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DECEMBER 21, 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, and Kim Harbison

ABSENT: Cindi King

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Greg Cromer, Council Administrator Thomas Reeves, Chief of Staff John Welborn, City Attorney Thomas Schneidau and PIO Daniel Seuzeneau

The Council President opened a public hearing on the Consent Calendar. 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.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (King)	CARRIED
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CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of the Minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-11-3392, an ordinance establishing an updated Classified Salary Structure/Matrix for the City of Slidell and Amendment A. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilman Kenny Tamborella, seconded by Councilman Shives, made a motion to adopt Amendment A to Item No. 21-11-3392.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (King)	CARRIED
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Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilman Shives, made a motion to adopt Item No. 21-11-3392, as amended, Ordinance 4050.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (King)	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-11-3393, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 4023, revising the Revenue, Expense and Capital Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 (first supplemental budget), providing for supplemental appropriations, additional revenues and matters in connection therewith. 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. 21-11-3393, Ordinance 4051.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (King)	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-11-3394, an ordinance to amend Chapter 21, Section 21-1(c)(1) of the City of Slidell's Code of Ordinances to modify the minimum standard of regularly scheduled hours for full-time employees of the City of Slidell. 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. 21-11-3394, Ordinance 4052.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (King)	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-11-3395, an ordinance to amend and restate Chapter 21 (PERSONNEL), Article II (EMPLOYEE BENEFITS), Section 21-23 (Annual and sick leave benefits) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Slidell, Louisiana, relative to City employee standard leave benefits and Amendments A and B. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilman Shives asked for clarity of Amendment B.

Councilman Tamborella, seconded by Councilman Shives, made a motion to adopt Amendment B to Item No. 21-11-3395.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (King)	CARRIED
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Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilwoman Harbison, made a motion to adopt Amendment A to Item No. 21-11-3395.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (King)	CARRIED
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Councilman Tamborella, seconded by Councilman Shives, made a motion to adopt Item No. 21-11-3395, as amended, Ordinance 4053.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (King)	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-11-3396, an ordinance to amend and restate Chapter 21 (PERSONNEL), Article II (EMPLOYEE BENEFITS), Section 21-25 (Benefits for employees on active military duty status) of the City of Slidell's Code of Ordinances regarding benefits for employees on active military duty status. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing.

Councilwoman Harbison asked the City Attorney Thomas Schneidau to explain this ordinance. Mr. Schneidau explained that this ordinance would align the City of Slidell with state and federal mandated laws concerning active military duty status.

Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilman Dunham, made a motion to adopt to Item No. 21-11-3396, Ordinance 4054.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (King)	CARRIED
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Councilwoman Cindi King entered the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-11-3397, an ordinance to amend Chapter 7 (BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS) of the City of Slidell's Code of Ordinances to provide for a time-limited authorization for the placement of portable storage containers on lots within the City, and to provide for regulations related thereto. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing.

Councilwoman King asked about the enforcement of this ordinance. Mr. Welborn and Mr. Schneidau both agreed that the enforcement would be handled through the Code Enforcement office.

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Councilman Crockett, seconded by Councilman Shives, made a motion to adopt Item No. 21-11-3397, Ordinance 4055.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-11-3398, an ordinance to amend Chapter 23 (SOLID WASTE) of the City of Slidell's Code of Ordinances to provide for the appropriate disposition of garbage, trash, debris, and other disposal items when a premises is under construction and in connection with a premises being vacated. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilman Dunham, seconded by Councilwoman Harbison, made a motion to adopt Item No. 21-11-3398, Ordinance 4056.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-11-3399, an ordinance authorizing the lease of approximately 2,227.5 square feet of space at 1030 Gause, including the right of use of server space in an adjacent building, to WorldWinds, Inc. 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 Harbison, seconded by Councilman Crockett, made a motion to adopt Item No. 21-11-3399, Ordinance 4057.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-11-3400, an ordinance authorizing the lease of the premises commonly referred to as "Hangar 8" at the Slidell Airport to Dr. Charles W. Krieger, Jr. and Mrs. Suzanne Krieger 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 Harbison, seconded by Councilman Shives, made a motion to adopt Item No. 21-11-3400, Ordinance 4058.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-11-3401, an ordinance stating the 2020 census population of the Slidell City Council Election Districts and determining if redistricting is required. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing.

Councilman Borchert wanted the record to state that there was a total of 28,781 residents affected. Councilman Pichon discussed having a goal of 100,000 people in the City with annexations. Mayor Cromer talked about the process and then having our sewer and water infrastructures in place. Mike Hefner with Geographic Planning and Demographics Services, LLC, the demographer stated that St. Tammany Parish was the second highest in the state with a 70% response rate with the 2020 Census. In 2010 the City had a population of 27,068.

Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilman Tamborella, made a motion to adopt Item No. 21-11-3401, Ordinance 4059.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 21-11-3402, an ordinance redistricting the single member Council districts for the City of Slidell and amending Section 2-31 of the City of Slidell Code of Ordinances (Councilmanic districts) in conjunction therewith and Amendment A, which replaces the introduced ordinance in its entirety. 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. 21-11-3402.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman Borchert thanked Mr. Hefner along with the Council for the work on the redistricting.

Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilwoman King, made a motion to adopt Item No. 21-11-3402, as amended, Ordinance 4060.

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

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7 Councilwoman Denham stated that the Toys for Tots will be distributed at the
8 Harbor Center, tomorrow, December 22 starting at 5:00 p.m., for anyone that has a need
9 for a toy.

10 Councilman Borchert wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New
11 Year.

12 **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

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14 Mayor Cromer stated the FY22 Workers Compensation Insurance is with
15 Midwest Employers Casualty Company.

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17 Also, the Mayor stated Christmas events are still going in the City with the
18 Christmas lights on Front Street and Griffith Park and the Christmas in Heritage Park with
19 the skating rink and vendors closing Thursday, December 23rd. He also thanked the
20 partnership with the Council and he wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New
21 Year.

22 **POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

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24 PIO Daniel Seuzeneau wished everyone a Merry Christmas and stated the
25 police dept. has been very busy this time of the year. Community outreach projects have
26 been very positive with the Shop with a Cop and Toys from Cops. There are no vacant
27 positions in the police department other than 4 School Resource Officers that will be
28 renegotiated with the school board in July.

29 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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31 Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilwoman Harbison, nominated
32 Councilman Dunham for Vice-President of the Council for the term of January 1, 2022
33 through June 30, 2022.

34 **ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED**
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Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilwoman Harbison, nominated Councilwoman Denham for President of the Council for the term of January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.



Leslie Denham
President of the Council
Councilwoman, District A



Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

COUNCIL ACTION: DATE APPROVED 1/11/22 DATE AMENDED _____