

1 **MINUTES**
2 **MARCH 23, 2021**
3 **6:30 P.M.**



SLIDELL CITY COUNCIL
2045 SECOND STREET
SLIDELL, LA 70458

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5 Council President Tamborella called the regular meeting of the Slidell City
6 Council to order in the Slidell City Council Chambers. A quorum was present.
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8 **PRESENT:** Council Members Bill Borchert, Glynn Pichon, Leslie Denham, David
9 Dunham, Warren Crockett, Val Vanney, Jr., Kenny Tamborella, Kim
10 Harbison and Cindi King

11 **ABSENT:** None

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13 **ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Greg Cromer, Police Chief Randy Fandal, Council
14 Administrator Thomas Reeves, Chief of Staff John Welborn, and City
15 Attorney Thomas Schneidau

16 The Council President opened the Consent Calendar for a public hearing. No
17 one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing
18 on the Consent Calendar.

19 Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilman Vanney made a motion to
20 adopt the Consent Calendar.

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22 **ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED**

23 **CONSENT CALENDAR**
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25 **A. Approval of the Minutes of the March 9, 2021 meeting.**

26 **B. Proposed Ordinances:**
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28 **1. Item No. 21-03-3360:** An ordinance for the City of Slidell which shall set
29 forth and designate the adjusted millage rates as required by Paragraph B
30 of Section 23, Article VII of the Constitution of Louisiana, for the purpose of
31 maintenance and operation of the Police Department, Garbage Collection,
32 Sewer System, Public Works, General Government, as well as providing for
33 the payment of interest and principal on outstanding general obligation
34 bonds, in said City for the fiscal year 2022, (Tamborella/Denham, by request
35 of Administration).

36 **2. Item No. 21-03-3361:** The City of Slidell Revenue, Expense, and Capital
37 Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022, (Tamborella/Denham, by request of
38 Administration).
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3. **Item No. 21-03-3362:** An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 2, Article III, Division 4, Section 2-157 (Mayor Compensation), (Tamborella/Denham, by request of Administration).
4. **Item No. 21-03-3363:** An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 2, Article III, Division 4, Section 2-157 (Chief of Police Compensation), (Tamborella/Denham, by request of Administration).
5. **Item No. 21-03-3364:** An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 2, Article III, Division 4, Section 2-157 (Council Member Compensation), (Tamborella/Denham, by request of Administration).

Note: A Public Hearing will be held on the above listed ordinances on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2045 Second Street, Suite 319.

C. Proposed Resolution:

1. **R21-06:** A resolution authorizing the extension of water and sewer utility services beyond the City limits to the property at 1729 Gause Boulevard East and rescinding resolution R21-05, (Tamborella/Denham, by request of Administration).

D. Bids and Request to Purchase:

1. Engineering - Upgrades to Cardinal Dr. Sewer Lift Station, BLD Services, LLC \$275,490
2. Engineering - New Anna Street Sewer Lift Station, DNA Underground LLC \$636,211
3. Engineering – Pump Station Rehab, PS 451, 521, 532, 561, 562, Gottfried Contracting, LLC \$ 1,593,000

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5 **REGULAR AGENDA**

6 **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

7 **SLIDELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PROPERTY TAX RENEWAL**
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9 Sam Caruso, Jr., Gilbert Ganucheau, Holly Sanchez and Joe DiGiovanni
10 appeared on behalf of Slidell Memorial Hospital to discuss the property tax renewal that
11 will be on the April 24th ballot. The millage rate will actually be lowered by a quarter of a
12 point, but the millage will be extended five years. The purpose of the extension is to add a
13 \$36 million-dollar three story building which will house, for the first time on the Northshore,
14 a complete breast cancer program. It will also include seven new state of the art operating
15 rooms and several negative pressure rooms.

16 **DR. TREVA BROWN**

17 Councilman Pichon introduced Dr. Treva Brown and asked her to give an
18 overview of the work she is doing with children in our community. Dr. Brown stated that
19 she is a Physical Scientist at NASA Stennis who enjoys doing community outreach. She
20 hosts a virtual mini-chemist series for children ages 4 and up where they can participate in
21 live science experiments.

22 **POSTPONED PROPOSED RESOLUTION**
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24 Councilman Vanney, seconded by Councilwoman Harbison, made a motion
25 to remove resolution R21-04 from postponement.

26 **ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED**
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28 As advertised, a public hearing was held on Resolution R21-04, a resolution
29 in support of giving local voters the right to decide the future of a proposed entertainment
30 and gaming project in East St. Tammany. The following appeared and spoke in opposition
31 of the gaming project: Morris St. Angelo, Lucy Tierney, Josh Clayton, Lisa Clayton, Ben
32 Clayton, Randy Boyett, David Cogle, Cynthia Collins, Kathleen Benfield, Emil Gretarsson,
33 David Ziegler, Ray Larry and Robert Lotz.

34 As no one else appeared, the Council President closed the public hearing.

35 Council President Tamborella stated that the Council office received over 120
36 emails in opposition to the casino development.
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5 Councilman Tamborella, seconded by Councilwoman Denham made a
6 motion to postpone Resolution R21-04 until April 27th, which will be after the Town Hall
7 meeting being held by representatives of the proposed casino.

8 **ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED**

9 **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

10 As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-02-3358, an
11 ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a servitude of use for public utilities across certain
12 lands in Bayer Subdivision, Section 14, Township 9 South, Range 14 East, City of Slidell,
13 St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, along with the acceptance of the donation of existing
14 water and sewerage improvements thereon. No one from the public appeared to speak.
15 The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilman Crocket, seconded by
16 Councilman Vanney, made a motion to adopt Item No. 21-02-3358, Ordinance 4019.

17 **ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED**

18 As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-02-3359, an
19 ordinance approving the establishment of the position of Chief Administrative/Public
20 Information Officer as a classified, non-exempt position for the Slidell Police Department
21 within pay grade 18. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President
22 closed the public hearing. Councilman Vanney, seconded by Councilwoman Harbison,
23 made a motion to adopt Item No. 21-02-3359, Ordinance 4020.

24 **ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED**

25 **LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

26 Councilwoman Denham stated that the Town Hall meeting with P2E will be
27 held on April 19th at 5:30 p.m.

28 Councilman Vanney stated that the old Vo-Tech School was donated to Pastor
29 John Raymond, who is going to turn it into a private school. Mr. Vanney stated that since
30 Pastor Raymond has taken over the property he has worked hard cleaning it and sprucing
31 it up and it is looking great.

32 **POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

33 Chief Fandal thanked everyone for coming to the meeting to voice their
34 opinions on the proposed casino.
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilman Vanney made a motion to enter into executive session.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

Upon recommendation of the City Attorney, the Council entered into an Executive Session regarding *Abney, et al v. City of Slidell, Slidell Police Department and Todd Dillon*, 22nd JDC No. 2020-10070 Div E.

The Council returned from Executive Session. Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilwoman Harbison made a motion to accept the City Attorney's recommendation.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



Kenny Tamborella
President of the Council
Councilman, District E



Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

COUNCIL ACTION: DATE APPROVED 4/13/21 DATE AMENDED _____