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AUGUST 23, 2022
6:30 P.M.



SLIDELL CITY COUNCIL
2045 SECOND STREET
SLIDELL, LA 70458

Council President Borchert 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, Jeff Burgoyne, David Dunham, Megan Haggerty, Nick DiSanti, Kenny Tamborella, Trey Brownfield and Cindi King

ABSENT: Council Member Leslie Denham

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

Councilman Tamborella, seconded by Councilman Brownfield made a motion to adopt the Consent Calendar.

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

A. Approval of the Minutes of the August 9, 2022 meeting.

B. Proposed Ordinance:

- 1. Item No. 22-08-3445:** An ordinance requiring a trash receptacle within a set distance of a drive-through window at any building with a drive-through utilized for food and/or drink service and to provide for ancillary matters in connection therewith, (Brownfield).

Note: A Public Hearing will be held on the above listed ordinance on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2045 Second Street, Suite 319.

C. Proposed Resolution:

- 1. R22-15:** A resolution forming a Home Rule Charter Review Committee for the City of Slidell, (Borchert/Tamborella).

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D. Reallocation of Funds:

1. Reallocation to mill and overlay the Breckenridge Trail

Coding	Account Description	Type of Account	Increase	Decrease
20412-02128	Veterans Park Improvements	Expenditure		67,000
20004-65109	Transfer to Capital	Expenditure	67,000	
92001-34125	Transfer from Sales Tax	Revenue	67,000	
92240-85005-New	Mill and Overlay at Breckenridge Path	Expenditure	67,000	

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2. Reallocation to pressure wash City Auditorium

Coding	Account Description	Type of Account	Increase	Decrease
20412-02128	Veterans Park Improvements	Expenditure		10,000
20004-65109	Transfer to Capital	Expenditure	10,000	
92001-34125	Transfer from Sales Tax	Revenue	10,000	
92250-62059-New	Pressure Wash Auditorium	Expenditure	10,000	

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3. Reallocation for ramp at Rufus Viner Center

Coding	Account Description	Type of Account	Increase	Decrease
20412-02128	Veterans Park Improvements	Expenditure		4,038
20419-09123	JSP Parking Lot Repairs	Expenditure		20,962
20004-65109	Transfer to Capital	Expenditure	25,000	
92001-34125	Transfer from Sales Tax	Revenue	25,000	
92250-85004-New	Rufus Viner ramp	Expenditure	25,000	

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4. Reallocation of funding between Human Resources and Civil Service

Coding	Account Description	Type of Account	Increase	Decrease
20419-09123	JSP Parking Lot Repairs	Expenditure		7,254
20004-65109	Transfer to Capital	Expenditure	7,254	
92001-34125	Transfer from Sales Tax	Revenue	7,254	
92140-85004-0032	Building 1 build out	Expenditure	7,254	

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5. Reallocation of funding between Human Resources and Civil Service

Coding	Account Description	Type of Account	Increase	Decrease
10140-62044	Advertising	Expenditure		3,200
10110-62044	Advertising	Expenditure	3,200	
10140-62045	Equipment Rental	Expenditure		2,750
10110-62045	Equipment Rental	Expenditure	2,750	
10140-63052	Testing	Expenditure		4,500
10110-63052	Testing	Expenditure	4,500	
10140-62059	Professional Services	Expenditure		3,000
10110-63051	Employee Assistant Program	Expenditure	3,000	

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REGULAR AGENDA

RULE TO SHOW CAUSE

City Attorney Thomas Schneidau explained that during the June 14, 2022 Slidell City Council meeting, the owners of 609 Hailey were brought before the Council for a condemnation and demolition hearing. After testimony from the Joe France, the City's Chief Building Official as well as Chase and Debbie Bennett, the Council voted to condemn and demolish the property at 609 Hailey. Since that time, another owner Christopher Bennett, claimed that he did not receive proper notification of the hearing. Mr. Schneidau stated that proper service was executed, as he received the certified, return receipt back with a signature. A meeting was scheduled with Mr. Bennett, Councilman Dunham and Mr. Schneidau to discuss the matter, but Mr. Bennett cancelled that meeting. As a courtesy to Mr. Bennett, Mr. Schneidau asked that this matter be placed back on the Agenda to allow Mr. Bennett the opportunity to appear before the Council to give his testimony. Again, as a courtesy, Mr. Schneidau emailed Mr. Bennett to remind him to appear today to give his testimony. Mr. Schneidau received an email back from Christopher Bennett stating that he would not be in attendance, as he was dealing with a house fire and asked that the matter be taken off of the Agenda. Mr. Schneidau explained to Mr. Bennett that he does not have the authority to remove this from the Council Agenda, but that he would forward his request to the Council. Mr. Schneidau informed the Council that from the City's perspective, there is no reason not to move forward with the original vote to condemn and demolish.

