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Meeting Minutes City Council

*Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, John Ieyoub,
Mary Morris, Johnnie Thibodeaux,
Council President: Stuart Weatherford*

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

CALL TO ORDER - Stuart Weatherford, President of the Council, presided

INVOCATION - Rodney Geyen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Johnnie Thibodeaux

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Johnnie Thibodeaux, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, and President or Presiding Officer Stuart Weatherford

Absent: 3 - John Ieyoub, Luvertha August, and Mary Morris

Also present were Mayor Nic Hunter, Mr. David L. Morgan, City Attorney and Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

Prior to the meeting, Mark Judson, Director of the Southwest Louisiana Law Center outlined how they assist the City with the Administrative Hearings regarding property standards issues. He introduced La Koshia R. Roberts, the newly sworn in Administrative Hearing Officer, who replaced Genia Coleman Lee who recently retired.

The monthly financial reports for June, 2020 were provided to the City Council members by the Department of Finance. The reports include the Budget to Actual Revenues and the Budget to Actual Expenditures.

Mr. Weatherford stated item No. 5 was being deferred to the August 19, 2020 City Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 1, 2020

A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 4 - Thibodeaux, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 3 - Ieyoub, August, and Morris

1. 446-19

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase on-site propane fuel for the period of three (3) years with the option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year periods, for use by the City of Lake Charles Fleet.

Sponsors: Mary Morris

Appointed Mary Morris Chairperson

2. 54-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3331, Hillcrest Park.

Sponsors: Rodney Geyen

Appointed Rodney Geyen Chairman

PUBLIC HEARINGS**3. 112-2020**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 125 North Franklin Street, Exclusive Real Estate Investments, LLC and Julia Mae Leger, owners.

Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and Mr. Morgan presented photographs and documents regarding the property which were made a part of the record. There were no requests to speak on this item. Recommended time delays of 30/60 were approved by the following vote:

A motion was made that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 4 - Thibodeaux, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 3 - Ieyoub, August, and Morris

Enactment No: 18733

4. 188-2020

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1507 Moeling Street, Ruth Ann Thomas Paul, owner.

Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and Mr. Morgan presented photographs and documents regarding the property which were made a part of the record. Through correspondence received from Ms. Morris, she recommended time delays of 30 days to demolish the structure. Ruth Ann Thomas Paul, 1507 Moeling St., stated she was hiring a contractor and should have it demolished within 30 days. Mr. Morgan stated that at the end of 30 days if she needed additional time to complete the demolition that she should contact the Legal Department.

A motion was made that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 4 - Thibodeaux, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 3 - Ieyoub, August, and Morris

Enactment No: 18734

5. 190-2020

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1815 North Junior Street, Ernest Willis, Jr. Estate, owner.

Deferred to the August 19, 2020 City Council meeting.

6. 212-2020

An ordinance amending Sec. 3-5.1 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles requiring alcoholic beverages sales permit holders and their agents/employees to possess a pictured identification while operating the permitted premises.

A motion was made that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 4 - Thibodeaux, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 3 - Ieyoub, August, and Morris

Enactment No: 18735

7. 213-2020

An ordinance repealing Sec. 13-27 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles entitled as "Vagrancy".

A motion was made that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 4 - Thibodeaux, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 3 - Ieyoub, August, and Morris

Enactment No: 18736

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENT

224-2020

A resolution to State of Louisiana, Governor John Bel Edwards, requesting that the state organize a "Louisiana Day of Prayer" statewide vigil that would encompass religious leaders from all across Louisiana in all denominations praying for an antidote or relief to the coronavirus pandemic.

Councilman Geyen requested a resolution be added to the agenda to State of Louisiana, Governor John Bel Edwards, requesting that the state organize a "Louisiana Day of Prayer" statewide vigil that would encompass religious leaders from all across Louisiana in all denominations praying for an antidote or relief to the corona virus pandemic. Mr. Weatherford called for a vote to add this resolution to the agenda.

A motion was made to add a resolution to the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 4 - Thibodeaux, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 3 - Ieyoub, August, and Morris

A motion was made that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 4 - Thibodeaux, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 3 - Ieyoub, August, and Morris

Enactment No: 89-2020

8. 216-2020

A resolution setting date for public hearing and consideration on alteration of shoreline of Lake Charles through the reclamation of lakeside property lost by erosion through the construction of a steel bulkhead with concrete cap for recreational use located at 904 Shell Beach Drive.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda

Enactment No: 90-2020

9. 217-2020

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for the purchase of an annual supply of Asphaltic Mixtures for Cold Application under a Twelve (12) month Contract with the option to renew for an additional Twelve (12) months for use by the Public Works Department.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Johnnie Thibodeaux was designated Chairman

Enactment No: 91-2020

10. 218-2020

A resolution setting date for public hearing concerning the decision of the Alcohol Review Board to suspend for seven (7) days alcohol licenses held by VNB, LLC d/b/a More 4 Less #10 located at 4119 Louisiana Ave. and to fine the owner \$1,500.00.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The public hearing date was set for August 5, 2020.

Enactment No: 92-2020

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 4 - Thibodeaux, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 3 - Ieyoub, August, and Morris

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES ARE FOR INTRODUCTION BY CONSENT AND WERE READ INTO THE RECORD THE DAY FOLLOWING THIS MEETING AT 11:00A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**11. 219-2020**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to enter into an agreement for the purchase of an annual supply of Asphaltic Mixtures for Cold Application under a Twelve (12) month Contract with the option to renew for an additional Twelve (12) months for use by the Public Works Department.

Sponsors: Johnnie Thibodeaux

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

12. 220-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3339, Port Wonder Parking Garage Phase I.

Sponsors: Mary Morris

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council. Mary Morris was designated Chairperson.

13. 221-2020

An ordinance amending Chapter 6, Article X of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lake Charles to replace the existing City ordinance for Large Development Drainage with a new ordinance entitled Drainage Requirements for Developments.

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

14. 222-2020

An ordinance in consideration of a public hearing before the City Council for the City of Lake Charles requiring VNB, LLC d/b/a More 4 Less #10 to show cause why its alcohol beverage sales permit for 4119 Louisiana Ave. should not be suspended and a fine imposed as is recommended by the Alcohol Review Board for the alleged violation of the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages to an Underaged Person.

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

15. 223-2020

An ordinance removing the street name General Middleton Drive and replacing it with Gov. P.B.S. Pinchback Drive, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Sponsors: Rodney Geyen

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Weatherford declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05pm. The next regular City Council meeting is August 5, 2020.

I, LYNN F. THIBODEAUX, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Council of the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. I further certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the Minutes of a meeting of the City Council of said City, held on the 15th day of July, 2020.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 20th day of July, 2020. S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council

I, LYNN F. THIBODEAUX, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Council of the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. I further certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the Ordinances adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said city held on the 15th day of July, 2020.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 20th day of July, 2020. S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

The City of Lake Charles fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Americans With Disabilities Act, and related statutes, executive orders, and regulations in all programs and activities. The City operates without regard to race, color, or national origin. Any person who believes him/herself or any specific class of persons, to be subjected to discrimination prohibited by Title VI and/or Americans with Disabilities Act may by him/herself or by representative file a written complaint with the City of Lake Charles. The City's Title VI Coordinator/ADA Coordinator may be reached by phone at (337) 491-1440, the Mayor's Action Line at (337) 491-1346, or contact the appropriate Department Head.