

**MINUTES
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Mandeville City Council was called to order by the Council Chairman at 6:00 p.m. followed by roll call.

ROLL CALL - present: Jason Zuckerman, Jill McGuire, Rick Danielson, Skelly Kreller, Rebecca Bush

Also present: Elizabeth Sconzert, City Attorney, Mayor Madden, Cara Bartholomew, Planning Director, Keith LaGrange, Public Works Director, David LeBreton, Digital Engineering

MINUTES:

Adoption of the June 9, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire the minutes. With no further comments or questions a vote was taken and the minutes were adopted 5-0.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Mandeville City Council is soliciting resumes for their appointment to the Mandeville Parks and Parkways Committee. Appointment is for a non-qualified position. Applications are due by July 7, 2022.

The mayor reminded everyone of the 4th of July celebrations: 10am start time for picnicking, band begins at 5pm with fireworks around 8:30.

The mayor announced his new executive assistant, Melissa Barclay, started this week.

PRESENTATION:

Senator Patrick McMath gave the council a post-session update. His primary focus was infrastructure needs of the district. The City of Mandeville will receive \$7 million from the State Treasury for the drainage Hwy 22 project. The city will also receive \$129K via member amendments, for police vests and traffic equipment.

Mr. Danielson asked what is the financial outlook for the state? Senator McMath explained the next 2 years are going to be healthy however, there is a 0.45 cent sales tax which expires in 2025. Mr. Danielson asked how the I-12 project is coming along? Senator McMath stated all 3 phases are completely funded and from 190 to Pinnacle there will now be 8 lanes instead of 6 including a new Tchefuncte bridge. All of these changes should improve the traffic flow.

Mr. Kirk Frosch and Ms. Tracy Elsensohn, Mandeville Family Reunion, presented the mayor with a picture for the City in appreciation for their contribution to their Reunion over the Memorial Holiday weekend.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Adoption of Resolution No. 22-26; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE APPOINTING A COUNCIL CHAIRMAN FOR THE MANDEVILLE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2022, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

A motion was made by Mrs. McGuire and seconded by Mrs. Bush. Mr. Zuckerman explained this is the annual change from one At-Large Councilmember to another. Mr. Danielson took the first year, then Mr. Zuckerman, and now this would go back to Mr. Danielson. Mrs. Bush requested to

make this July 1st date the annual date of change. Mr. Danielson explained this is the date it has always been in the past except for the year of COVID. The July 1st date coincides with the Councils inauguration. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the resolution was approved 5-0.

2. Adoption of Resolution No. 22-27; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE SUPPORTING A FLOOD PREVENTION OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION (PPI) A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Ms. Bartholomew explained this is a part of the community rating system (CRS) which rewards resident within city limits a discount for all insurance policies. The flood prevention outreach is one of the categories that earns the most points when the Federal government calculates a community's CRS levels. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the resolution was approved 5-0.

3. Adoption of Resolution No. 22-28; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO EXECUTE A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF ENGINEERING (DOTD) FOR MOWING AND LITTER PICKUP FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023 AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH A motion was made by Mrs. McGuire and seconded by Mrs. Bush. Mr. LaGrange stated this is the annual DOTD mowing contract and there are no significant changes. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the resolution was approved 5-0.

4. Introduction of Ordinance No. 22-15; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AMENDING AND ADOPTING THE PERSONNEL POLICIES RULE 4.0, SECTION 4.10(A)(1), SECTION 4.10(D) AND SECTION 4.20 FOR THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM, AND ITS EMPLOYEE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH A motion was made by Mrs. McGuire and seconded by Mrs. Bush. Mr. Zuckerman stated this will be voted upon at the next meeting.

5. Introduction of Ordinance No. 22-16; AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 21- 19, THE CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH A motion was made by Mr. Danielson and seconded by Dr. Kreller. Mr. Zuckerman explained this will be voted upon at the next Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Sara Pagones introduced Joni Hess who is a new reporter for the St. Tammany Farmer. Mr., Anthony Matise further discussed the drainage issue on Atalin. He gave the Council and city attorney a copy of a state law that he feels allows the city to remove the dam he feels is causing a back up of water. Mrs. Sconzert will review the law and get back with Mr. Matise.

FINANCE REPORT:

Mrs. Sides presented the 9-month finance report to the Council.

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS (STATUS REPORT):

Mr. LeGrange reviewed the project report. Mr. Danielson asked if they had a more definitive install date for the Monroe E. Causeway signal lights. Mr. LaGrange explained it has been pushed back to mid-July., the materials have not arrived. Once they do come in, it should be a quick turnaround.

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Zuckerman explained the Council is calling an Executive session under LA. R.S. 42:16 and LA. RS 42:17A (2) to discuss the following cases:

Markovich vs. City of Mandeville
Maestri vs. City of Mandeville
Winther vs. City of Mandeville
Lachney vs. City of Mandeville

This session is to discuss the above referenced litigation and items that are confidential under La. R. S. 44:4.1(C) and communications with counsel in the rendition of professional legal services that are privileged under the Louisiana Code of Evidence, Art. 506(B).

Mr. Danielson made a motion to call Executive Session to discuss the above-mentioned legal issues; this was seconded by Mrs. McGuire. The motion passed 5-0.
The City Council, Mayor, and Mrs. Sconzert entered the Executive Session. At 6:45pm.

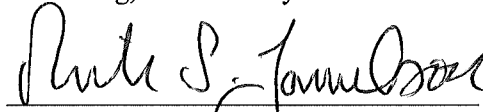
Upon their return, 7:40pm, Mr. Zuckerman stated no notes or votes were taken during the session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. McGuire made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Bush. Mr. Zuckerman adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.



Kristine Scherer
Council Clerk



Rick Danielson
Council Chairman

