

City Hall
Westwego, Louisiana
Special Session
Wednesday, November 29, 2017

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Westwego met in Special Session at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 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 5 Council Member Johnnie Lynn Thibodeaux
Chief of Police Dwayne J. Munch, arrived late
City Clerk Lisa Tapia

District 4 Council Member Matthew J. Rivere 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

Mayor Peoples led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMEND THE AGENDA

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

1. (JP) Martin House
2. (JP) Water Plant Repairs
3. (JP) WHARF Project
4. (JSN) National Furniture

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

BUDGET HEARING

Meeting was continued from November Regular Session to the Special Session that was cancelled until now.

City CPA Jim Butler distributed the proposed budget to the City Council Members with three additional packets added since the November Meeting. The budget that was provided at the November meeting was through the month of September. Mr. Butler looked at the figures for October and November and found no changes to effect the numbers. Mr. Butler stated the sales tax revenue, gaming revenue, and fines were lower than expected.

A discussion followed.

Council Member Johnny Nobles requested the Ordinance for the 2017 and 2018 Budget be tabled to the December 11, 2017 Regular Session Meeting due to Council Member Rivere's absence. The decision was made the Ordinance for the 2017 and 2018 Budget be tabled.

AMENDED AGENDA

1. (JP) Martin House

Mayor Peoples stated that Hamid received two bids and one rejection bid for the Martin House roof, the low bid was from Werling Builders, Inc. for the amount of \$148,865.00. Mayor Peoples wants to send the bid to Facility Planning for approval. Once approved he would like to proceed with this project.

MOVED by Council Member Valence, and seconded by Council Member Green to accept the lowest bid and sent to Facility Planning for approval.

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

2. (JP) WHARF Project

RESOLUTION 2017-11 (C)

The City Clerk read aloud the following resolutions for adoption.

A resolution authorizing Mayor Joe Peoples, on behalf of the City of Westwego, to enter into a contract with J.A. "Jack" Julius, Jr., Inc. for improvements to the Wetlands Harbor Activities Recreational Facility site in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.00.

MOVED by Council Member Valence, and seconded by Council Member Green to adopt Resolution 2017-11 (C).

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

3. (JSN) National Furniture

Council Member Nobles discussed the need for No Parking Signs near the entrance and exit of the building on the north side of Fourth Street in front of the National Furniture Gallery Showroom.

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Valence to post No Parking Signs in front of the National Furniture Gallery Showroom.

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

Mayor Peoples discussed the new fire hydrants that are being placed in the city. Council Member Nobles stated he wants to purchase three inserted valves for the new fire hydrants in his district and Council Member Valence wants to purchase one inserted valve for the new fire hydrant in her district costing approximately \$3,100.00 each. The money will be taken from their Discretionary Funds.

4. (JP) Water Plant Repairs

Mayor Peoples discussed needed repairs to clarifier #3 at the Water Plant, a change order of \$16,940.77 will be needed for this repair. Mayor Peoples requested a written proposal from the contractor before the change order is approved and repair is done. A discussion followed.

Council Member Valence stated Christmas Under the Trees lighting will take place Sunday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at Catfish Bourgeois Park.

Council Member Green stated the Snowflake Christmas Lights on Fourth Street stop on Avenue C and should continue into Louisiana Street. Council Member Valence stated she will talk to Council Member Rivere and order more lights if needed.

ADJOURN

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Green to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m., Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

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

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, December 11, 2017, in the Council Room at City Hall, 1100 Fourth Street, Westwego, Louisiana.
