

City Hall
Westwego, Louisiana
Regular Session
Monday, August 14, 2017

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Westwego met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m., Monday, August 14, 2017, in the Council Room at City Hall, 1100 Fourth Street, Westwego, Louisiana

There were present:

Major Joe Peoples
District 2 Council Member Johnny S. Nobles, Jr.
District 3 Council Member Lisa H. Valence
District 4 Council Member Matthew J. Rivere
District 5 Council Member Johnnie Lynn Thibodeaux
City Clerk Lisa Tapia
City Attorney Joel A. Levy
Police Chief Dwayne J. Munch, Sr.

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Peoples led the assembly in prayer, followed by a moment of silence in memory of the deceased members of our community.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Valence led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL

BOY SCOUT TROOP 18 SCOUTMASTER JOE BELLANGER

Boy Scout Troop 18 Scoutmaster Joe Bellanger addressed the City Council to discuss the annual Scout Overnighter on October 7th and 8th and the use of Louis Marrero Park for this event.

Council Member Valence asked if they still retire the flags at this event. Mr. Bellanger said there will be a retirement of flags at 9:00 on October 7th. If any citizens wish to retire their flags they can drop them off at 702 Keller Avenue or at City Hall. The Opening Ceremony begins at 6:00 p.m. and all citizens are invited to attend.

A discussion followed.

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Rivere, to waive the fees for the use of Louis Marrero Park for the Scout Overnighter on October 7th and 8th, 2017.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

STEPHEN SAUER AND LAMAR SMITH – ARC OF GREATER NEW ORLEANS

Stephen Sauer and Lamar Smith of the Arc of Greater New Orleans addressed the City Council. They stated that the lease for 333 Sala Avenue, which the Arc of Greater New Orleans has operated since 2002, is up for renewal and asked the City Council to extend the lease for 3 to 5 years.

Council Member Nobles offered a motion to amend the agenda to take Item 19 under New Business at this time.

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Valence, to amend the agenda to take Item 19 under New Business at this time.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

(JP) ARC LEASE ON SALA AVENUE

A discussion followed.

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Rivere, to approve a three year lease, subject to the approval of City Attorney Joel Levy.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

JANEL CHAISSON – OLE SWAMP INN

Janel Chaisson addressed the City Council to request an Occupational License and Alcohol Beverage Permit to operate a Bar, the Ole Swamp Inn, at 385 Louisiana Avenue.

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, and seconded by Council Member Valence, to grant an Occupational License and Alcohol Beverage Permit to Janel Chaisson to operate a Bar, the Ole Swamp Inn, at 385 Louisiana Avenue.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux: Absent: Green

CHARLOTTE FALGOUT – 1055 CEDRE DRIVE

Charlotte Falgout addressed the City Council to request the use of the Westwego Farmers Market for the Annual Cancer Fundraiser and Car Show on Sunday, October 22, 2017. All proceeds will go the Cancer Foundation. In 2015 they raised \$16,000.00 and in 2016 \$17,000.00 was raised, they hope to exceed that amount for 2017.

Council Member Nobles stated that he will pay the rental fee for the Farmer's Market and Police Chief Munch stated that he will take care of the cleanup fee.

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Valence, to grant Ms. Falgout's request.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

CAROYLN OATES – 450 LAROUSSINI STREET

Carolyn Oates addressed the City Council to request an Occupational License to operate a Restaurant at 450 Laroussini Street.

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, and seconded by Council Member Valence, to grant an Occupational to Carolyn Oates to operate a Restaurant at 450 Laroussini Street.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux: Absent: Green

Mayor Peoples stated that he and Council Member Rivere have meet with Mr. Joe Spinato, owner of Ultimate Swamp Adventures, and that Mr. Spinato has plans for improvements in the area of the boat tours and the restaurant which will be discussed in detail at a later date. Mayor expressed how these plans and developments is an excellent plan and will help our community.

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, and seconded by Council Member Thibodeaux, to give tentative approval for Mr. Spinato's plans for improvements.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

Council Member Valence asked when restaurant would open, Mr. Spinato said restaurant is to open in the next 60 days.

Mayor Peoples said they needed to go back and approve Liquor License for restaurant.

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, and seconded by Council Member Nobles, to grant an Alcohol Beverage Permit to Carolyn Oates for her Restaurant at 450 Laroussini Street.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

RON SIMMONS – 137 SALA AVENUE

Ron Simmons addressed the City Council to request an Occupational License for the D & R Community and Youth Institute to feed students after school as well as children with special needs.

