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JANUARY 24, 2023
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, Leslie Denham, Megan Haggerty, Nick DiSanti, Kenny Tamborella, and Cindi King

ABSENT: Council Members David Dunham and Trey Brownfield

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Greg Cromer, 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.

Councilwoman Denham, seconded by Councilwoman King made a motion to adopt the Consent Calendar.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent	CARRIED
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CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of the Minutes of the January 10, 2023 meeting.

B. Proposed Ordinances:

- 1. Item No. 23-01-3462:** An ordinance to amend Chapter 27, Article V of the city's Code of Ordinances to authorize, under specific conditions, the operation of golf carts upon certain city roads and streets, (Borchert/Tamborella, by request of Administration).
- 2. Item No. 23-01-3463:** An ordinance declaring certain boats and boat motors of the Slidell Police Department as surplus and authorizing their donation to the Fort Pike Fire Protection District, pursuant to Louisiana Constitution Article VII, Section 14(E). (Borchert/Tamborella, by request of Administration).

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Note: A Public Hearing will be held on the above listed ordinances on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2045 Second Street, Suite 319.

C. Proposed Resolution:

1. **R23-02:** A resolution consenting to the sale, conveyance, and assignment of the leasehold interest on the property commonly known as "Hangar No. 16" at the Slidell Airport from Air Reldan, Inc. to Sky Charter, LLC., (Borchert/Tamborella, by request of Administration)

D. Reallocation of Funds:

1. Reallocate funds for City Campus building improvements

Coding	Account Description	Type of Account	Increase	Decrease
20415-05145	Building Litigation	Expenditure	71,000	
20418-08198	Undesignated	Expenditure		71,000

Change on fund balance \$ -

- E. **Appointment: Animal Classification Appeals Board** – Reappoint Michael Rice to a three-year term, ending February 1, 2026.

REGULAR AGENDA

POSTPONED CONDEMNATION HEARING – 1738 SULLIVAN

City Attorney Thomas Schneidau asked the Chief Building Official, Joe France to appear before the Council and give his statement regarding 1738 Sullivan. Mr. France stated that a bulk of the grass was cut, but the lot is still littered with tree limbs, trash and inoperable vehicles and boats. Nothing has been done to the structure itself. Mr. France recommended that the property be demolished.

Next, the attorney representing the owner of 1738 Sullivan, Damion Marinello, appeared before the Council and distributed documents from 2019 and 2020 consisting of a letter from Allstate, a demolition statement from DemoDiva and a repair estimate from Integrity Claims Service, LLC. Mr. Marinello stated that a total demolition of the home would be unfair to his client. He asked that this matter be deferred until the lawsuit against Allstate is finished.

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Next to speak was Zelmo Strickland, the owner of 1738 Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan introduced himself and gave a background of himself. He stated that windows and lumber can be salvaged from the house to use when he rebuilds. He asked the Council to grant him the necessary time to get the funds from Allstate to rebuild. There was a discussion about flood elevation. Mr. Strickland also stated that he feels the Chief Building Official has a problem with him.

Mr. Schneidau stated that he reached out to Allstate to see if the property needs to be preserved. The attorney representing Allstate stated that it did not. Mr. Schneidau also stated that he did not see anything that suggests that this litigation is being pushed through. He strongly suggested that the Council go with the Chief Building Official's recommendation for demolition of the property.

The following residents appeared before the Council to speak in support of Mr. Strickland: Leon Newsome, Denise Thompson-Fleming and Dione El Shabazz.

The public hearing was closed and brought before the Council.

Councilwoman King, Councilman Disanti, Councilwoman Denham, Councilman Tamborella, and Councilman Borchert all commented on the condition of the property for the past three years.

Mr. Schneidau explained to Mr. Strickland that should the Council vote to demolish, then he would be able to demolish the property himself.

Councilman Disanti, seconded by Councilwoman Haggerty made a motion to demolish within fourteen days.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent	CARRIED
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PUBLIC HEARING

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 22-12-3459, an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Appendix A – Zoning, Part 1. Districts, Section 1.102. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilwoman Denham, seconded by Councilman Tamborella made a motion to postpone Item No. 22-12-3459 until the February 14, 2023 meeting.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	0 Nays	2 Absent	CARRIED
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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Cromer reminded everyone of the Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on Friday, January 27, 2023 in the Slidell Auditorium starting at 7:30 a.m.

The Mayor also reminded everyone that Mardi Gras kicks off next weekend.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Bill Borchert
President of the Council
Councilman at-Large



Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

COUNCIL ACTION: DATE APPROVED 2-14-23 DATE AMENDED _____