

City Hall
Westwego, Louisiana
Regular Session
Monday, June 11, 2018

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Westwego met in Regular Session at 6:00 P.M., Monday, June 11, 2018, in the Council Room at City Hall, 1100 Fourth Street, Westwego, Louisiana.

There were present:

Mayor Joe Peoples
District 1 Council Member Glenn Green, Sr.
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
Police Chief Dwayne J. Munch, Sr.

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 lead 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

EDDIE HIBBEN – 1208 KENNY DRIVE

Mr. Hibben addressed the City Council regarding the extension proposal for Kenny and LeCompte Drive. Mayor Peoples stated the extension will be from Kenny to LeCompte only. This will assist the EMS, Fire Department and garbage pickup with through traffic. Council Member Valence will be sending a letter to the residents of Kenny and LeCompte to receive their input on this proposal.

MERVIN GRAVES, JR. – 472 DOGWOOD DRIVE

Mr. Graves addressed the City Council regarding the leash law and asked each Council Member to vote no on this ordinance. Mr. Graves addressed his concerns with the water advisory that took place last month. He asked that more information be given to the citizens. Mayor Peoples stated the city followed the DHH guidelines and knocked on doors of the affected area, which was two blocks of Avenue H. The city also put letters out for the affected area and sent a notice once the water advisory was lifted. Mayor Peoples stated all the necessary procedures were done. Mr. Graves asked the Mayor where the money for the recycling program is designated. Mayor Peoples explained at this time there are no funds being generated. The City of Westwego is providing a service to the citizens for home pick up of recycled goods. In the future he hopes to be able to sell these goods.

MARGARET HARRISON – 1122 WEST DRIVE

Ms. Harrison thanked the Jefferson Parish Animal Shelter that provides the Trap, Neuter, and Release Program (TNR Program) for the feral cats. Ms. Harrison stated this program is working very well. Ms. Harrison wanted to inform the Mayor of the unacceptable job the company that is hired by Entergy did on her oak tree. Mayor Peoples talked to Kent Green with Entergy regarding this matter.

PAUL LEBLANC – 712 AVENUE F

Mr. LeBlanc addressed the City Council requesting a Home Occupational License for Print Works NOLA.

MOVED by Council Member Thibodeaux, seconded by Council Member Valence, to grant a Home Occupational License to Print Works NOLA.

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

DIANE SPIELER – 627 AVENUE H

Ms. Spieler thanked the City of Westwego for resolving the drainage problem she was having in her backyard. She stated the city employees that worked on resolving this problem and worked on the water leak on Avenue H did an awesome job. She stated they were informed immediately concerning the water advisory and felt the city did a great job fixing and notifying the citizens concerning the water advisory. She thanked Police Chief Munch for the great job his department did concerning a drug bust on Avenue A. She addressed Council Member Green concerning the racist problem with Domino's Pizza. She also stated the good job that TNR is doing concerning the feral cats. She spoke against the leash law and gave statistics. Council Member Nobles stated TNR is working and thanked Ms. Spieler for the rubber snakes she donated last meeting. He has placed them in his garden to deter the cats and it is working.

BETTY LANDRY – 421 SALA AVENUE

Ms. Landry from the Westwego Historical Commission addressed her concerns for the Occupational License that was given to 137 Sala Avenue. A discussion followed. Mayor Peoples stated he will research this matter.

JACK ALLEN – 725 WESTBANK EXPRESSWAY

Mr. Allen addressed the City Council requesting an Occupational License for Tasch Construction Administration Office only.

MOVED by Council Member Thibodeaux, seconded by Council Member Rivere, to grant an Occupational License to Tasch Construction pending inspections.

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

JOHNNY SHADDINGER – 312 AVENUE B

Mr. Shaddinger addressed the City Council regarding a swimming pool at 868 Avenue E that has been an ongoing problem. He thanked the majority of the Council Members for not supporting the leash law. He stated he would like to request an open discussion before this ordinance is voted on. He stated he would like to see who is in support of this ordinance other than Council Member Green and Mayor Peoples. Mayor Peoples corrected Mr. Shaddinger and stated he openly spoke out against the leash law on Facebook. Ms. Spieler confirmed that Mayor Peoples stated his opposition to the leash law. Mayor Peoples addressed Mr. Shaddinger and stated once again he is playing politics, Mayor Peoples asked Mr. Shaddinger to leave the politics out of it and say what he has to say and sit his behind down. Council Member Green stated his ordinance did exactly what he hoped it would do, bring attention to this problem. Council Member Green stated this ordinance will be tabled.

