

1 **MINUTES**
2 **APRIL 27, 2021**
3 **6:30 P.M.**



SLIDELL CITY COUNCIL
2045 SECOND STREET
SLIDELL, LA 70458

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 Glynn Pichon, Leslie Denham, David Dunham,
9 Warren Crockett, Kenny Tamborella, Kim Harbison and Cindi King

10 **ABSENT:** Council Members Bill Borchert and Val Vanney, Jr.
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12 **ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Greg Cromer, Police Chief Randy Fandal, Council
13 Administrator Thomas Reeves, Chief of Staff John Welborn, and City
14 Attorney Thomas Schneidau

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

18 Councilman Dunham removed Item D-3 from the Consent Calendar.
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20 Councilwoman Denham, seconded by Councilwoman Harbison made a motion
21 to adopt the Consent Calendar, as amended.

22 **ROLL CALL** **7 Yeas** **0 Nays** **2 Absent** **CARRIED**
23 (Borchert)
24 (Vanney)

25 **CONSENT CALENDAR**
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27 **A. Approval of the Minutes of the April 13, 2021 meeting.**

28 **B. Proposed Ordinances:**
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- 30 **1. Item No. 21-04-3366:** An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of
31 the City of Slidell, Chapter 21 (PERSONNEL), Article II (EMPLOYEE
32 BENEFITS), Section 21-21 (Medical and dental insurance) relative to
33 medical and dental insurance for prospective employees upon their
34 retirement, (Borchert).
- 35 **2. Item No. 21-04-3367:** An ordinance to impose a time-limited moratorium on
36 the use of shipping containers as structures, (Tamborella/Denham, by
37 request of Administration).
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3. **Item No. 21-04-3368:** An ordinance approving a conditional Use Permit for a veterinary clinic at 1532 Gause Blvd, Slidell, Louisiana (Case CU21-01), (Tamborella/Denham, by request of Administration).

Note: A Public Hearing will be held on the above listed ordinances on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2045 Second Street, Suite 319.

C. Proposed Resolutions:

1. **R21-08:** A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Slidell to execute an Airport Coronavirus Relief Grant Program (ACRGP) Grant Agreement for Grant No. 3-22-0060-024-2021 for the Slidell Airport, (Tamborella/Denham, by request of Administration).
2. **R21-09:** A resolution authorizing a single "Christmas in July" or like celebration at the Slidell Auditorium as a limited City-sponsored event in conjunction with Keep Slidell Beautiful, (Denham/Dunham, by request of Administration).
3. **R21-10:** A resolution appointing an Authorized Officer for the City of Slidell with respect to the City's Treasury Services with Hancock Whitney Bank, (Tamborella/Denham, by request of Administration).

D. Reallocation of Funds:

1. Reallocation for Software at the Treatment plant

Coding	Account Description	Type of Account	Increase	Decrease
30003-50303	Software Treatment Plant	Expenditure	13,000	
30003-09318	Motor/Aeration Blowers	Expenditure		2,869
30003-09319	LED Lights	Expenditure		4,107
30003-50301	Refrigerated Sampler	Expenditure		84
30003-50304	Conveyor	Expenditure		176
30340-62035	Utilities – Gas & Electric	Expenditure		5,764

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2. Reallocation for sales tax collections

Coding	Account Description	Type of Account	Increase	Decrease
20001-31200	General Sales & Use Tax	Revenue	275,000	
20210-new	Utilities – Gas & Electric	Expenditure	275,000	

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A. Project Acceptance:

1. CDBG Basketball Court at Ducksworth Park, Slidell Job No. 5000-39

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Dunham removed the following Reallocation of Funds from the Consent Calendar:

Reallocation for capital project program management

Coding	Account Description	Type of Account	Increase	Decrease
20419-09123	JSP Parking Lot Repair	Expenditure		53,310
20421- new acct	Capital Projects Program Management	Expenditure	53,310	

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Councilman Dunham would like to meet with Administration to discuss the reallocation.