A discussion followed.

Council Member Valence asked for clarification and Betty Landry asked that Mr. Simmons appear before the Westwego Historic Committee.

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Thibodeaux, to grant tentative approval for an Occupational License for Ron Simmons to operate the D & R Community and Youth Institute at 137 Sala Avenue, predicated upon satisfaction of all requirements and inspections.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

LEONARD WAGUESPACK – 800 SEVENTH STREET

Leonard Waguespack addressed the City Council to discuss various topics.

A discussion followed.

ADONIS PRICE – 138 WESTBANK EXPRESSWAY SUITE C

Adonis Price addressed the City Council to request an extension for her Occupational License.

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, and seconded by Council Member Valence, to approve an extension for the Occupational License granted to Adonis Price on June 12, 2017.

APPROVED: Yeas: Noble, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

JOHNNY SHADDINGER – 312 AVENUE B

Johnny Shaddinger addressed the City Council to discuss various topics.

A discussion followed.

BETTY LANDRY – 421 SALA AVENUE

Betty Landry addressed the City Council concerning tree branches that were cut and rose bushes.

A discussion followed.

PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mayor Peoples stated there were two vacancies on the Westwego Housing Authority Board and announced the new appointees, Charlotte Falgout and Sandra Loyacano

(MJR) Recreation

Council Member Rivere acknowledged the awards for the 9 and 10 year old boys.

(MJR) Booster Club Fundraiser

Council Member Rivere announced the Booster Club Fundraiser which will be a Cabbage Ball Tournament October 7th at Catfish Bourgeois Park.

(JP) Reappointment of Sylvester Smith to the Civil Service Board

Mayor Peoples reappointed Sylvester Smith to the Civil Service Board.

(JP) Plaques for retirees

Mayor Peoples acknowledged and read the plaques for the City of Westwego Retirees: Roger Meyers, Paul Bernard that were both absent. Mayor Peoples asked State Representative and Former Mayor Robert Billiot and Former Mayor Johnny Shaddinger to present the plaques for Michelle Norris Levy and Robert Utey. Representative Billiot and Mr. Shaddinger reminisced and thanked Michelle and Bobby for their dedication and hard work.

The Westwego Rotary Club gave Mayor Peoples the honor of selecting a Citizen of the Year for the City of Westwego. This award was presented to Mr. Mel Muller.

(JP) Complaint Hotline

Mayor Peoples stated that the Complaint Hotline is set up and that caller id for incoming calls on the line is blocked. The number is (504)291-3535, and the email address is hotline@cityofwestwego.com. The Mayor stressed that the City is cleaning up Westwego and they will help anyone that needs help cleaning their property.

HEAR ALL REPORTS

Chief of Police Dwayne J. Munch, Sr. submitted his written report.

Fire Chief Ryan P. Guidroz was unable to attend. Nick Gaspard was present to submit the Fire Chief's written report.

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

Mechanical Inspector Tommy Baxter stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Plumbing Inspector Walter "Bubba" Choquette, Jr. stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Electrical Inspector Doyle Guidroz was unable to attend.

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

Senior Center Coordinator Brant Fonseca submitted his written report.

Farmers Market Coordinator Keith Bouvier addressed the council to present his report and discuss upcoming events at the Market.

APPROVE THE MINUTES

Regular Session of Monday, July 10, 2017

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, and seconded by Council Member Nobles, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Session of Monday, July 10, 2017.

APPROVED: Yeas: Noble, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux: Absent: Green

AMEND THE AGENDA

MOVED by Council Member Valence, and seconded by Council Member Nobles, to amend the agenda to discuss street improvements and fire hydrants.

APPROVED: Yes: Noble, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux: Absent: Green

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

Offered by Council Member Nobles:

A resolution authorizing Mayor Joe Peoples on behalf of the City of Westwego, to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Parish of Jefferson for the HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program, the Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, and the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program.

Council Member Nobles referred to City Attorney Joel Levy to explain resolution.

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Valence, to discuss resolution

APPROVED: Yeas: Noble, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

Mayor Peoples called for a vote on this resolution.

APPROVED: Yeas: Noble, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

Offered by Council Member Rivere:

An Ordinance of the Westwego Council Amending and Reenacting Chapter 38-Solid Waste, Article I. In General, Sec.38-13 – Fences Enclosing Dumpsters.

