**MINUTES**

**FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2021**

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, Rebecca Bush, Skelly Kreller

**Also present:** Mayor Madden, Keith LaGrange, Director Public Works, Louisette Scott, Dir. of Planning, Kathleen Sides, Finance Director, Elizabeth Sconzert, City Attorney, and Chief Sticker

Mr. Danielson welcomed everyone to our first in person Council meeting.

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Adoption of the February 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Zuckerman and seconded by Mrs. Bush to adopt the minutes of February 25, 2021. There being no further questions or comments, the motion passed 5-0.

**REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

Mr. Danielson announced the City Council of the City of Mandeville, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Mandeville to authorize the renewal of ad valorem taxes therein at its meeting on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Spitzfaden Community Center, 3090 East Causeway Approach, Mandeville, Louisiana. Mr. Grant Schueter, our tax attorney stated this is a procedural step to call the election. This sets forth a date and time and location to legally call an election.

The mayor announced Mrs. Louisette Scott, Planning Director, is retiring after 35 years. He thanked her for her service along with Mayor Price, Mayor Villere, and the council. Several gifts were presented along with the announcement that a tree will be planted on the Lakefront in her honor. The mayor also announced the promotion of Cara Bartholomew to Planning Director.

**OLD BUSINESS**:

1. Adoption of [Ordinance No. 21-05](https://www.cityofmandeville.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/ord-21-05.pdf); AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 20-13, THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Dr. Kreller. The mayor reviewed the line items requested and asked the council if there were any questions. Dr. Kreller asked the mayor with regards to the new signs in the adjustment, would the Council see the plans before they go out to bid. The mayor stated he will present the renderings to the Council prior to the bid process. With no further questions from the council or the audience a vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1.Approval of the final bid documents for the [Monroe St. / Causeway Underpass](https://www.cityofmandeville.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Monroe-St-Underpass-Landscape-Plans.pdf) landscape project. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mr. Zuckerman. Dr. Kreller explained these are the final bid documents which will then go out to bid if they are approved. Mr. Zuckerman sat in on some of the Parks meeting regarding this project and he appreciates all the work done by the Parks & Parkways Commission and their chairman, Mr. Discon. This will help connect the east and west side of town with a nice pedestrian and bike access. This is much appreciated. With no further questions from the council or the audience, a vote was taken and the bid documents were approved 5-0.

2.introduction of [Ordinance No. 21-02](https://www.cityofmandeville.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/21-02-revisions-ord.pdf); AN Ordinance for the City of Mandeville to enact a twelve month amortization on SECTION 10.5.3.11 ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTERS OR DIGITAL SIGNS OF THE LAND USE REGULATIONS OF APPENDIX A- COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. A motion was made by Dr. Kreller. Mrs. Bush made a motion to postpone indefinitely. Her position is that she does not feel this ordinance has support of the council and does not feel this ordinance will be ultimately approved by Planning & Zoning. She questions whether the time and resources of the city is necessary. Mrs. Bush stated this is subsidiary motion that has to be ruled upon before the main motion of introduction. Mr. Danielson asked the parliamentarian and the City attorney for an opinion. Mrs. Scherer stated we have never encountered such a motion and deferred to legal. Mrs. Bush stated this is article 5 section 4. Mrs. Sconzert asked the chairman for some time to research the motion. Mrs. Bush believes that is her subsidiary motion does not receive a second it will die. Mrs. Sconzert explained this requires a second, is debatable, is amendable, a majority vote is required, and it can be reconsidered. Mr. Danielson stated there is a subsidiary motion to withdraw from Mrs. Bush and asked for a second. With no second the motion failed. Dr. Kreller made a motion to introduce the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Danielson. Mr. Danielson stated this will be referred to Planning & Zoning and will be on their April agenda. Public comment will be allowed and they will return to the Council with their recommendation. Mrs. Scott stated this will be a live meeting.

3.introduction of [Ordinance No. 21-07](https://www.cityofmandeville.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/ord-21-07.pdf); AN Ordinance providing for the continued levy within the city of mandeville, state of louisiana, effective july 1, 2021, of a one-half of one percent (1/2%) sales and use tax upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in said city, providing for the assessment, collection, payment thereof and the dedication of the proceeds of said tax and the purpose for whichthe proceeds of the tax may be expended, such tax having been authorized at a special election held in the city on august 15, 2020. A motion was made by Mr. Zuckerman and seconded by Mrs. Bush. Mr. Danielson stated this will be voted upon at the next Council meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Toomey wanted to thank the mayor and Dr. Kreller for their assistance regarding the issue at the gas station on Monroe and W. Causeway Approach. 18 wheelers were parking on the street and unloading their goods and this was causing a hazard for drivers.

**PROJECTS IN PROGRESS (STATUS REPORT):**

1. **2018 Roadway Maintenance Contract**
   1. T.O. 3; 99% Complete
      1. Job walk-through held, March 4th.
      2. Contractors addressed punch list items.
   2. T.O. 4; 50% Complete
      1. Miscellaneous pavement work replacing failed concrete road panels in Old Golden Shores is ongoing, 70% complete.
      2. Miscellaneous drainage and pavement work ongoing.
      3. Pavers at Woodrow installed, intersection to be opened tomorrow.
      4. Next intersection will be Girod and General Pershing.
   3. T.O. 5; Approved by the City Council on 12-17-2020
      1. Modifications to ditch between Woodstone and Pontchartrain Elementary School is 80% complete.
      2. 48” pipe extension of Jefferson St. complete.
2. **2016 Sewer and Water Maintenance Contract** 
   * 1. Awaiting certificate of clear lean.
3. **Bayou Castine Seawall Repair** - Awarded.
   1. Gill’s Crane Services @ $922,224.00
   2. Skirt installation on North side ongoing.
   3. Replacing finger piers for boat launch.
4. **FD4 Station 42 Warning Signs -** Awarded
   1. Subterranean Construction LLC @ $28,400.00.
   2. Control panel installed, lights operational, City and Principal Engineering to issue substantial completion.
5. **Lift Stations 12 & 24 -** Awarded.
   1. Subterranean Construction, LLC @ $588,230.00
   2. Notice to Proceed, 10/01/20.
   3. LS 24 (Starbucks), pavement remediation in progress.
   4. LS 12 (Shell Station), rehab in progress.
6. **Effluent Pump Modifications**
   1. Contracts routed for signature.
7. **Sunset Point Restrooms**
   1. Plans complete.
   2. Proposals to go out for bid.

Mr. Zuckerman inquired about the completion date for the Seawall along Bayou Castine. Mr. LaGrange believes it should be completed in April. The mayor announced the Chick-fil-A should be open in Mid-May and Albasha should open in April. Mr. Danielson wanted to thank Mayor Villere and Mayor Price for attending tonight’s meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Zuckerman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Bush. Mr. Danielson adjourned the meeting at 6:50p.m.

/s/ /s/

Kristine Scherer Rick Danielson

Council Clerk Council Chairman