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JUNE 22, 2021
6:30 P.M.



SLIDELL CITY COUNCIL
2045 SECOND STREET
SLIDELL, LA 70458

Council President Tamborella called the regular meeting of the Slidell City Council to order in the Slidell City Council Chambers. A quorum was present.

PRESENT: Council Members Glynn Pichon, Leslie Denham, David Dunham, Warren Crockett, Kenny Tamborella, Kim Harbison and Cindi King

ABSENT: Council Member Bill Borchert
Vacant Seat – District D

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

The Council President suspended the rules and asked for a moment of silence in honor of Councilman Val Vanney, Jr.

Councilman Tamborella and Mayor Cromer presented a Proclamation, proclaiming June 22, 2021 as Val Vanney, Jr. day to Councilman Vanney's wife, Bonnie Vanney.

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

Councilwoman Harbison removed the Reallocation for water proofing the main campus buildings from the Consent Calendar.

Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilwoman Denham made a motion to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Borchert) (Vacancy Dist. D)	CARRIED
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CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of the Minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting.

B. Proposed Ordinances:

1. Item No. 21-06-3380 – An ordinance approving a Conditional Use Permit for

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a veterinary clinic at 59026 Pearl Acres Rd, Slidell, Louisiana (Case CU21-02), (Tamborella/Denham, by request of Administration).

2. **Item No. 21-06-3381** – An ordinance to extend a time-limited moratorium on the issuance of annual permits for new mobile food service operators within the City of Slidell, (Tamborella/Denham, by request of Administration).

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

C. Proposed Resolution:

1. **R21-16:** A resolution to extend a time-limited moratorium on the issuance of annual permits for new mobile food service operators within the City of Slidell, (Tamborella/Denham, by request of Administration).

D. Reallocation of Funds:

1. Reallocation within the general fund.

Coding	Account Description	Type of Account	Increase	Decrease
10120-61004	Salaries Classified	Expenditure		15,000
10050-61015	Employee Medical	Expenditure		10,680
10020-61004	Salaries Classified	Expenditure		48,000
10020-61002	Salaries Unclassified	Expenditure		8,000
10030-61002	Salaries Unclassified	Expenditure		25,000
10010-62040	Tuition/Registration/Training	Expenditure		3,000
10050-62040	Tuition/Registration/Training	Expenditure		3,500
10010-62042	Travel/Lodging	Expenditure		5,000
10050-62042	Travel/Lodging	Expenditure		2,000
10080-67004	Economic Development Fund	Expenditure		5,000
10140-62079	Professional Services	Expenditure		3,070
10070-61015	Employee Medical	Expenditure	4,280	
10170-61002	Salaries Unclassified	Expenditure	14,770	
10170-61004	Salaries Classified	Expenditure	19,500	
10010-62016	Economic Development Contract	Expenditure	10,000	
10080-61009	VPO	Expenditure	19,600	
10080-61025	Retirement Conversion	Expenditure	30,600	
10170-61015	Employee Medical	Expenditure	29,500	
			128,250	128,250

Change on fund balance \$ -

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2. Reallocation for Public Ops roofing repairs on Bldg 4 (vehicle Maintenance & Purchasing)

Coding	Account Description	Type of Account	Increase	Decrease
30003-09222	35/37 Metal Building @ Public Ops	Expenditure		85,000
30003-New Acct	Public Ops roofing repairs	Expenditure	85,000	
20419-09157	27 Recreation Field Robert Rd	Expenditure		85,000
20421-New Acct	Public Ops roofing repairs	Expenditure	85,000	
			170,000	170,000

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REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilwoman Denham made a motion to substitute reallocation for water proofing.

ROLL CALL **7 Yeas** **0 Nays** **2 Absent** **CARRIED**
(Borchert)
(Vacancy Dist. D)

Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilwoman Denham made a motion to adopt the reallocation for water proofing, as amended, as follows:

Coding	Account Description	Type of Account	Increase	Decrease
20419-09157	27 Recreation Field Robert Rd	Expenditure		250,000
20415-05145	Building litigation (water proofing)	Expenditure	250,000	
			250,000	250,000
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ROLL CALL **7 Yeas** **0 Nays** **2 Absent** **CARRIED**
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POSTPONED PUBLIC HEARING:

Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilman Dunham, made a motion to remove Item No. 21-05-3371 from postponement.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Borchert) (Vacancy Dist. D)	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-05-3371, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Slidell (i) to execute a mutual termination of the lease between the City of Slidell and the St. Tammany Mosquito Abatement District for certain lands at the Slidell Airport, under select conditions; (ii) to execute a release of certain lands at the Slidell Airport from the City of Slidell's inter-governmental agreement with the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana; and (iii) to take all ancillary action which may be required or advisable in connection with the foregoing. Director of Board of Commissioners of the St. Tammany Mosquito Abatement District, Dr. Kevin Caillouet, appeared before the Council to answer any questions the Council may have. As no one else appeared to speak, the Council President closed the public hearing. Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilman Dunham, made a motion to adopt Item No. 21-05-3371, Ordinance 4032.

