

1 **MINUTES**
2 **MAY 25, 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, and
10 Cindi King

11 **ABSENT:** Council Member Kim Harbison
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13 **ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Greg Cromer, Captain Nicky Mistretta, Council Administrator
14 Thomas Reeves, Chief of Staff John Welborn, and City Attorney
15 Thomas Schneidau

16 Councilwoman Kim Harbison entered the meeting at 6:31 p.m.
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18 The Council President opened the Consent Calendar for a public hearing. No
19 one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing
20 on the Consent Calendar.

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

23 **ROLL CALL** **9 Yeas** **0 Nays** **0 Absent** **CARRIED**
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25 **CONSENT CALENDAR**
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27 **A. Approval of the Minutes of the May 11, 2021 meeting.**

28 **B. Notice of Introduction of Ordinance and Public Hearing,**
29 **(Tamborella/Denham, by request of Administration)**
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31 **C. Proposed Ordinances:**

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33 **1. Item No. 21-05-3374:** An Ordinance providing for the incurring of debt and
34 issuance of not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) aggregate
35 principal amount of City of Slidell, State of Louisiana General Obligation
36 Refunding Bonds, in one or more series (the "*Bonds*"), prescribing the form,
37 terms and conditions of the Bonds and the security therefor; designating the
38 date, denomination and place of payment of such Bonds; providing for the
39 payment of such Bonds in principal and interest; approving and confirming
the sale of such Bonds; and providing for other matters with respect to the

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Bonds, (Tamborella/Denham, by request of Administration).

2. **Item No. 21-05-3375:** An ordinance establishing a pay plan specific to certain members of the Slidell Police Department, (Tamborella/Denham, by request of Administration).
3. **Item No. 21-05-3376:** An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Appendix A Zoning, to move the boundary of where the C-1A Fremaux Avenue/Shortcut Highway district is allowed, and related matters (T21-02), (Tamborella/Denham, by request of Administration).
4. **Item No. 21-05-3377:** An ordinance annexing into the City of Slidell property located at 1700 Shortcut Hwy, and establishing its City zoning classification as C-4 Highway Commercial (Cases A21-01 and Z21-02), (Tamborella/Denham, by request of Administration).
5. **Item No. 21-05-3378:** An ordinance rezoning property located on the southwest corner of Old Spanish Trail and Faith Dr. from A-8 High Density Urban to C-4 Highway Commercial (Case Z21-03), (Tamborella/Denham, by request of Administration).

Note: A Public Hearing will be held on the above listed ordinances on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2045 Second Street, Suite 319.

D. Proposed Resolutions:

1. **R21-13:** A resolution authorizing the extension of water and sewer utility services beyond the City limits to the property at 1761 Gause Boulevard East, (Tamborella/Denham, by request of Administration).
2. **R21-14:** A Resolution authorizing the City of Slidell to enter into an agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development under the Louisiana Statewide Flood Control Program for assistance in the implementation of a flood control improvement project; providing for the necessary documentation of the need for the flood control improvement; and providing for other matters in connection therewith, (Tamborella/Denham, by request of Administration).

E. Reallocation of Funds:

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1. Reallocation from Department 23 to Department 25

Coding	Account Description	Type of Account	Increase	Decrease
20250-63024	A/C Maintenance	Expenditure	10,400	
20250-63021	Auditorium Maintenance	Expenditure	500	
20250-63020	General Maintenance	Expenditure	5,900	
20250-63099	Misc – Property Taxes	Expenditure	3,200	
20230-63076	Concrete	Expenditure		6,000
20230-63029	Gas/Oil	Expenditure		10,000
20230-63026	Equipment Maintenance	Expenditure		4,000

Change on fund balance \$ -

2. Reallocation from overhauling the City's Development Regulations

Coding	Account Description	Type of Account	Increase	Decrease
20419-09123	JPS Parking Lot Repair	Expenditure		25,000
20421-new acct	Development Regulations Overhaul	Expenditure	25,000	

Change on fund balance \$ -

F. Project Acceptance:

1. Generator Platforms for PS 500, PS 501, Ps 503 and PS 550, Slidell file No.: 300-116.
2. Bayou Pattasat Basin, Slidell file No: 951-5

REGULAR AGENDA

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Dana Walcott appeared before the Council and stated that she is a recruiter/trainer for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). She explained that CASA volunteers speak in Court on behalf of children in foster care. She said it is a layer of accountability so that children do not fall through the cracks. Ms. Walcott went on to encourage support for this important program through volunteering or attending the Chef Soiree fundraiser. For more information go to ysbworks.com.

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5 **ANNUAL REPORT**

6 Damian James appeared before the Council and presented Slidell Youth
7 Football Association's financial report. He thanked the Council and City for their continued
8 support.

9 **SELECTION OF OFFICIAL JOURNAL**

10 Council Administrator Thomas Reeves opened the bid from The St. Tammany
11 Farmer, the only proposal received for the City's Official Journal. The bid amount was
12 \$4.62 per column inch, \$3.00 per tear sheet and \$25.00 per affidavit. Mr. Reeves
13 recommended that the Council accept this bid as the City of Slidell's Official Journal.

14 Councilwoman King, seconded by Councilwoman Harbison, made a motion
15 to accept the bid from The St. Tammany Farmer for Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30,
16 2022.