MAMA'S TREATS – 502 LAROUSSINI STREET

Council Member Rivere spoke on behalf of Mama's House, LLC to grant an Occupational License to operate Mama's Treats located at 502 Laroussini Street.

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, seconded by Council Member Green, to grant an Occupational License to Mama's Treats pending inspections.

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

AMEND THE AGENDA

MOVED, and seconded, by All Council Members, to amend the agenda to discuss Ordinance 1555.

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

MOVED, and seconded, by All Council Members, to open the public hearing.

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

The City Clerk read aloud the following ordinance for adoption.

Offered by Council Member Valence:

ORDINANCE 1555

An ordinance authorizing the issuance of not exceeding One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) of Taxable Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2018, of the City of Westwego, State of Louisiana, prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds; providing for the payment thereof; selling said Bonds to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund; authorizing the execution of a Loan and Pledge Agreement and other loan documents with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality; providing for the delivery of the Bonds to said Department; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

David Wolfe with Adams and Reese Law Firm, the counsel for the DEQ Revolving Loan Fund spoke in regards to this ordinance. Council Member Valence asked Mr. Wolfe if the city can borrow only what is needed. Mr. Wolfe explained this is a draw down loan if the project comes in under budget they will only need to draw down on what is needed. Council Member Nobles asked when the loan re-payment will begin. Mr. Wolfe stated no later than one year after the project is complete and no more than three years after the loan is closed. The total length of the loan will be between twenty (20) and twenty-three (23) years.

MOVED, and seconded, by All Council Members, to open the public discussion.

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

Mayor Peoples invited public comment. No one spoke in favor of this ordinance. Leonard Waguespack of 800 Seventh Street spoke in opposition of this ordinance. Mr. Waguespack asked why we must borrow money for the sewer plant. Mayor Peoples explained the sewer plant is in great need of repairs and has a loss of almost \$400,000.00 per year. The Mayor stated we must find a solution to this problem.

MOVED, and seconded, by All Council Members, to close the public hearing.

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

MOVED, and seconded, by All Council Members, to adopt Ordinance 1555.

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

PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Proclamation – Ann Fricano Bitoun Woods

Mayor Peoples presented Ms. Ann Fricano Bitoun Woods a proclamation acknowledging her educational contributions to the children and families of the City of Westwego for the past 32 years.

HEAR ALL REPORTS

Chief of Police - Dwayne J. Munch, Sr. submitted his original report. Police Chief Munch stated the Westwego Police Department responded to 1566 calls in the Month of May. He just returned from Washington DC where he attended the Police Week Memorial Service at which time Officer Michael Louviere was honored. Chief Munch stated there has been several vehicle burglarized in the city. He encouraged the citizens to lock their vehicles. On July 1st he officially entered the retirement drop. This does not mean he is retiring as Police Chief. Chief Munch stated he is planning on running for re-election in the next three years.

Fire Chief - Ryan P. Guidroz submitted his original report. Texas Brotherhood Run had its first stop in Westwego in honor of Michael Louviere and presented a wreath in his memory. This group honors all fallen heroes, Police, Fire and EMS. Texas Brotherhood Run last for one week traveling a total of 663 miles to San Antonio Texas honoring the fallen.

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

Mechanical Inspector – Tommy Baxter has nothing to report at this time.

Plumbing Inspector – Walter “Bubba” Choquette, Jr. is on vacation but did submit his report.

Electrical Inspector – Doyle Guidroz submitted his report.

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

Senior Center Coordinator - Brant Fonseca submitted his report. Mr. Fonseca stated he submitted the Senior Center Hurricane/Emergency Plan.

Farmers Market Coordinator - Keith Bouvier submitted his report and announced the next concert is July 6th at the Farmers Market.

Code Enforcement – Chad Usea & Perry Talamo submitted his report.

APPROVE THE MINUTES

Regular Session of Monday, May 14, 2018

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, seconded by Council Member Rivere, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Session of Monday, May 14, 2018.

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

Special Session of Tuesday, May 15, 2018

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, seconded by Council Member Green, to approve the Minutes of the Special Session of Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

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

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The City Clerk read aloud the following resolutions for adoption.

RESOLUTION 2018-06(A)

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 Jefferson Performing Arts Society.

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, seconded by Council Member Valence, to open for discussion.

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

Council Member Nobles asked the Mayor concerning the insurance for the Theatre of Performing Arts. The Mayor explained the city will pay for the insurance and Jefferson Performing Arts Society will reimburse the city for the insurance. Mayor Peoples also put in the contract they will have to abide by the maintenance rules of the City of Westwego.

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, seconded by Council Member Rivere, to adopt Resolution 2018-06(A).

