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APRIL 26, 2022
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, Eric Shives, Kenny Tamborella and Cindi King

ABSENT: Council Members Warren Crockett and Kim Harbison

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

The Council President opened the Consent Calendar for a public hearing. Elaine Troutwine appeared before the Council to speak about the proposed classified pay plan. She stated that she will make 18 years with the City in May and that she gives 150% to the City. She does not want the Seniority Incentive Pay taken away from long time loyal employees. Mrs. Troutwine went on to state that nowhere in the proposed Ordinance does it state that SIP pay will be added to your salary, it only states that employees will no longer be eligible for SIP. She also stated that no one asked her for her job description and that she understands raising the lower paid employees, but it should be done in a way that is fair to all employees. Lastly, Mrs. Troutwine asked if health insurance will go up?

Seeing no one else from the public interested in speaking, the Council President closed the public hearing on the Consent Calendar.

Councilman Borchert removed Item C-1 from the Consent Calendar.

Councilman Borchert exited the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Councilwoman King, seconded by Councilman Shives made a motion to adopt the Consent Calendar, as amended.

ROLL CALL	6 Yeas	0 Nays	3 Absent (Crockett) (Harbison) (Borchert)	CARRIED
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CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of the Minutes of the April 12, 2022 meeting.

B. Proposed Ordinances:

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1. **Item No. 22-04-3423:** An ordinance authorizing the City of Slidell, acting through its Mayor, to enter into a Cell Site Lease and Operating Agreement with Tower Strategies Consulting Group, LLC with respect to certain real property approximately 40'x70' in size, and the improvements thereon, and a right of passage thereto, such property being located in Section 10, Township 9 South, Range 14 East, in front of the City of Slidell Public Operations Facility at 1325 Bayou Lane in Slidell, Louisiana, (Denham/Dunham, by request of Administration).
2. **Item No. 22-04-3424:** An ordinance for the City of Slidell setting forth and designating the City's millage rates, as required by Part II of Article VII of the Constitution of Louisiana and other applicable law, for the purpose of maintenance and operation of the Police Department, Garbage Collection, Sewer System, Public Works, and General Government, as well as for providing for the payment of interest and principal on outstanding general obligation bonds, in said City for the fiscal year 2023, (Denham/Dunham, by request of Administration).
3. **Item No. 22-04-3425:** An ordinance establishing an updated classification and pay plan specific to the City of Slidell's classified municipal employees, (Denham/Dunham, by request of Administration).
4. **Item No. 22-04-3426:** An ordinance establishing an updated pay plan and grade salary matrix specific to the City of Slidell's unclassified employees, (Denham/Dunham, by request of Administration).
5. **Item No. 22-04-3427:** An ordinance establishing an updated classification and pay plan specific to the City of Slidell's classified employees within the Slidell Police Department, (Denham/Dunham, by request of Administration).

Note: A Public Hearing will be held on the above listed ordinances on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2045 Second Street, Suite 319.

C. Reallocation of Funds:

1. Reallocation for Brownswitch Roundabout Public Art project

Coding	Account Description	Type of Account	Increase	Decrease
92190-92059	Reserve for Council Projects	Expenditure		\$ 20,000

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92190-New	Browns Switch Roundabout Public Art Project	Expenditure	\$ 20,000	
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Change on fund balance \$ -

Councilman Borchert re-entered the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

The Council President opened a public hearing on Item C-1, which was removed from the Consent Calendar. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing.

Councilman Borchert stated that he removed Resolution R22-09, a resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Slidell to execute an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the "US 11 & US 190 Bicycle and Ped Crossings" project from the Consent Calendar to let the public know that this Resolution pertains to the crosswalk at Fremaux and Front St. and that it has been 95% designed. It will be a four-way crossing.

Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilwoman King made a motion to adopt Resolution R22-09.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Crockett) (Harbison)	CARRIED
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PUBLIC HEARINGS

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 22-03-3418, The City of Slidell Revenue, Expense, and Capital Budget for fiscal year 2022-2023. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilman Dunham made a motion to postpone Item No. 22-03-3418 until the May 24, 2022 Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Crockett) (Harbison)	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 22-03-3419, 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 Councilman Dunham made a motion to postpone Item No. 22-03-3419 until the May 24, 2022 Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Crockett) (Harbison)	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 22-03-3420, an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 2, Article III, Division 4, Section 2-157 (Chief of Police Compensation). No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilman Dunham made a motion to postpone Item No. 22-03-3420 until the May 24, 2022 Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Crockett) (Harbison)	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No 22-03-3421, 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. Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilman Dunham made a motion to postpone Item No. 22-03-3421 until the May 24, 2022 Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Crockett) (Harbison)	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No 22-03-3422, an ordinance changing certain staffing levels within the City of Slidell's Department of Recreation. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilman Shives, seconded by Councilman Borchert made a motion to postpone Item no. 22-03-3422 until the May 24, 2022 Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent (Crockett) (Harbison)	CARRIED
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5 **LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

6 Councilwoman Denham called on Mrs. Morrell to speak. Mrs. Morrell stated
7 that she is representing Mt. Olive AME Church and wanted to let the public know that on
8 May 21st from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. they will be giving COVID vaccines (Moderna and Pfizer)
9 and boosters free of charge. Bring your identification. Mrs. Morrell also thanked the
10 Council for working with the city to get the church's handicapped parking signs replaced so
11 quickly.

12 Councilwoman Denham stated that the Keep Slidell Beautiful citywide cleanup
13 will be held this Saturday starting at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers can come to Heritage Park to
14 pick up supplies. Recycling will take place on Bayou Lane. There will be no recycling for
15 hazardous waste.

16 **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

17 John Welborn reported that Administration extended a contract to The Walker
18 Collaborative for the Olde Towne Slidell Master Plan. The Walker Collaborative will be in
19 town to kick it off on May 16th and will be here for a couple of days.

20 **POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

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22 Chief Fandal stated that the Body Worn Cameras are in, policies are signed off
23 on, retention schedules are signed off on and they will be putting cameras on all officers
24 hopefully by next week.

25 As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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28 Leslie Denham
29 President of the Council
30 Councilwoman, District A

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32 Thomas P. Reeves
33 Council Administrator

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35 **COUNCIL ACTION:** **DATE APPROVED** 5-10-22 **DATE AMENDED** _____
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