

City Hall
Westwego, Louisiana
Regular Session
Monday, March 13, 2017

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Westwego met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 13, 2017, in the Council Room at City Hall, 1100 Fourth Street, Westwego, Louisiana.

There were present:

Mayor John I. Shaddinger, Jr.
District 2 Councilman Johnny S. Nobles, Jr.
District 3 Councilman Norman J. Fonseca
District 4 Councilman Garrison J. Toups, Sr.
District 5 Councilman Larry J. Warino, Sr.
City Clerk Maurice T. Bourgeois, Jr.
City Attorney Joel A. Levy
Police Chief Dwayne J. Munch, Sr.

District 1 Councilman Glenn Green, Sr. was unable to attend due to illness.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shaddinger called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the invocation.

INVOCATION AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pastor Robert Storey, of River Church in Harvey, Louisiana, led the assembly in prayer, followed by a moment of silence in honor of the deceased members of our community.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Westwego Historic District Commission Chairman Betty G. Landry led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMEND THE AGENDA

MOVED by Councilman Fonseca, and seconded by Councilman Nobles, to amend the agenda to discuss a stop sign at Avenue C and Sixth Street, and the Farmers and Fisheries Market, at the end of business.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino; Absent: Green

ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL

BARRY BORDELON – PROGRESSIVE WASTE

Barry Bordelon, of Progressive Waste, addressed the City Council to discuss the proposed contract for the collection and disposal of solid waste.

A discussion followed.

MOVED, and seconded, by All Councilmen Present, to authorize Mayor Shaddinger to enter into contract with Progressive Waste for the collection and disposal of solid waste.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino; Absent: Green

JIMMY PAPIA – MEYER ENGINEERS

Jimmy Papia, of Meyer Engineers, addressed the City Council to ask them to accept the New City Hall as Substantially Complete effective January 4, 2017.

A discussion followed.

MOVED by Councilman Nobles, and seconded by Councilman Fonseca, to accept the New City Hall, 1100 Fourth Street, Westwego, Louisiana, as Substantially Complete effective January 4, 2017.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino; Absent: Green

OSCAR BOUDREAUX – WATER PLANT BID

Oscar Boudreaux addressed the City Council to discuss the six bids that were received for the Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation on March 7, 2017, and to recommend that the contract be awarded to the low bidder, Gottfried Contracting, LLC, of Covington, Louisiana.

A discussion followed.

MOVED by Councilman Nobles, and seconded by Councilman Toups, to award the bid for the Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation to Gottfried Contracting, LLC, of Covington, Louisiana.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino; Absent: Green

MARGARET HARRISON

Margaret Harrison addressed the City Council to discuss Fire Hydrants.

A discussion followed.

CHARLOTTE SPAHR

Charlotte Spahr addressed the City Council to discuss political signs.

A discussion followed.

PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

(NJF) PROCLAMATION HONORING KING AND QUEEN OF ADONIS

Councilman Fonseca offered proclamations honoring Adonis XIX, Chad Michael Usea, and Queen Adonis XIX, Madeline "Maddie" Camardelle, who reigned over the Mystic Knights Adonis in 2017.

Mayor Shaddinger read the proclamations aloud.

HEAR ALL REPORTS

Chief Building Official Leslie "Skip" Lombas, Jr. submitted his written report.

Chief of Police Dwayne J. Munch, Sr. submitted his written report and briefly discussed his 15-year standing policy regarding Westwego Police Department personnel running for elected office.

Fire Chief Ryan P. Guidroz submitted his written report and then announced the Second Annual Westwego Volunteer Fire Company Fair and Expo on Saturday, April 8, 2017.

EMS Director Joseph J. Aldor, Jr. submitted his written report.

City Superintendent Robert J. Utley reported that the new Water Storage Tank was filled with water on February 7 through February 12, 2017 and that there were no leaks.

Superintendent of Water & Waste Water Treatment Paul J. Bernard had nothing to report.

Senior Center Coordinator Brant Fonseca submitted his written report.

Farmers and Fisheries Market Coordinator Keith Bouvier discussed recent and coming events at the Market.

Councilman Nobles stated that his reason for amending the agenda to discuss the Farmers and Fisheries Market was to ask that Mr. Bouvier's report be added to the regular monthly reports.

Mayor Shaddinger stated that he would do so.

APPROVE THE MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016

MOVED by Councilman Warino, and seconded by Councilman Toups, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Session of Monday, November 14, 2016.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino; Absent: Green

The approval of the minutes of the Regular Session of Monday, December 12, 2016, the Regular Session of Monday, January 9, 2017, and the Regular Session of Monday, February 13, 2017 were tabled until next month.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The City Clerk read aloud the following resolution for adoption:

Offered by Councilman Green:

RESOLUTION 2017-03(A)

A resolution providing for COBRA Premium Payment for Surviving Spouses.

MOVED by Councilman Warino, and seconded by Councilman Toups, to adopt Resolution 2017-03(A).

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino; Absent: Green

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

There were no ordinances for introduction.

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

There were no ordinances for adoption.

OLD BUSINESS

1. (JIS) UTILITY BILL ADJUSTMENTS

MOVED by Councilman Fonseca, and seconded by Councilman Nobles, to approve the Utility Billing Adjustments as recommended.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino; Absent: Green

Councilman Warino asked that multiple adjustments for a single account be summarized as a single line on the adjustment sheet.