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

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following entitled ordinances were introduced at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Westwego, State of Louisiana held on Monday, June 11, 2018, and laid over for publication of notice:

Offered by Council Member Rivere:

An ordinance establishing that the City of Westwego, Louisiana authorizes the assessment of a collection fee on debts, accounts receivable, costs, fines and fees turned over to a collection agency.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Mayor and Council will hold a regular meeting on Monday, July 9, 2018, at the Westwego City Hall, 1100 Fourth Street, Westwego, Louisiana, at six o'clock (6:00) p.m., at which time there will be a public hearing prior to consideration of the adoption of the aforesaid ordinances.

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

The city clerk read aloud the following ordinances

Offered by Council Member Green:

An Ordinance of the Westwego Council Amending Chapter 8 – Animals and Fowl Article III. Household Pets – Division 2. Dogs – Sec.8-121. – Dogs Running At Large Prohibited; Leash Requirements; Parish Health Unit Authorized To Impound Dogs Running At Large.

Council Member Green asked that the ordinance be tabled.

Offered by Council Member Green:

An Ordinance Governing Smoking in All Workplaces and Public Places within the City of Westwego.

Council Member Green asked that this ordinance be tabled. He asked for a verbal resolution prohibiting smoking within a twenty-five (25) foot perimeter around City Hall. A discussion followed.

VERBAL RESOLUTION 2018-06(B)

Offered by Council Member Green

A resolution prohibiting smoking in City Hall and within twenty-five feet (25') of the front entrance to City Hall.

MOVED by Council Member Green, seconded by Council Member Nobles, to adopt Resolution 2018-06 (B).

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

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

The city clerk read aloud the following ordinances

Offered by Council Member Rivere:

ORDINANCE 1556

An ordinance approving the plan of survey and resubdivision of a certain piece or portion of ground situated in the City of Westwego, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, in that part thereof known as Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, Square 3, Segnette Estates Subdivision, into Lots 3A, 4A, 5A, 7A, and 8A, Square 3, Segnette Estates Subdivision, and is more fully shown on a plan by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated February 28, 2018.

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, seconded by Council Member Valence, to open public hearing.

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

Mayor Peoples invited public comment. Lori Ward represented Marrero Land and spoke in favor of this ordinance. She was available for questioning, no one asked questions of Ms. Ward. No one spoke in opposition to this ordinance.

MOVED, and seconded, by All Council Members, to close the public hearing.

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

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, seconded by Council Member Valence, to adopt Ordinance 1556.

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

Council Member Rivere asked City Attorney Joel Levy to research if a quicker process is available for this in the future. City Attorney Joel Levy stated he will put something together requiring the Building Inspector's approval as long as all the requirements are met.

Offered by Council Member Thibodeaux:

ORDINANCE 1557

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.

Mayor Peoples stated this is three (3) police motorcycles and four (4) cars.

MOVED, and seconded, by All Council Members, to open the public hearing.

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

Mayor Peoples invited public comment. No one spoke in favor of, or opposition to this ordinance.

MOVED, and seconded, by All Council Members, to close the public hearing.

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

MOVED by Council Member Thibodeaux, seconded by Council Member Green, to adopt Ordinance 1557.

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. (GG) Open Ditches on LaBauve Rd Update

Council Member Green asked Mayor Peoples for an update on the open ditches on LaBauve Road. Mayor Peoples received the plans from the DOTD and resubmitted them for the permit. The permit was received, however we are waiting for letters from the two businesses to remove their fences. Mayor Peoples spoke to them concerning this and they are in favor of it.

2. (GG) Westwego Art Center Update

Council Member Green asked for the update on the roof at the Westwego Art Center. Last week Mayor Peoples asked the City Council to visit City Hall to review the plans. Mayor Peoples asked for a motion to send the paperwork to Facility Planning for their review.

MOVED by Council Member Green, seconded by Council Member Valence, to send the paperwork to Facility Planning.

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

Mayor Peoples stated once this building is completed the City Council may want to consider having the Music Hall of Fame along with a Coffee Shop in this building. This will help to generate some revenue. Council Member Nobles gave a name of someone that does art work, which the Mayor feels would be a great thing to blend into the Westwego Art Center.

3. (GG) Food Bank Update

Council Member Green asked that steps be taken to clean the former food bank. Mayor Peoples stated the building has been cleaned out and he will have the building painted as soon as possible. Once this is completed the building will be put up for lease. Mayor Peoples talked to Second Harvest Food Bank and they are interested in coming back to the City of Westwego. He has requested information from Second Harvest Food Bank concerning their operating procedures. Once this information is received he will share it with the City Council.

