

City Hall
Westwego, Louisiana
Special Session
Monday, March 26, 2018

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Westwego met in Special Session at 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 26, 2018, in the Council Room at City Hall, 1100 Fourth Street, Westwego, LA 70094.

There were present:

Mayor Joe Peoples
District 1 Council Member Glenn Green, Sr.
District 2 Council Member Johnny S. Nobles, Jr.
District 4 Council Member Matthew J. Rivere
District 5 Council Member Johnnie Lynn Thibodeaux
Chief of Police Dwayne J. Munch, Sr.
City Clerk Lisa Tapia

District 3 Council Member Lisa H. Valence was unable to attend.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Rivere led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to amend the agenda.

AMEND THE AGENDA

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Green, to amend the agenda to discuss:

- Change Order #7 for the Fire Station
- Proceeds From the Auction of Surplus Vehicles
- DEQ Settlement and Beneficial Environmental Project
- DEQ Loan Paperwork
- 372 Sala Avenue

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

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The City Clerk read aloud the following resolutions for adoption:

Offered by Council Member Nobles:

RESOLUTION 2018-03(F)

A resolution authorizing Mayor Joe Peoples, on behalf of the City of Westwego, to enter into contract with Crescent Commercial Construction, LLC for Catfish Bourgeois Playground Improvements, Project 50-MV4-05-03.

A discussion followed.

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Rivere, to adopt Resolution 2018-03(F).

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

Offered by Council Member Green:

RESOLUTION 2018-03(G)

A resolution authorizing Mayor Joe Peoples, on behalf of the City of Westwego, to enter into contract with D. L. Daigle & Company for Christian Jones Memorial Playground Improvements, Project 50-MV4-05-03.

MOVED by Council Member Green, and seconded by Council Member Nobles, to adopt Resolution 2018-03(G).

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

CHANGE ORDER #7 FOR THE FIRE STATION

Mayor Peoples discussed Change Order #7 for the Fire Station.

A discussion followed.

Offered by Council Member Rivere:

RESOLUTION 2018-03(H)

A resolution approving Change Order No. 7 to the Fire Station, Planning & Construction (Jefferson), FP&C Project No. 50-MV4-13-01 contracted between the City of Westwego and J. A. "Jack" Julius Jr., Inc. on September 8, 2016, in the additive amount of \$19,152.90, and adding 71 days to the allotted time for completion.

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, and seconded by Council Member Thibodeaux, to adopt Resolution 2018-03(H).

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

PROCEEDS FROM THE AUCTION OF SURPLUS VEHICLES

Mayor Peoples discussed the recent auction of surplus vehicles. He asked the City Council to allocate \$20,000.00 of the \$25,800.00 proceeds from the auction for the purchase of a used excavator, with the remainder of the funds needed to purchase the excavator to come from his discretionary funds, and to allocate the remaining \$5,800.00 from the auction plus the proceeds from the eventual sale of the Vac-Con truck for work that has to be done at the Water Plant.

A discussion followed.

MOVED by Council Member Green, and seconded by Council Member Rivere, to allocate \$20,000.00 of the \$25,800.00 proceeds from the auction for the purchase of a used excavator, with the remainder of the funds needed to purchase the excavator to come from the Mayor's discretionary funds, and to allocate up to \$5,800.00 of the remaining funds from the auction for work that has to be done in the office of the Water Plant. Any funds remaining from the auction, plus the proceeds from the eventual sale of the old Vac-Con truck will be returned to the Mayor's discretionary fund.

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

DEQ SETTLEMENT AND BENEFICIAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

The City Clerk read aloud the following resolution for adoption:

Offered by Council Member Nobles:

RESOLUTION 2018-03(I)

A resolution authorizing Mayor Joe Peoples, on behalf of the City of Westwego, to enter into the settlement agreement with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, to sign any and all related documents, and to proceed with the Beneficial Environmental Project.

The City Attorney discussed the settlement agreement and the beneficial environment project, which will be undertaken at the site of the WHARF Project.

A discussion followed.

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Green, to adopt Resolution 2018-03(H).

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

DEQ LOAN PAPERWORK

Mayor Peoples discussed a correction that must be made to the paperwork for the DEQ loan.

A discussion followed.

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, and seconded by Council Member Thibodeaux, to approve the corrections to the paperwork for the DEQ loan.

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

372 SALA AVENUE

Mayor Peoples discussed the condition of the structure at 372 Sala Avenue. He stated that the front portion of the structure is in such dangerous condition that it constitutes a grave public emergency and asked the City Council to take action under the authority of Section 30-68 – Condemnation of Dangerous Structures in Emergency Situations.

A discussion followed.

MOVED by Council Member Green, and seconded by Council Member Nobles, to proceed with the condemnation of the structure at 372 Sala Avenue under the authority of Section 30-68 – Condemnation of Dangerous Structures in Emergency Situations, as a matter of grave public emergency.

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

Mayor Peoples directed the City Attorney make the necessary preparations to hold a Condemnation Hearing for 372 Sala Avenue at the next Regular Session on Monday, April 9, 2018.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Council Member Green offered a motion to amend the agenda to discuss the Leash Law.

MOVED by Council Member Green, and seconded by Council Member Rivere, to amend the agenda to discuss the Leash Law.

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

Council Member Green proposed a change to the Leash Law and asked the City Attorney to look into adding requirements for cats to be on leashes to the existing ordinance.

A discussion followed.

ADJOURN

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, and seconded by Council Member Green, to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. Monday, March 26, 2018.

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

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, April 9, 2018, in the Council Room at City Hall, 1100 Fourth Street, Westwego, Louisiana.
