immediate family.

There was a lengthy Council discussion.

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to accept the request from the School Crossing Guards and ask the appropriate department(s) to submit proposals with methods of implementation.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 89-08-1376, an ordinance amending Appendix A-Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell to establish a time period in which petitions are acted upon by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

No one from the public appeared to speak.

Councilman Van Sandt informed the Council that according to current procedures, the Planning and Zoning Commission could table an item and it possibly could never reach the Council agenda for consideration.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Singletary, moved to table this item until the next meeting to allow the Planning and Zoning Commission time to consider this item at their next scheduled meeting.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 89-08-1377, an ordinance which amends Chapter 3 Alcoholic Beverage Control to provide evidence of a state liquor license, prior to the issuance of a local license.

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Council President Salvaggio informed the Council of problems the state had with our local ordinance, and they requested that we rescind this requirement. He explained that the amendment would require a copy of the completed state application as part of the file for a local liquor license.

No one from the public appeared to speak.

Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Singletary, moved to adopt Item No. 89-08-1377.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 89-08-1378, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor, or his designated representative, to enter into a lease agreement with the Veterans Club of Slidell, Inc., for land to be used for a children's playground.

Councilman Barthelemy explained that the West Hall Park had to be relocated due to the installation of a chlorine injection site adjacent to the present park. Councilman Barthelemy substituted page 2 in the agreement stating that the city shall maintain in full force a general liability policy.

No one from the public appeared to speak.

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to accept Item No. 89-08-1378 as amended.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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COMMENTS AND REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

MAYOR

The Mayor made a presentation to the Council regarding his demolition/renovation project. A photo album was circulated showing pictures of each location to be condemned or renovated.

There was a Council discussion.

The matter of a recreational building was brought before the Council by the Mayor. The Mayor gave a report of a meeting held in his office earlier that day, in which members of his staff recommended that a gymnasium type facility be constructed in John Slidell Park. A lengthy Council discussion followed regarding the location, size, and budgeted funds for said construction. It was noted by Councilman-at-Large Martinez that construction cost would probably exceed the budgeted amount.

There was a discussion.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to have administration go forward with the engineering plans and to put the project out for bid.

Councilman-at-Large Martinez, seconded by Councilman Berault, offered an amendment to the above motion to add that the specifications be designed not to exceed the budgeted amount of three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$325,000.00).

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There was further Council discussion.

The question on the amendment was called for by the Council President.

ROLL CALL	3 Yeas	6 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
	(Callahan)	(Barthelemy)		
	(Berault)	(Salvaggio)		
	(Martinez)	(Singletary)		
		(Van Sandt)		
		(Washington)		
		(Williams)		

The amendment failed.

The question was called by the President on the original motion. Councilman-at-Large Martinez stated he was voting against this motion because sufficient funds were not provided, and that it would be a waste of money to do the design work.

ROLL CALL	4 Yeas	5 Nays	0 Absent	FAILED
	(Singletary)	(Berault)		
	(Washington)	(Callahan)		
	(Barthelemy)	(Martinez)		
	(Williams)	(Salvaggio)		
		(Van Sandt)		

The motion failed.

Chief of Staff, Reinhard Dearing, addressed the Council on numerous road striping requests. The Council was informed that we had adequate personnel and it would be cheaper for the city to purchase a road striping machine rather than hire contractors. Mr. Dearing was authorized to pursue the acquisition of such a machine, and to return to the Council when bids are received.

The Chief of Staff informed the Council that no bids were received for the Police Complex renovations. He stated an engineering company reviewed the specifications and recommended amendments. Mr. Dearing stated that specifications will be let for bids again with amendments.

Mr. Fred Van Gorder appeared before the Council expressing his concerns regarding the bid specifications for the Police Department renovations.

SUSPENSION OR RULES

Council President Salvaggio, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to suspend the rules to allow the Slidell School Crossing Guards to reappear before the Council.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent	CARRIED
			(Berault,	
			out of room)	

Ms. Nina Tetlow, representing the Slidell School Crossing Guards appeared before the Council to express their urgency for a response regarding their requests for sick leave and days off for deaths in their immediate family.

Councilman Callahan explained the procedure necessary prior to rendering any decision.

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Councilman Berault, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Martinez, offered a verbal resolution VR89-09 as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell's school crossing guards have approached the Slidell City Council and have formally expressed a desire to be eligible for sick pay and leave time with pay for deaths in their immediate family.

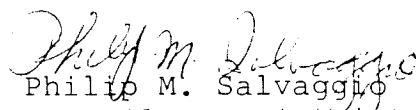
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Slidell City Council expresses its interest in trying to assist the Slidell's school crossing guards relative to their request for sick pay and leave time with pay for deaths in their immediate family, and does hereby request the Municipal Police Civil Service Board, the Mayor, the City Attorney, the Personnel Director, and others who may be involved in resolving this issue, to immediately address this matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intention of the Slidell City Council to satisfy the concerns of the school crossing guards to the best of our ability within the framework of the law.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Slidell City Council fully recognizes the value of the services provided by the Slidell school crossing guards to its citizens and especially the children, and that we do hereby compliment them on the efforts that they have shown, and hereby state that it is our intentions to solve this matter as quickly as possible.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Since there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.


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


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Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council