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

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20 **DISCUSSION ITEM**

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22 City Attorney Thomas Schneidau reminded the Council that they approved
23 the appointment of Lydia Alford to locate the owner of 3075 Washington Avenue, and that
24 Mrs. Alford's report was given to each Council Member.

25 Ms. Cynthia Amos appeared before the Council and stated that she is the
26 property owner of 3075 Washington Avenue. She went on to state that a tree from a
27 neighboring lot fell onto her house causing damage. Ms. Amos has been unable to locate
28 the owner of the lot where the tree fell from and has been displaced because of the tree.
29 She stated that she wants to fix the damage, but has no means at the moment. She asked
30 for time to make the repairs.

31 Mr. Schneidau reminded the Council that there was no vote on
32 condemnation/demolition tonight and that he can meet with Ms. Amos to determine a
33 course of action.

34 Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilman Pichon made a motion to
35 accept the Curator's Report from Mrs. Alford.

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37 **ROLL CALL** **9 Yeas** **0 Nays** **0 Absent** **CARRIED**
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POSTPONED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Councilman Borchert seconded by Councilwoman Denham made a motion to remove Item No. 21-03-3360 from postponement.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

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. Councilman Vanney, seconded by Councilwoman Denham, made a motion to adopt Item No. 21-03-3360, Ordinance 4022.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

Councilman Borchert seconded by Councilwoman Harbison made a motion to remove Item No. 21-03-3361 and Amendments A-E from postponement.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

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, as well as Amendment A, Amendment B, Amendment C, Amendment D and Amendment E. Daniel Seuzeneau, Police PIO/Administrative Assistant thanked the City Administration for pushing this through. As no one else from the public appeared to speak, the Council President closed the public hearing.

Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilwoman Denham, made a motion to adopt Amendment E to Item No. 21-03-3361

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilman Vanney made a motion to adopt Amendment D to Item No. 21-03-3361

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

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Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilwoman Denham, made a motion to adopt Amendment C to Item No. 21-03-3361

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilwoman Denham, made a motion to adopt Amendment B to Item No. 21-03-3361

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilwoman Denham, made a motion to adopt Amendment A to Item No. 21-03-3361

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilwoman Harbison, made a motion to adopt Item No. 21-03-3361, as amended, Ordinance No. 4023

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

Councilman Borchert seconded by Councilwoman Harbison made a motion to remove Item No. 21-03-3362 from postponement.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

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 speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilwoman Harbison, made a motion to adopt Item No. 21-03-3362, Ordinance 4024

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

Councilman Borchert seconded by Councilwoman Harbison made a motion to remove Item No. 21-03-3363 from postponement.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-03-3363, an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 2, Article III,

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Division 4, Section 2-157 (Chief of Police Compensation). No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilwoman Denham, made a motion to adopt Item No. 21-03-3363, Ordinance 4025.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman Borchert seconded by Councilwoman Harbison made a motion to remove Item No. 21-03-3364 from postponement.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on 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). No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilwoman Denham, made a motion to adopt Item No. 21-03-3364, Ordinance 4026.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Council President Tamborella mentioned that as a point of clarity, Section F Public Hearings, should be Section G Public Hearings in the Agenda packet.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-04-3366, an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 21 (PERSONNEL), Article II (EMPLOYEE BENEFITS), Section 21-21 (Medical and dental insurance) relative to medical and dental insurance for prospective employees upon their retirement. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilman Vanney spoke in opposition to this proposed Ordinance stating that the City already has trouble hiring employees and feels this will further hurt the City's hiring of new employees. Councilman Borchert stated that this ordinance does not affect present employees, only employees hired after September of this year. Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilman Dunham, made a motion to adopt Item No. 21-04-3366, Ordinance 4027.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	1 Nay (Vanney)	0 Absent	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-04-3367, an ordinance to impose a time-limited moratorium on the use of shipping containers as structures. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilman Crockett, seconded by Councilwoman Harbison, made a motion to adopt Item No. 21-04-3367, Ordinance 4028.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	1 Nay (Vannay)	0 Absent	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on 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). No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilwoman Denham, seconded by Councilman Borchert, made a motion to adopt Item No. 21-04-3368, Ordinance 4029.

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

Councilman Tamborella thanked Finance Director Blair Ellinwood for being very responsive during budget process. He also thanked Daniel Seuzeneau for his hard working with the Police budget. Councilman Tamborella stated that he is happy that the Slidell Police Department will now be one of the top paid.

Councilman Tamborella stated that he is happy about the Conditional Use passing tonight and stated that the old Pizza Hut building on Gause will finally come down and be replaced with a Veterinary Clinic.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Cromer thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget, including the Council. He also thanked the Council for passing conditional use on the Pizza Hut building and stated that the building next door to the old Pizza Hut, the old Schlotzsky's building, is being put into commerce by Chicken Salad Chick.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Captain Mistretta put Chief Randal Fandal on speaker phone. Chief Fandal thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget. He also stated that he couldn't say enough about Daniel Seuzeneau and all of the hard work and tireless hours he spent on the Police pay plan. He also thanked Finance Director Blair Ellinwood for her hard work.

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As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.


Kenny Tamborella
President of the Council
Councilman, District E


Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

COUNCIL ACTION: DATE APPROVED 6-8-21 DATE AMENDED _____