Councilman Dunham, seconded by Councilwoman Harbison made a motion to postpone the reallocation for capital project program management until the May 11, 2021 Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Borchert) (Vannev)	CARRIED
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DISCUSSION ITEM:

A discussion regarding the proposed condemnation and demolition of buildings/structures at 3075 Washington Ave. took place. City Attorney Thomas Schneidau stated that the City has been unsuccessful in its many attempts to locate the owner of the property. He stated that should anyone know the whereabouts of the owner, to please call his office at (985) 646-4396. Mr. Schneidau went on to state that when a

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property has been abandoned and attempts to locate the property owner have failed, the next step is to appoint a Curator to attempt to locate the owner and should those attempts fail, the curator would accept service on behalf of the owner.

Councilwoman Denham seconded by Councilwoman Harbison made a motion to appoint Lydia Alford as Curator to attempt to locate the owner of 3075 Washington Avenue, Cynthia Barsock aka Cynthia Amos., and if Mrs. Alford is unable to find the owner, then she will accept service on behalf of the owner.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Borchert) (Vannoy)	CARRIED
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POSTPONED PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Councilwoman Denham, seconded by Councilman Dunham made a motion to remove Resolution R21-04 from postponement.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Borchert) (Vannoy)	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Resolution No. R21-04, a resolution in support of giving local voters the right to decide the future of a proposed entertainment and gaming project in East St. Tammany. The following appeared in opposition to the Resolution: Morris St. Angelo, Chandler Goltz, Dr. Casey Stark, Randy Boyett, Dr. Will Hall, Camille Thompson, Nancy Nelson, Ray Larry, Josh Clayton, Gary Wood, Gene Bellisario, Ben Clayton, Tom Thornhill, Michelle Duvic, Sue Rotolo, Sheree Coltora, David Coogle, Lisa Clayton, Jennifer Jennings.

The following appeared in support of the Resolution: Megan Haggerty, Kendra Maness, Lee Longstreet, Chris Masingill, Charlie Kates, Ross Legarde, Diana Major.

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

Council Administrator Thomas Reeves reminded the Council that in order for the Resolution to pass, there has to be five votes in favor.

Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilman Crockett made a motion to adopt Resolution R21-04. There was a Council Discussion.

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Councilwoman Denham stated that she was torn from the start, and that most of her constituents were not in favor of the casino. She stated that Mr. Thornhill's words really spoke to her in that if you still have unanswered questions you should vote no.

Councilwoman King stated that she was not ready to vote on this topic.

Councilman Dunham thanked the public for coming out and expressing their concerns. He stated that this Resolution is just a symbolic gesture and asked what is more American than giving people the right to vote. He went on to state that the economic growth would be good for the Slidell area.

Councilman Pichon also thanked everyone for coming out and speaking. He stated that he had a problem with the resolution from the beginning and related it to the City's parking ordinance in that one size does not fit all. Councilman Pichon stated that we have to be proactive as Citizens and asked his peers and Administration to continue working hard to have something in place to protect Slidell should this casino pass. He stated that he will not gamble with Slidell's future.

Councilman Tamborella stated that the Council received a couple hundred emails and most of the emails were not from Slidell residents or even St. Tammany Parish residents. He went on to state that the point of this Resolution being on the Council Agenda is to include people in the process. He is in favor of allowing the people to vote.

As there was no further Council discussion, Councilwoman King, seconded by Councilwoman Denham made a motion to postpone Resolution R21-04 indefinitely.

ROLL CALL	3 Yeas	4 Nays	2 Absent	FAILED
	(Denham)	(Dunham)	(Borchert)	
	(King)	(Crockett)	(Vanne)	
	(Pichon)	(Tamborella)		
		(Harbison)		

Councilman Tamborella, seconded by Councilwoman King made a motion to postpone Resolution R21-04 until the May 11, 2021 Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL	2 Yeas	5 Nays	2 Absent	FAILED
	(Tamborella)	(Denham)	(Borchert)	
	(King)	(Dunham)	(Vanne)	
		(Crockett)		
		(Harbison)		
		(Pichon)		

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Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilman Crockett made a motion to adopt Resolution R21-04.