Offered by Council Member Rivere:

An ordinance authorizing the City of Westwego to dispose of, in accordance with Louisiana law, certain property that is no longer needed for public use.

Offered by Council Member Thibodeaux:

An ordinance governing the use of discretionary funds.

Offered by Council Member Thibodeaux:

An Ordinance of the Westwego City Council Amending Chapter 1 – General Provisions – Section 1-16 General penalty; continuing violation; to add subsection (e).

Offered by Council Member Thibodeaux:

An Ordinance of the Westwego City Council Amending Chapter 26 – Motor Vehicles and Traffic - Article I In General – Section 26-97 Deferral.

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

Offered by Council Member Valence:

ORDINANCE 1539

An ordinance adopting the 2017 Legislative Calendar for the City of Westwego.

MOVED by Council Member Valence, and seconded by Council Member Nobles, to open a public hearing for this ordinance.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

No one spoke in favor of the ordinance; no one spoke against.

MOVED by Council Member Valence, and seconded by Council Member Nobles, to close the hearing.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

MOVED by Council Member Valence, and seconded by Council Member Nobles, to adopt Ordinance 1539.

APPROVED: Yeas: Noble, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux: Absent: Green

Offered by Council Member Thibodeaux:

ORDINANCE 1540

An ordinance approving the plan of survey and resubdivision of a of ground situated in the City of Westwego, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, in the part of thereof known as Lots 30, 31, 32 and part of Lot 29, Square 44. Whitehouse Subdivision, into Lots 30A and 32A, Square 44, Whitehouse Subdivision, and is more full shown on a plan by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated March 8, 2017.

MOVED by Council Member Thibodeaux, and seconded by Council Member Valence, to open a public hearing for the ordinance.

Johnny Shaddinger spoke in favor of the ordinance; no one spoke against.

MOVED by Council Member Thibodeaux, and seconded by Council Member Valence, to close the hearing.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

MOVED by Council Member Thibodeaux, and seconded by Council Member Valence, to adopt ordinance 1540.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux: Absent: Green

OLD BUSINESS

1. (JP) Utility Bill Adjustments

MOVED by Council Member Valence, and seconded by Council Member Rivere, to approve the Utility Billing Adjustments as recommended.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

2. (JSN) Update on Railroad Cars

Council Member Nobles and Mayor Peoples met with the Rail Road and they were given four options- they choose flatcars so people can see from their backyards and will see there are no chemicals.

3. (LHV) Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Westwego Civic Association

Council Member Valence discussed there would be two shorts events and two long events that our city will sponsor for no charge in exchange for the grass cutting.

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Rivere, to accept the cooperative endeavor and allow the Mayor to sign it.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green Abstained; Valence

4. (JP) Park Rental Fees

Council Member Rivere discussed and read the proposed fees for the park.

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, and seconded by Council Member Nobles, to adopt the new schedule of fees.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

Mayor Peoples thanked Brenda Rogers for getting new garbage cans for the Farmers Market.

5. (JP) Vic A. Pitre Canal

Mayor Peoples stated that Parish Council Member Paul Johnston will be changing the grading by the Vic A Pitre Canal and he will be demolishing the old pumping station by the canal. Mayor Peoples stated they are waiting for meeting with Mr. Barkley concerning the removal of the bridges.

6. (JP) Property Addresses – Visibility

Mayor Peoples stated we do have an ordinance that property addresses need to be visual. We will have Code Enforcement notify property owners who need to fix their addresses. There will be no citations as this time.

7. (JP) City Owned Property – Sale

Mayor Peoples asked the City Council to authorize appraisal for the property on Sala formerly known as Lisa's Crafts. All proceeds will be reserved for improvements on infrastructure of the City or the Sewer Plant whatever is needed most.

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Valence, to approve funds reserved for the above.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

8. (JP) Update on Old City Hall

Mayor Peoples and City workers have boxed and stored more than 1000 boxes. These boxes have been secured in locked sealed and waterproof containers. There will be an auction for the furniture and other items.

NEW BUSINESS

From Amend Agenda

Council Member Valence discussed the \$500,000 that is dedicated for fire hydrants and street improvement projects. The council needs to authorize the Mayor to have the Engineer submit revised plans. Council Member Valence would like to dedicate half or more to resurface Avenue A from Fourth Street to the Westbank Expressway, including the water lines, repair Victory Drive close to Fourth Street if there is enough money, and use the remainder for fire hydrants.

