

1 **MINUTES**
2 **JULY 26, 2022**
3 **6:30 P.M.**



SLIDELL CITY COUNCIL
2045 SECOND STREET
SLIDELL, LA 70458

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5 Council Vice 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 Jeff Burgoyne, Leslie Denham, David Dunham,
9 Megan Haggerty, Nick DiSanti, Kenny Tamborella, Trey Brownfield
10 and Cindi King

11 **ABSENT:** Council Member Bill Borchert

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

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

19 Councilman Brownfield, seconded by Councilwoman Denham made a motion
20 to adopt the Consent Calendar.

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22 **ROLL CALL** **8 Yeas** **0 Nays** **1 Absent** **CARRIED**
23 (Borchert)

24 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

25 **A. Approval of the Minutes of the July 12, 2022 meeting.**

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27 **B. Proposed Ordinances:**

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29 **1. Item No. 22-07-3441:** An ordinance authorizing the City of Slidell, acting
30 through its Mayor, to enter into a Rights-of-Way Use Agreement with
31 Southern Light, LLC to facilitate Southern Light's access to and use of the
32 City's public rights-of-way for the construction, installation, modification,
33 relocation, repair, operation, and maintenance of Southern Light's fiber-optic
34 infrastructure, (Borchert/Tamborella, by request of Administration).
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36 **2. Item No. 22-07-3442:** An ordinance establishing an updated classification
37 and pay plan specific to the City of Slidell's classified employees within the
38 Slidell Police Department, (Borchert/Tamborella, by request of
39 Administration).

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Note: A Public Hearing will be held on the above listed ordinances on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2045 Second Street, Suite 319.

C. Proposed Resolution:

1. **R22-14:** A resolution approving and adopting an updated Flood Prevention Outreach Program for Public Information, (Borchert/Tamborella, by request of Administration).

D. Reallocation of Funds:

1. Reallocation of funds between Civil Service and HR Departments

Coding	Account Description	Type of Account	Increase	Decrease
10140-62059	Professional Service	Expenditure		8,500
10110-62059	Professional Service	Expenditure	8,500	

Change on fund balance \$ -

2. Reallocation funding within bond proceeds

Coding	Account Description	Type of Account	Increase	Decrease
97002-69608	Ridgecrest Streets	Expenditure		915,417
97002-01808	City Barn	Expenditure	34,918	
97002-69711	Dellwood Improved Project	Expenditure	8,758	
97002-64916	Sewer Pt Repair	Expenditure	16,663	
97002-69713	Bonfouca Improved Project	Expenditure	1,492	
97002-69715	Pattasat Improved Project	Expenditure	835,788	
97002-69712	Schnieder Improved Project	Expenditure	2,091	
97002-64927	Drain Pt Repair	Expenditure	15,707	

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E. Bids and Request to Purchase:

1. Engineering – 8-Inch Waterline Extension: Kensington to Tanglewood Crossing – Saucier Construction Company, Inc. \$177,630.00.

F. Project Acceptance:

1. Water Well Surge Protection, Advanced Electrical Systems, Slidell File No. 200-69

G. Appointment:

1. **BZA Board** - Appoint Patrick Brady, Sr. to an unexpired term, ending on December 1, 2024. (Dunham)

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 22-06-3438, an ordinance authorizing a fuel surcharge on residential waste collection services provided by Coastal Environmental Services of LA, LLC. Kurt Bozant and Mike Matherly appeared to speak, both stating that the City has a large surplus and asked that the City pick up the cost of the increased surcharge so as to not burden the citizens with the extra cost. Gus Bordelon, President of Coastal Environmental Services, asked for the Council's consideration and support as the price of fuel has increased. As no one else from the public appeared to speak, the Council Vice President closed the public hearing.

Councilman Brownfield thanked Coastal for the work they do and stated that they do deserve the increase, however, he would like to see if the City can carry the cost for the Citizens as they are paying just as much at the pump and at the grocery store.

Councilwoman King stated that there was a Council committee that discussed this increase and asked if they considered having the city pay the extra on a short term basis? Councilman Tamborella stated that the committee had discussed this and asked the Mayor to comment. Mayor Cromer stated that it is not prudent to pay recurring costs with non-recurring dollars.

City Attorney Thomas Schneidau clarified that as currently drafted, the Ordinance does put on the city the obligation to carry any surcharge for four months, which they have done for the months of April through July.

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Councilman Dunham stated that the City does have a surplus, but that it is paying higher gas prices for city trucks and police cars as well as higher prices on materials.

Councilman Tamborella clarified that the fee is not going to be a \$2.00 increase. The way the Ordinance states is that they will allow up to a \$2.00 increase, but this will be in small increments. At this time it will be about an \$0.80 cent increase.

Councilwoman Denham, seconded by Councilman Dunham made a motion to adopt Item No. 22-06-3438, Ordinance No. 4090

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	1 Nay (Brownfield)	1 Absent (Borchert)	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 22-06-3439, an ordinance rezoning property located at 1189 Fremaux Ave, Slidell, Louisiana, from C-1 Fremaux Avenue Business District to C-4 Highway Commercial (Case Z22-02). No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council Vice President closed the public hearing. The item died for lack of a motion.

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 22-06-3440, an ordinance amending Appendix A, Part 2 of the City of Slidell's Code of Ordinances to add subsection 2.1801F to establish "light manufacturing" as a conditional use in the C-4 Highway Commercial District, amending Appendix A, Part 9 of the Code to add definitions for "manufacturing", "heavy manufacturing", and "light manufacturing", and deleting the current definition of "manufacturing" found in Appendix A, Part 2, subsection 2.2001(1)(b) of the Code (T22-02). No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council Vice President closed the public hearing. Councilwoman Denham, seconded by Councilman Brownfield made a motion to adopt Item No. 22-06-3440, Ordinance No. 4091.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Borchert)	CARRIED
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LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Councilman Brownfield thanked the Citizens who came to the meeting to give their input.

Councilwoman King recognized the City Employees for the work done in her district on D Day. She stated that they went above and beyond and she appreciates them.

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5 Councilman Tamborella presented a Certification of Recognition to Ayvah
6 Johnson in recognition for Theatrical Accomplishments in performing arts. He stated that
7 she will be performing in thirty different cities over the next year as she is starring in a play
8 about Tina Turner. Miss Johnson stated that she plays a younger version of Tina Turner in
9 the play.

10 **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

11 Mayor Cromer stated that Ayvah Johnson is from a very talented family. Her
12 mother, sister and grandmother are all singers and her aunt performs in Young Americans.
13 He stated that the Tina Turner play will be coming to New Orleans and encouraged
14 everyone to go check it out.

15 Mayor Cromer stated that White Linen night will be held on August 13th in Olde
16 Towne. There will be bands, food and art for sale.

17 Lastly the Mayor stated that we are in the midst of hurricane season and he
18 urged everyone to have a plan in place.

19 **POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

20 Chief Fandal stated that the Wild Game Cook-off will be held on October 1st in
21 Olde Towne.

22 As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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27 Kenny Tamborella
28 Vice President of the Council
29 Councilman, District E

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31 Thomas P. Reeves
32 Council Administrator

33 **COUNCIL ACTION:** **DATE APPROVED** 8/9/22 **DATE AMENDED** _____
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