Mayor Shaddinger stated that this would be done.

2. (JIS) NEW CITY HALL

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

3. (JIS) GARBAGE CONTRACT

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

4. (JIS) MARTIN HOUSE

Hamid Alizadeh addressed the City Council to discuss the bid that was received for the roof and associated repairs at the Martin House (306 Sala Avenue).

Mayor Shaddinger asked the City Council to authorize him to submit the bid to Facility Planning.

MOVED by Councilman Toups, and seconded by Councilman Warino, to authorize Mayor Shaddinger to submit the bid for the Martin House roof and associated repairs to Facility Planning.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino; Absent: Green

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

Mayor Shaddinger asked Mr. Alizadeh for an update on the Emergency Operations Center.

Mr. Alizadeh reported that all of the bids received for the Emergency Operations Center were all over budget.

A discussion followed.

Councilman Warino tabled further discussion until next month to allow Councilman Green to be present.

NEW FIRE STATION AND EMS COMPLEX

Mayor Shaddinger asked for an update on the New Fire Station and EMS Complex.

Mr. Alizadeh reported that the project is moving well and that the slab should be ready to pour in April. He then discussed Change Order No. 1 at a cost of \$4,500.00 with the addition of seventeen (17) days.

A discussion followed.

MOVED by Councilman Fonseca, and seconded by Councilman Warino, to approve the Change Order No. 1 at a cost of \$4,500.00 with the addition of seventeen (17) days.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino; Absent: Green

5. (JIS) Farmers Market – Step Lights

Discussion of the step lights at the Farmers Market was tabled until next month.

6. (NJF) Update on Emergency Operating Center (EOC)

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

7. (LJW) Water Plant

Councilman Warino asked about the duties of the operators during the Water Treatment Plant Renovations.

A discussion followed.

8. (LJW) Performing Arts Society

Councilman Warino discussed the Theatre for the Performing Arts. He also discussed the Jefferson Performing Arts Society summer camp program.

Mayor Shaddinger stated that Tuna Construction will be asking for Substantial Completion next month.

A discussion followed.

9. (LJW) Sala Ave Trees

Councilman Warino discussed the Live Oak Trees on Sala Avenue.

A discussion followed.

10. (LJW) Fire Station on Avenue H

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

11. (LJW) Zoning Board & Board of Adjustments

Councilman Warino discussed the membership of the Board of Adjustments. He stated that one of the members has become ineligible to serve and asked that he be replaced.

A discussion followed.

The City Attorney recommend that the member be notified by certified mail to appear before the City Council next month.

MOVED by Councilman Fonseca, and seconded by Councilman Toups, to notify the member in question via certified mail to appear before the City Council next month.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino; Absent: Green

NEW BUSINESS

1. (GG) Fire Department Expo and Fundraiser

The Fire Chief addressed the City Council to discuss the fees for the use of the Farmers and Fisheries Market for the Second Annual Westwego Volunteer Fire Company Expo on April 8, 2017.

A discussion followed.

MOVED by Councilman Nobles, and seconded by Councilman Toups, to waive the fee for the use of the Market for the Second Annual Westwego Volunteer Fire Company Expo on April 8, 2017.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino; Absent: Green

MOVED by Councilman Nobles, and seconded by Councilman Toups, for the City to provide two employees for the cleanup following the event.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino; Absent: Green

2. (JSN) Reception Area Enclosure

Councilman Nobles discussed the need to enclose the reception area in order to isolate the collection window from the noise of the DMV waiting area. He asked the City Council to consider doing so, for further discussion at a later date.

Mayor Shaddinger stated that we could obtain an estimate of the cost in the meantime.

3. (LJW) Catfish Bourgeois Park

Councilman Warino asked for a status of the state funds remaining for the Recreation Department.

A discussion followed.

Mayor Shaddinger stated that he would have a report prepared for next month.

TERM LIMITS

Mayor Shaddinger asked the City Attorney to look into the procedures for establishing Term Limits.

Mayor Shaddinger recognized Mechanical Inspector Tommy Baxter.

STOP SIGN – AVENUE C AND SIXTH STREET

Mayor Shaddinger reported that a resident has requested a stop sign at Avenue C and Sixth Street.

A discussion followed.

Chief Munch stated that he would perform a survey at the intersection.

Mayor Shaddinger noted that there was one more person to address the City Council.

ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL

JUNIUS MOORE

Junius Moore addressed the City Council to request a Home Occupational License for Mail and Telephone Service Only to operate a business from his home at 1068 Muller Parkway.

MOVED by Councilman Fonseca, and seconded by Councilman Warino, to grant a Home Occupational License for Mail and Telephone Service Only to Junius Moore to operate a business from his home at 1068 Muller Parkway.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino; Absent: Green

ADJOURN

MOVED, and seconded, by All Councilmen Present, to adjourn at 8:16 p.m., Monday, March 13, 2017.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino; Absent: Green

John I. Shaddinger, Jr., Mayor

Maurice T. Bourgeois, Jr., City Clerk

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Westwego will meet in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 10, 2017, in the Council Room at City Hall, 1100 Fourth Street, Westwego, Louisiana.