Council Member Nobles spoke in favor of this.

MOVED by Council Member Valence, and seconded by Council Member Rivere, to authorize Mayor Peoples to proceed as discussed above.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

1. (JSN) Resident Parking Only

2. (JSN) Spruce and Barbe

Council Member Nobles requested Resident Parking Only signs for Barbe and Spruce Streets. Council Member Nobles discussed the situation. Mayor Peoples and Council Member Nobles will visit Barbe and Spruce Street.

3. (JP) New Fire Station – Change Order

Mayor Peoples discussed the change order for the New Fire Station.

MOVED by Council Member Valence, seconded by Council Member Thibodeaux, to approve the change order.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

Return to New Business #1

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Valence, to authorize Resident Parking Only signs for Barbe and Spruce.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

4. (JP) Water Line Improvements

Mayor Peoples discussed the broken water lines. He stated that he has spoken to Councilman Johnston, who has pledged \$100,000.00 for improvement of the water lines. Mayor Peoples stated we will spend the money the best way possible.

5. (JP) 151 Sala Avenue

Mayor Peoples discussed 151 Sala Avenue the Old Food Bank. The building is in bad shape, he spoke to the operator and they removed all their records and shredded them on site. They agreed to take only the records and allow us to deal with the rest. Mayor Peoples stated we will hold an auction to sell any equipment and use the proceeds to repair the building. We hope to lease the building, possibly as a restaurant. Mayor asked Council to authorize him to research and see what the going rate is to lease the building.

Council Member Valence asked City Attorney Joel Levy if we can do this. Attorney Joel Levy said he must research and determine it.

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Rivere, authorize Mayor Peoples to research leasing options contingent on Attorney Levy's research.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

6. (JP) Farmers Market – Fees for Vendors

Mayor Peoples discussed the fees at the Saturday Market. Mayor recommends they try again with a \$20.00 flat fee to attract more people to the city.

Council Member Nobles offered a motion to do so, seconded by Council Member Rivere for discussion.

Discussion followed.

Council Member Nobles in favor. Council Member Valence does not want it to be a conflict with Gretna. Council Member Rivere feels it will take time to implement, however they need to approve fees at this time.

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Rivere, to adopt the fee structure.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

7. (JP) Aluminum Patio Covers

Mayor Peoples stated we have more than 80 homes in our city that have them at this time. We must come up with rules that make it fair for all citizens in Westwego.

Council Member Nobles stated we need to make sure that the Fire Marshal approves it being on the property line.

Council Member Valence asked if there are any existing ordinances. City Attorney Levy stated it must be done by ordinance. Mayor asked Attorney Levy to check into these ordinances.

8. (JP) City Website and Logo

Mayor stated they are designing a new website for the City of Westwego. This website should be ready by the end of the month. We have a new logo that will be reveal soon. Council Member Valence stated there will be a business page for a nominal fee.

AMEND THE AGENDA

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, and seconded by Council Member Valence, to amend the agenda to discuss the speed limit on Lane Street.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

9. (JP) Martin House

Mayor is looking for roofer for the Martin House. He asked Council to repurpose the Martin House to not be used for the Westbank Musicians Hall of Fame but to use as a reception hall or something that will produce money for the city. Mayor stressed the roof much still be replaced. There was a discussion of the type of roof, metal versus terracotta roof. Council Member Nobles wants to preserve the look of the building. Mayor invited council to visit the site with him.

10. (JP) Westwego Art Center (WAC)

Mayor discussed Westwego Art Center and asked Council to visit site with him. He suggested having a coffee shop there as part of the Musicians Hall of Fame.

11. (JP) Flood Insurance Policies

Mayor Peoples discussed the Flood Insurance Policies. He stated we have flood insurance on non-existent structures and structures that should be demolished. We cancelled unnecessary flood insurance policies and saved \$82,037.00. We also straightened out the insurance on the Police vehicles thanks to Michelle. Let me assure the public we are not going to waste their money. Mayor Peoples informed the citizens his new truck was paid for with Police Discretionary funds which comes from speeders.

12. (JP) Auction

Mayor Peoples requested Council approval to hold auction at Old City Hall in October.

