

**MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 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, David Dunham, Megan Haggerty, Nick DiSanti, Kenny Tamborella, Trey Brownfield and Cindi King

ABSENT: None

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

Councilwoman Denham, seconded by Councilwoman King made a motion to suspend the rules to add Resolution R23-05 to the Agenda under Section C-3.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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The Council President opened the Consent Calendar, as amended, 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 DiSanti made a motion to adopt the Consent Calendar, as amended.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the January 24, 2023 meeting.**
- B. Proposed Ordinance:**

- 1. Item No. 23-02-3464:** An ordinance to amend certain provisions of Chapter 6 (Animals), Article II (Dogs and Cats), of the City's Code of Ordinances to provide for a Community Cat Program, (Borchert/Tamborella, by request of Administration).

Note: A Public Hearing will be held on the above listed ordinance on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2045 Second Street, Suite 319.

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C. Proposed Resolutions:

1. **R23-03:** A resolution extending the return date for the recommendations of the City's Home Rule Charter Review Committee, (Borchert/Tamborella, by request of Administration).
2. **R23-04:** A resolution authorizing the City's acceptance of the donation of the value of certain real property in Sec. 44, T9S, R14E, Slidell, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, consisting of approximately 19.7231 acres +/- off of Spartan Drive, beyond the previously authorized Purchase Price, (Borchert/Tamborella, by request of Administration).
3. **R23-05:** A resolution requesting and authorizing the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development to provide, place, and maintain "Olde Towne Slidell Historic District" signage along certain interstate exits around the city, and for ancillary action in connection therewith, (Borchert/Tamborella, by request of Administration).

D. Reallocation of Funds:

1. Reallocate funding to demolish Log Cabin at John Slidell Park

Coding	Account Description	Type of Account	Increase	Decrease
20421-new	Demo Log Cabin	Expenditure	\$ 29,500	
20418-08198	Undesignated	Expenditure		\$29,500

Change on fund balance \$ -

2. Reallocate funds for water meter replacement project

Coding	Account Description	Type of Account	Increase	Decrease
30003-85002-0051	Water meter replacement project	Expenditure	\$310,000	
30003-09999	Undesignated	Expenditure		\$310,000

Change on fund balance \$ -

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3. Reallocate funding for skate park and pickle ball court

Coding	Account Description	Type of Account	Increase	Decrease
92240-85002-0064	Skate Park	Expenditure	\$800,000	
92240-85002-0065	Pickle Ball Courts	Expenditure	\$700,000	
92002-85999	Undesignated	Expenditure		\$1,500,000

Change on fund balance \$ -

4. Reallocate funding between departments for health insurance

Coding	Account Description	Type of Account	Increase	Decrease
10020-61015	Employee Medical	Expenditure		\$13,000
10110-61015	Employee Medical	Expenditure	\$13,000	

Change on fund balance \$ -

E. Review of Monthly Financial Reports (December)

REGULAR AGENDA

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Cromer introduced Mr. and Mrs. Savoie, the parents of Emma Savoie who was fatally hit by a driver in a school parking lot last year. The Savoie's are promoting the Safe Path to School Task Force. Mayor Cromer read aloud a Proclamation that will be presented during a Press Conference at Brock Elementary school on February 15th at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to wear yellow shirts on Wednesday to show support for the Safe Path to School initiative. Mayor Cromer stated that every City of Slidell employee has received a yellow t-shirt with the words Team Slidell on the back and two butterflies that Emma drew, which they will wear on February 15th.

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POSTPONED 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 Brownfield made a motion to send Item 22-12-3459 back to the Planning and Zoning for a re-write.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No 23-01-3460, an ordinance to extend a time-limited moratorium on the review, construction, permitting, and approval of new multi-family dwellings within the City of Slidell. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilman Dunham, seconded by Councilwoman Denham made a motion to adopt Item No. 23-01-3460, Ordinance No. 4113.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No 23-01-3461, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Slidell to execute a Contract for Emergency and Non-Emergency Ambulance Services. No one from the public appeared to speak. The Council President closed the public hearing. Councilman Tamborella, seconded by Councilman Brownfield made a motion to adopt Item No. 23-01-3461, Ordinance No. 4114.

ROLL CALL 9 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent CARRIED

LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Councilwoman King commended the Savoies for turning something so tragic in their lives into something positive that will raise awareness about child safety in parking lots.

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Cromer stated that the Selene parade will roll this Friday night and is the last big parade of the season. On Mardi Gras day there will be a children's parade in Olde Towne as well as live music throughout the day.

Lastly, Mayor Cromer encouraged everyone to wear yellow shirts, ties, hats, whatever yellow you have in honor of Emma Savoie tomorrow.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.



Bill Borchert
President of the Council
Councilman at-Large



Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

COUNCIL ACTION: DATE APPROVED 2-28-23 DATE AMENDED _____