The Council President asked if anyone with interest in the property was in attendance. As no one appeared to speak. Councilman Dunham made a motion to affirm

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the action taken at the June 14, 2022 meeting to condemn and demolish the property at 609 Hailey Avenue, which was seconded by Councilwoman King.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Denham)	CARRIED
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POSTPONED PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Council President opened a public hearing on C-1, 2, 3, and 4, Items 22-06-3432, 22-06-3433, 22-06-3434 and 22-06-3435. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearings.

Councilman Tamborella, seconded by Councilwoman Haggerty made a motion to postpone Items 22-06-3432, 22-06-3433, 22-06-3434 and 22-06-3435 until the September 13, 2022 Council meeting.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Denham)	CARRIED
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PUBLIC HEARINGS

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 22-07-3441, ordinance authorizing the City of Slidell, acting through its Mayor, to enter into a Rights-of-Way Use Agreement with Southern Light, LLC to facilitate Southern Light's access to and use of the City's public rights-of-way for the construction, installation, modification, relocation, repair, operation, and maintenance of Southern Light's fiber-optic infrastructure. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilman Tamborella, seconded by Councilman Dunham made a motion to adopt Item No. 22-07-3441, Ordinance No. 4092.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Denham)	CARRIED
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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 22-07-3442, an ordinance establishing an updated classification and pay plan specific to the City of Slidell's classified employees within the Slidell Police Department. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilman Tamborella, seconded by Councilman DiSanti made a motion to adopt Item No. 22-07-3442, Ordinance No. 4093.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Denham)	CARRIED
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5 **LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

6 Service awards were presented to Council Administrator Thomas Reeves and
7 Executive Assistant to the Council Darla Martin for over 15 years of service and to
8 Executive Assistant to the Council Melissa Mendoza for over 20 years of service to the
9 City Council.

10 Council Members King, Brownfield and Burgoyne thanked the Council Staff for
11 their many years of service and for always going above and beyond to help the Council
12 with their needs.

13 Councilman Brownfield stated that Keep Slidell Beautiful is hosting a park
14 cleanup day on Saturday, August 27th at John Slidell Park at 7:00 a.m., and encouraged
15 everyone to sign up on Facebook to come out and help beautify the park.

16 Councilman Borchert mentioned that there will be two public meetings to
17 discuss the Olde Towne Slidell Main Street Master Plan. The first will be held on
18 Thursday, August 25th from 5:30 to 8:00 in the Auditorium. This is an interactive public
19 workshop called a charrette. The second meeting will be held on Monday, August 29th
20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium, during which the concept plan for Olde Towne will be
21 presented.

22 **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

23 Mr. Welborn stated that Councilman Borchert covered the two Olde Towne
24 Slidell Master Plan meetings. He had nothing further to add.
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26 **POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

27 Chief Fandal read a Proclamation wherein the City of Slidell recognizes August
28 31st as Overdose Awareness Day.
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30 Chief Fandal mentioned the recent arrest at Salmen High School of the
31 student carrying a gun. Two additional officers are placed at Salmen High for the next
32 couple of weeks.

33 Chief Fandal thanked the Council for passing the police pay plan.
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35 The Wild Game Cookoff will take place on October 1st and will be held in Olde
36 Towne this year.
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The Blue Light Bash will be held on September 17th in the Auditorium. Chief Fandal purchased a table and donated it to his employees. He challenged Mayor Cromer to purchase a table as well and donate it back to employees.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.



Bill Borchert
President of the Council
Councilman at-Large



Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

COUNCIL ACTION: DATE APPROVED 9-13-22 DATE AMENDED _____