MOVED by Council Member Valence, and seconded by Council Member Rivere, to approve holding an auction in October.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

13. (JP) River Boat Landing

Mayor met with Ron Forman at Representative Billiot's suggestion to discuss a boat docking at our landing. They are looking at renovating the John James Audubon boat and Mr. Forman is eager to have it make a circuit that includes Westwego. We have available funds from the state. Mr. Forman asked that we get Senator Alario and Representative Billiot involved.

AMEND THE AGENDA

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, and seconded by Council Member Nobles, to amend the agenda and move # 16 New Businesses on Sala Avenue to be discussed now.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

16. (JP) New Businesses on Sala Avenue

Mayor Peoples discussed it is the Councils that must approve new business and the Westwego Historical District Committee must advise on appearance once business is approved.

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Rivere, for discussion.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent; Green

Council Member Nobles was under the impression that the Council already has this authority. City Attorney Levy stated the Westwego Historical District Committee is in charge of the structure in the Historical district, the Council had started sending businesses to the Westwego Historical District Committee first before approving, but the Council has authority for the Occupational License.

14. (JP) Adoption of Jefferson Parish Forms & Fees

Mayor said we are waiting for more forms to come in.

15. (JP) 498 Louisiana Street

Mayor requested Council to start condemnation proceeding on 498 Louisiana Street.

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, and seconded by Council Member Thibodeaux, to proceed with the condemnation of 498 Louisiana Street.

Council Member Rivere discussed safety of house.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeau;: Absent: Green

16. (JP) Louisiana St & Westbank Expressway – Wet Well

Mayor Peoples stated this is in very bad shape. We must fix wet well. Mayor suggested we move equipment above ground. Mayor has sent a letter to Jester about selling us some property for the station to go on. Mayor is getting prices and will keep Council informed.

17. (JP) New Businesses on Sala Avenue

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

18. (JP) New Ambulance – Lease / Price

Mayor discussed leasing or purchasing new ambulance. Mayor discussed price of ambulance, \$158,125.00. EMS fees will pay for lease or purchase of ambulance. We are currently renting an ambulance.

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Rivere, to open discussion.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

Discussion followed

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Rivere, to put \$50,000.00 down, 5 year term, and \$1.00 buyout at end of lease. Contingent on \$1.00 buyout. The funds will come from EMS.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent; Green

19. (JP) ARC Lease on Sala Avenue

Done earlier

AMEND AGENDA

MOVED by Council Member Valence, and seconded by Council Member Nobles, to amend agenda to discuss WHARF Project.

APPROVED: Yeas: Noble, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent; Green

20. (JP) Social Media

Mayor Peoples gave Council the Social Media Package this was written by Jason Di Marco revised by attorneys and adopted by the Gretna and Westwego Police Departments. This policy will be distributed to City of Westwego employees on Thursday night and will require signatures. The employees will be getting new uniforms with the new logo on it.

(MJR) Lane Street

Council Member Rivere is requesting the speed limit on Lane Street to change to from 15 mph to 5 mph. This is a dead end street with few homes.

Council Member Rivere offered a motion to change the speed limit on Lane Street from 15 mph to 5 mph, seconded by Council Member Nobles for discussion.

A discussion followed.

Mayor Peoples stated that has already posted dead end signs on each side of the street, and that the residents have requested the 5 mph speed limit.

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, and seconded by Council Member Nobles, to change the speed limit on Lane Street from 15 mph to 5 mph.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent; Green

(LHV) WHARF

Council Member Valence discussed the updates on the WHARF Project. We have funding in Priority 1 and 5. We are going to move aggressively toward this. Council Member Valence is looking for more funding. Once we get some rough plans going we will begin having community meeting concerning this project.

Council Member Rivere commended the employees, Jim Butler, and Joel Levy for helping with the transition. He also thanked Mayor Joe Peoples.

Mayor Peoples gave an update on Council Member Green stating he is in physical therapy and in good spirits, really seemed very upbeat. Mayor Peoples asked everyone to be a part of the solution and trying to make Westwego a better place and welcomed any suggestions.

ADJOURN

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, and seconded by Council Member Valence, to adjourn meeting at 8:40 p.m. Monday, August 14, 2017.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux; Absent: Green

Joe Peoples, Mayor

Lisa Tapia, City Clerk

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Westwego will meet in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m., Monday, September 11, 2017, in the Council Room at City Hall, 1100 Fourth Street, Westwego, Louisiana.