4. (GG) Christian Jones Playground Update

Council Member Green thanked Mayor Peoples for starting the Christian Jones Playground Project. He stated this has been a very long time coming. Mayor Peoples stated all three parks are under construction at this time, he will send the City Council updates on the parks.

5. (GG) River Boat Landing Update

Council Member Green spoke to the Mayor concerning the River Boat Landing. Mayor Peoples stated they will be doing sandblasting as well as painting at the River Boat Landing. Mayor Peoples proposed to the City Council that this become a place for the citizens to sit and enjoy the River Front. Council Member Nobles suggested maybe a gazebo, benches, and picnic tables in the grassy area.

6. (JSN) Water Plant Update

Council Member Nobles enquired about the 30 day testing of the Water Plant. Mayor Peoples stated the Water Plant is currently under the 30 day testing phase. There will be a Special Meeting to discuss the Water Plant. The Parish President, the City Council, the Contractors, Mo Selah, Oscar Boudreaux, and possibly Paul Johnson will attend. Council Member Nobles invited all citizens to attend this meeting and to prepare questions that they have concerns about. The date will be posted for this Special Meeting.

7. (JSN) Catfish Bourgeois Playground Update & Equipment for the playground

Council Member Nobles wanted the public to know Facility Planning has approved the plans for the new playground equipment at Catfish Bourgeois. The playground will be double in size, there will be a playground for the two years old to five year olds and another playground for five years old to twelve year olds. This playground will be beautiful. Mayor Peoples announced there will be a meeting on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. to discuss Catfish Bourgeois Playground Equipment. He invited two of the Council Members to attend the meeting.

8. (JP) Utility Adjustments

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, seconded by Council Member Thibodeaux, to approve the Utility Bill Adjustments as recommended.

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

9. (JP) Farmers Market

Mayor Peoples announced the walkway at the Farmers Market has been replaced and widened. There are two drains that are very low in the ground. The Mayor had the drains raised by two feet. Once work is completed the cement and the grass will be even. Council Member Nobles said the new extension is beautiful and he would like it to continue the extension to the restrooms. Mayor Peoples will get a price on this extension and report back to the City Council. Mayor Peoples spoke with Keith Bouvier concerning stackable heavy plastic picnic tables. This will help with seating at the Annual Crawfish Boil and other city events. The picnic tables can be rented out for other events that are not put on by the city.

10. (JP) Tourist Information Center

Mayor Peoples acknowledged Keith Bouvier and his wife Janet for doing a beautiful job with the Tourist Information Center. Keith has been working very hard to get the Tourist Center in order. Council Member Rivere requested that the outside be cleaned and the landscaping manicured. Mayor Peoples has had the building pressure washed and will get the other clean up done as soon as possible.

11. (JP) Garbage Service

Mayor Peoples stated the garbage service has improved greatly. Mr. Richardson with the Waste Connections has addressed the problems quickly. A discussion followed.

12. (JP) Fire Station

The city had delayed the Fire Station project to install a new valve and new fire hydrant before the sidewalk was poured. Fire Chief Guidroz announced that tomorrow will be the walk through with the State Fire Marshall and the punch list. Chief Guidroz hopes within the next month they will be scheduling a dedication date.

13. (JP) Museum Roof/Martin House Roof

The Mayor is getting prices on the Museum Roof and has a roofer sealing the existing roof until the paperwork with Facility Planning is complete and the funding to replace the roof is approved. The Martin House Roof Bid came in at \$148,000.00 which is under the bid law. Facility Planning felt if there was any change orders it would exceed the amount granted. The City of Westwego would be responsible for the added amount. Mayor Peoples felt the extra money for this expense would not be available, therefore the plans were revamped and will be going out for bid shortly.

14. (JP) Excavator

At the past meeting the City Council approved the Mayor to use \$25,000.00 of his discretionary fund and \$20,000.00 from the auction to purchase a used excavator. After pricing the equipment in that price range he could not find an excavator without problems. The Mayor received a state bid on a new excavator for the total of \$94,950.00. He would like to use \$40,000.00 from his discretionary fund and \$20,000.00 from the auction toward purchase of this equipment, leaving a balance of \$34,950.00. He would like to take this amount from the general fund or the City Council donate from their discretionary fund. Council Member Green will give \$10,000.00 from his discretionary fund and Council Member Nobles will give \$2,500.00 from his discretionary fund.

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, seconded by Council Member Valence, to take the \$22,450.00 out of the general fund and be repaid by the Mayor's discretionary fund.

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

Two days later Council Member Valence gave \$2,500.00 from her discretionary fund leaving a balance of \$19,950.00 to be repaid from the Mayor's discretionary fund.