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Council President Tamborella suspended the rules to allow Dr. Caillouet time to speak. Dr. Caillouet gave a brief summary of the history of St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement and stated that the termination of Mosquito Abatement District's lease from the Slidell Airport will allow them to increase their lab and parking facility. He thanked the City for their leadership and consideration in this matter.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-05-3374, an Ordinance providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) aggregate principal amount of City of Slidell, State of Louisiana General Obligation Refunding Bonds, in one or more series (the "Bonds"), prescribing the form, terms and conditions of the Bonds and the security therefor; designating the date, denomination and place of payment of such Bonds; providing for the 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 Bonds. Mr. Jim Ryan of Government

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Consultants, Inc. appeared before the Council and stated that this will save the City approximately \$112,000, due to the lower interest rate on the outstanding debt. Mr. Ryan also stated that he was sad to learn of the passing of Councilman Vanney. As no one else 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. 21-05-3374, Ordinance 4033.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Borchert) (Vacancy Dist. D)	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-05-3375, an ordinance establishing a pay plan specific to certain members of the Slidell Police Department. 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. 21-05-3375, Ordinance 4034.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Borchert) (Vacancy Dist. D)	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on 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). No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilman Crockett, seconded by Councilwoman Denham, made a motion to adopt Item No. 21-05-3376, Ordinance 4035.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Borchert) (Vacancy Dist. D)	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on 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), and Amendment A. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilman Crockett, made a motion to adopt Amendment A to Item No. 21-05-3377.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Borchert) (Vacancy Dist. D)	CARRIED
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5 Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilman Crockett, made a motion
6 to adopt Item No. 21-05-3377 as amended, Ordinance 4036.

7 **ROLL CALL** **7 Yeas** **0 Nays** **2 Absent** **CARRIED**
8 (Borchert)
9 (Vacancy Dist. D)

10 Councilman Tamborella suspended the rules to allow Mr. Richmond to speak.
11 Mr. Richmond stated that he is the owner of the prior two ordinances that were just passed
12 and wanted to express his gratitude to the Planning Department, the Mayor and his staff
13 and the Council for their work in these matters.

14 As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-05-3378, an
15 ordinance rezoning property located on the southwest corner of Old Spanish Trail and
16 Faith Dr. from A-8 High Density Urban to C-4 Highway Commercial (Case Z21-03). No one
17 from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing.
18 Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilman Crockett, made a motion to adopt Item
19 No. 21-05-3378, Ordinance 4037.

20 **ROLL CALL** **7 Yeas** **0 Nays** **2 Absent** **CARRIED**
21 (Borchert)
22 (Vacancy Dist. D)

23 **APPOINTMENT**

24 City Attorney Thomas Schneidau thanked the Council for the consideration in
25 appointing Bobby Finkelstein as Assistant City Attorney and stated that Mr. Finkelstein will
26 be an asset to the City.

27 Councilwoman Denham, seconded by Councilman Crockett made a motion to
28 accept the appointment of an Assistant City Attorney, Mr. Bobby Finkelstein.
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30 **ROLL CALL** **7 Yeas** **0 Nays** **2 Absent** **CARRIED**
31 (Borchert)
32 (Vacancy Dist. D)

33 **LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

34 Councilman Tamborella stated that he was all over the place tonight and he
35 knows that Councilman Vanney would have told him to sharpen it up.
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6 **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

7 Mayor Cromer stated that deep holes will be left in the community with the loss
8 of Sgt. Theresa Simon and Councilman Val Vanney.

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10 The Mayor talked about the recent rain event that flooded at least 100 homes
11 in the Slidell area. Slidell received 8 – 10 inches within a two-hour period. City crews
12 worked through the night to make sure everything was working properly. He stated that
13 the water came up fast, but went down fast. The Mayor informed the Council that he will
14 be asking for funds to perform studies on the drainage basins in the City. Mayor Cromer
15 asked anyone who had water damage in their homes to please register with the State by
16 going to damage.la.gov as well as calling the Parish's Permit Office at (985) 898-2574 to
17 be added to their list of damaged homes. He also asked that household storm debris be
18 kept separate from regular garbage so that a record of storm debris can be kept to request
19 reimbursement from the Federal Government.

20 Mayor Cromer reminded the Citizens that the City will host another Movie
21 Night in Heritage Park on Saturday at 8:30 p.m. The movie The Sandlot will be shown.
22 Also, tickets are still available for the Christmas in July fundraiser, which will be held on
23 July 9th in the City Auditorium from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

24 Lastly, the Mayor announced his selection of the following insurance
25 providers:

26 a. Selection of General Insurance carriers FY2022.

27 b. Selection of the City's FY 22 Providers for Employee Medical, Dental, Life
28 and Long-Term Disability & Supplemental Products.

29 Mr. John Case of Lowry-Dunham, Case & Vivien recommended that residents
30 not throw away their household debris until their adjuster comes out to look at the damage.
31 He also recommended taking pictures.

32 **POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

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34 Chief Fandal stated that Councilman Vanney will be sorely missed, as he was
35 a huge supporter of the Police Department. He also thanked the Council for passing the
36 Police Pay plan.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Councilman Crockett, seconded by Councilwoman Denham, nominated Councilman Dunham for Vice-President of the Council for the term of July 1, through December 31, 2021.

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Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilman Tamborella, nominated Councilwoman Denham to serve as Council President for the term of July 1, through December 31, 2021.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Borchert) (Vacancy Dist. D)	CARRIED
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As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.


Kenny Tamborella
President of the Council
Councilman, District E


Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

COUNCIL ACTION: **DATE APPROVED** 7-13-21 **DATE AMENDED** _____