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AUGUST 10, 2021
6:30 P.M.**



**SLIDELL CITY COUNCIL
2045 SECOND STREET
SLIDELL, LA 70458**

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

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

ABSENT: None

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

Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilwoman King made a motion to suspend the rules to add Resolution R21-20 to the Consent Calendar.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

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, seconded by Councilman Dunham made a motion to adopt the Consent Calendar, as amended.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of the Minutes of the July 27, 2021 meeting.

B. Proposed Ordinance:

- 1. Item No. 21-08-3384:** An ordinance to amend certain provisions of the City of Slidell's mobile food services ordinance, currently found in Chapter 8, Article III of the City's Code of Ordinances, and to relocate and redesignate the City's mobile food service ordinance to/within the zoning appendix of the Code, (Denham/Borchert).

Note: A Public Hearing will be held on the above listed ordinances on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2045 Second Street, Suite 319.

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C. Proposed Resolutions:

1. **R21-19:** A resolution acknowledging and approving an updated sexual harassment policy for City of Slidell personnel, (Denham/Dunham, by request of Administration).
2. **R21-20:** A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Slidell to execute an Airport Rescue Grant (ARG) Agreement for Grant No. 3-22-0060-025-2021 for the Slidell Airport, (Denham/Dunham, by request of Administration).

D. Project Acceptance:

1. Schneider Infrastructure Repairs, Slidell File No: 951-2A.

REGULAR AGENDA

CONDEMNATION HEARING

A hearing took place on the condemnation and demolition of buildings/structures at 3075 Washington Ave., Slidell, LA 70458 [Lots 15 and 16, Square 13, Lincoln Park Addition, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana; St. Tammany Parish Clerk Instrument # 791690; St. Tammany Parish Assessment # 124-049-5689], owned by Cynthia E. Barsock aka Cynthia E. Amos. City Attorney Thomas Schneidau recognized that the owner of the property, Cynthia Amos was present for the hearing. Mr. Schneidau then went over the packet that he handed out to the Council which outlined the documents maintained by the City of Slidell during the normal course of business regarding 3075 Washington Avenue.

Next Mr. Schneidau asked Joe France to appear. Mr. France stated that he has been the Chief Building official for the City of Slidell since August of 2008 and gave a description of his job duties. Mr. France stated that he found the structure at 3075 Washington Avenue to be dilapidated, unsafe and dangerous and recommended that it be condemned and demolished.

Mr. Schneidau asked that Items 1-18 of the packet be introduced into evidence and that the Council consider this information when making their decision.

Next, Ms. Cynthia Amos appeared before the Council and stated that she does not think her property should be condemned and demolished. She asked for more time as she is trying to get a grant from FEMA and other sources to help her repair her

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home. Ms. Amos stated that she sent a letter to FEMA last week asking for help. She also stated that her home was not insured because no one would write a policy due to the trees hanging over her home.

Mr. Schneidau informed Ms. Amos that the City has trouble reaching her and asked if she would give her information to him after the meeting, to which Ms. Amos replied that she only has a cell number. Mr. Schneidau asked if she understands that the City has done all it can to keep her apprised as to what is going on with the property. Ms. Amos acknowledged in the affirmative. She also acknowledged that she received notice of the hearing for today because of something that was posted on her property. She understands that the city cannot get in touch with her if she doesn't let them know the best way to contact her.

The Council President asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak on this matter. No one appeared.

Mr. Schneidau explained the process of condemnation and demolition to the Council. Traditionally we have done this in two-step process one vote would be to condemn. If the vote is to condemn, then another vote would be to demolish.

Councilwoman King, seconded by Councilman Crockett made a motion to condemn the property at 3075 Washington Ave.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Mr. Schneidau stated that with a condemned building/structure generally the council has considered demolition after thirty days to allow the property owner themselves to demolish the building. The language that we have used in the past is that the property owner may demolish the building/structures subject to the contractual and bond requirements of Louisiana R.S. 33:4765A and have proper permitting.

Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilman Shives voted to demolish the property subject to the provisions that the City Attorney outlined to provide the property owner thirty days subject to the contract and bond requirement.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	1 Nay (Pichon)	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Mr. Schneidau will prepare a written order, which a copy will be provided to Ms. Amos.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-07-3382, an ordinance authorizing the lease of the premises commonly referred to as "Hangar 7" at the Slidell Airport to Prestige Worldwide Consultants LLC and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Slidell to execute and administer a written lease with respect to same. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilwoman King, seconded by Councilman Crockett, made a motion to adopt Item No. 21-07-3382, Ordinance 4042.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-07-3383, an ordinance authorizing the City of Slidell, acting through its Mayor, to enter into a Rights-of-Way Use Agreement with Cox Communications, LLC to facilitate Cox's access to and use of the City's public rights-of-way for installation, modification, relocation, repair, operation, and maintenance of Cox's fiber-optic infrastructure. 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 adopt Item No. 21-07-3383, Ordinance 4043.

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

Councilwoman Denham introduced Mr. Donald Williams with the D.A.D. Project. Mr. Williams stated that he is the founder and executive director of The D.A.D. Project, which provides workshops, training sessions to help fathers feel more engaged in their children's education. They gave out 144 back packs loaded with school supplies over the past weekend. They create unique opportunities for fathers and their children. He also mentioned that there is a WAM project, Woman and Mothers, which will have a Zoom meeting Wednesday night.

Councilman Tamborella thanked Mr. Williams for making St. Tammany part of his project.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Mr. Welborn stated that White Linen Night, which was scheduled for Saturday, August 14th, will be postponed to a later date, due to public health and safety concerns.

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As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Leslie Denham
President of the Council
Councilwoman, District A



Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

COUNCIL ACTION: DATE APPROVED 8-24-21 DATE AMENDED _____