15. (JP) WHARF

Additional cleaning has been done at the WHARF and will continue once the excavator is purchased. Mayor Peoples invited some sponsors to come and view the WHARF area. Council Member Valence met with bird watchers and master naturalist that are willing to come and donate some of their time.

16. (JP) Parking Lot Extension/New Sign

Mayor Peoples is currently working on the design and cost of the new sign. The front parking lot will extend 10 feet out toward Fourth Street by 200 feet and the employee parking lot will be extended another 12 feet for approximately \$12,000.00. City Hall Funds are available of which \$80,000.00 was designated for the generator and there are additional City Hall Funds for the extension of the parking lots. Council Member Valence would like to consider a drive thru similar to an ATM to pay bills. Mayor Peoples stated this will still be possible with the parking lot extensions.

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, seconded by Council Member Nobles, to approve the \$12,000.00 for the extension of the parking lots.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. (GG) River Road – LA 541 to Klein Street

Council Member Green asked the Mayor to call the DOTD concerning the condition of the road from LA541 to Klein Street. Mayor Peoples will contact the DOTD concerning this problem.

2. (LHV) Utility Boxes

Council Member Valence has contacted Community Visions Unlimited about painting the utility boxes on the Westbank Expressway. This is the same origination that painted the utility boxes on Manhattan Blvd. Council Member Valence suggested the painting consist of swamp scenes, seafood or something that represents Westwego. Council Member Nobles suggested a shrimp boat. Council Member Valence would like to hear suggestions from the citizens of Westwego of things to be painted on the utility boxes.

3. (JP) Traffic Light Study for LA 541 (River Road) & LA 18 (Louisiana Street)

Mayor Peoples read the letter he received from Mr. Bay Long with the DOTD regarding the request for a traffic light at LA 541 and LA 18. This area did not meet the guidelines, therefore the traffic light was denied.

4. (JP) Traffic Light Study for Avenue A & Westbank Expressway

Mayor Peoples is still waiting for a response from the DOTD concerning Avenue A and Westbank Expressway. He will update the City Council as soon as he receives a response.

5. (JP) Road Extension Kenny & LeCompte

Mayor Peoples spoke to Council Member Valence concerning the extension from Kenny and LeCompte. A letter will be drafted for the residence of Kenny and LeCompte to get their views on extending these streets. A limestone street will be put first. If this extension is working then a paved street will be done. This extension is being considered to assist the EMS, Fire, Police, and Garbage Service with through traffic in this area. The street will not be passable through Victory, Barbe, or Lapalco.

6. (JP) Hurricane Preparedness Plan (Crisis Action Team)

The Mayor's Office has been working on a Hurricane Preparedness Plan. The Mayor has put together a Crisis Action Team which will consist of the Mayor, Police Chief Dwayne Munch, Sr., Assistant Police Chief Jason Dimarco, Fire Chief Ryan Guidroz, Robert Hebert, EMS Director Joseph Aldor, Council Member Nobles, and Council Member Rivere. Bobby Utley and Mayor Assistant Georgia Cox. The Mayor put two Council Member of the Crisis Action Team, however all Council Members are welcomed to be involved in this. Mayor Peoples is putting together a Hurricane Preparedness Booklet that will have the essential personnel that will be required to stay in the event of a hurricane as well as other important information.

7. (JP) Church Property/Memorial

Mayor Peoples mentioned at the Memorial Day Celebration the possibility of moving the Veteran Memorial from Avenue H. The City of Westwego is considering purchasing Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church's property at Avenue A and Fourth Street. Mayor Peoples would like to move the Veteran Memorial from Avenue H to this property. He will be drawing a diagram of the future memorial that will be a beautiful tribute to the Westwego Veterans. Mayor Peoples requested the City Council's input on this project. Council Member Green is a Disabled Veteran and would like to help with this project.

8. (JP) Stop Sign at Avenue C and Second Street

This is in Council Member Green's district and has been brought to the Mayor's attention the need for a stop sign at Avenue C and Second Street. Vehicles are cutting through this area before heading to the River Road, the stop sign would help to slow down the vehicles. Mayor Peoples requested the City Council's input. Mayor Peoples apologized to Council Member Valence for putting a stop sign in her district without informing her.

MOVED by Council Member Green, seconded by Council Member Nobles, to put a stop sign at Avenue C and Second Street.

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

Mayor Peoples ask that the Resolution for the Official Journal for the City of Westwego be put on the July 9, 2018 Regular Meeting Agenda.

ADJOURN

MOVED by All, and seconded by All, to adjourn meeting at 8:23 p.m. Monday, June 11, 2018.

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

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