ROLL CALL	4 Yeas	2 Nays	2 Absent	1 Abstain	FAILED
	(Dunham)	(Denham)	(Borchert)	(King)	
	(Crockett)	(Pichon)	(Vanney)		
	(Tamborella)				
	(Harbison)				

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Councilman Crockett exited the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-03-3360, an ordinance for the City of Slidell which shall set forth and designate the adjusted millage rates as required by Paragraph B of Section 23, Article VII of the Constitution of Louisiana, for the purpose of maintenance and operation of the Police Department, Garbage Collection, Sewer System, Public Works, General Government, as well as providing for the payment of interest and principal on outstanding general obligation bonds, in said City for the fiscal year 2022. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilman Dunham, made a motion to postpone Item No. 21-03-3360 until May 25, 2021.

ROLL CALL	6 Yeas	0 Nays	3 Absent	CARRIED
			(Borchert)	
			(Vanney)	
			(Crockett)	

Councilman Crockett entered the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-03-3361, the City of Slidell Revenue, Expense, and Capital Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilman Dunham, made a motion to postpone Item No. 21-03-3361 until May 25, 2021.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent	CARRIED
			(Borchert)	
			(Vanney)	

As advertised, a public hearing was held on 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). No one from the public appeared to

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1 speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilwoman Harbison,
2 seconded by Councilman Dunham, made a motion to postpone Item No. 21-03-3362 until
3 May 25, 2021.

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7 **ROLL CALL** **7 Yeas** **0 Nays** **2 Absent** **CARRIED**
8 (Borchert)
9 (Vanne)

10 As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-03-3363, an
11 ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 2, Article III,
12 Division 4, Section 2-157 (Chief of Police Compensation). No one from the public
13 appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilwoman
14 Harbison, seconded by Councilman Dunham, made a motion to postpone Item No. 21-03-
15 3363 until May 25, 2021

16 **ROLL CALL** **7 Yeas** **0 Nays** **2 Absent** **CARRIED**
17 (Borchert)
18 (Vanne)

19 As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-03-3364, an
20 ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 2, Article III,
21 Division 4, Section 2-157 (Council Member Compensation). No one from the public
22 appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilwoman
23 Harbison, seconded by Councilman Dunham, made a motion to postpone Item No. 21-03-
24 3364 until May 25, 2021

25 **ROLL CALL** **7 Yeas** **0 Nays** **2 Absent** **CARRIED**
26 (Borchert)
27 (Vanne)

28 **LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

29 Councilman Pichon stated that the City cannot fall behind on the Casino. We
30 need feet on the ground and ears to the ground to make sure that Slidell doesn't get left
31 behind.

32 Councilwoman Denham stated that residents really need to get more involved.
33 She stated that her District, District A did not even show up for the public meeting with the
34 Casino owners.

35 Councilwoman Denham thanked everyone who volunteered and participated in
36 the Keep Slidell Beautiful week-long events last week, especially the group who worked in
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the Possum Hollow park garden dedicated to Former Councilman Lionel Washington and his wife, Becky, on behalf of Former Mayor Sam Caruso and his wife, Martha.

The Boys and Girls Club pool will open on May 31st. Each family can pay \$25.00 for an hour a week swim lesson for four weeks. If residents want to swim, it will \$1.00 per person. Councilwoman Denham is putting up \$100 to pay for the first 100 kids to swim.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Cromer stated that last week was an outstanding week for KSB, which ended on Saturday with the Citywide Cleanup. He stated that over 300 volunteers came out to help clean Slidell's streets. He also stated that Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser presented Slidell with a Proclamation and provided a seafood luncheon for the volunteers.

Mayor Cromer informed Councilwoman Denham that he would like the City to place a nice placard in the garden recognizing Former Councilman Washington.

Mayor Cromer also stated he would also put up \$100 for a hundred kids to be able to swim and challenged the Council to do the same.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Chief Fandal applauded the Council for their work tonight. He also has unanswered questions and will meet with Mr. Masingill to ask questions.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Kenny Tamborella
President of the Council
Councilman, District E



Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

COUNCIL ACTION: **DATE APPROVED** 5/11/21 **DATE AMENDED** _____