

**BUDGET MINUTES
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 27, 2023**

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: Keith LaGrange, PW Director, Joanna Anderson, Human Resource Director, Kathleen Sides, Finance Director, Mayor Madden,

MINUTES:

1. Adoption of the July 5, 2023, Sucette Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire. With no further comments or questions a vote was taken and the minutes were adopted 5-0.

2. Adoption of the July 12, 2023, Sucette Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Dr. Kreller. With no further comments or questions a vote was taken and the minutes were adopted 5-0.

3. Adoption of the July 13, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire. With no further comments or questions a vote was taken and the minutes were adopted 5-0.

4. Adoption of the July 17, 2023, Budget Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire. With no further comments or questions a vote was taken and the minutes were adopted 5-0.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The mayor reminded everyone of the start of the Fall Concert Series September 15th with Amanda Shaw. Also, there will be a glass recycle on August 19th from 8-11am at the Community Center, sponsored by Keep Mandeville Beautiful.

Mr. Zuckerman asked if the council would be opposed to moving “new business” ahead of “old business” With no object we proceeded with “new business”.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval of the special event and liquor permit for Sunset Symphony: An Evening with the LPO to be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023 – 4:30pm Rain Date: Sunday, October 29, 2023. Location: Mandeville Lakefront – Stage at Coffee Street. Approval requests: Waiver of food and drinks on the lakefront; Police and Public Works. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Dr. Kreller. The mayor explained this is the annual event which is very well attended. Hoping for some nice weather. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the application was approved 5-0.

2. Approval of the special event and liquor permit s for the St. Ann Wine Bar –

Outdoor Concerts:

Back to School

Date/Time: Saturday, August 5, 2023 – 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Harvest & Harmony

Date/Time: Saturday, September 29, 2023 – 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Pink with a Purpose

Date/Time: Friday, October 6, 2023 – 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. & Saturday, October 7, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location of all events: 22 St. Ann Drive, Ste. 2. Approval request to serve alcohol in the parking lot. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Dr. Kreller. Dr. Kreller explained the pink for a purpose is a 2-day event, a concert on Friday and a brunch on Saturday. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the application was approved 5-0.

3. Approval of the special event: Fresh Junkie Productions – Northshore Half Marathon & 10 Miler to be held on Sunday, October 8, 2023 – 7:00 a.m. Rain Date: N/A. Location: Mandeville Lakefront (see Map). Approval Requests: Police Detail and Contingent upon MPD approval of map and detail A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Dr. Kreller. This is the annual event which draws people from across the country. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the application was approved 5-0.

4. Introduction of Ordinance No. 23-31; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 16-09, ARTICLE 5.2.3, BUILDING CODES AND PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE REGULATIONS ORDINANCE (CLURO) PERTAINING TO GRADING SUPPLEMENT AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Mr. Zuckerman explained this will be forwarded to P&Z.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Ordinance No. 23-28; AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE SPECIFYING “NO PARKING” ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CLAIBORNE BETWEEN CARROLL AND LAFITTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 10.64 “REGULATIONS AT SPECIFIC LOCATIONS” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Mr. Zuckerman explained this is at the request of a resident (Mr. Younger). Mr. Younger explained the issue with the small culverts and parking on both sides of the street. He feels the “no parking” signs are needed for safety reasons and there are “no parking” signs in the next block. Mr. LeGrange stated the challenge is this could become a snowball effect for other residents in the area. The solution could be to put up a sign that stated “no parking” so many feet from the intersection. Mrs. McGuire agreed and suggested no parking between signs. Dr. Kreller is concerned about setting a precedent, he can see other residents asking for “no parking” signs and how do we then control it. Mr. Younger explained he has cars that go into the ditch, drainage problems, and pool issues. Mrs. McGuire asked if the cars parking on the ditch area are causing the problems? Could we possibly culvert the area; is this a parking or drainage issue? Mr. LeGrange explained he does not feel the cars are causing the problem. He just asked the council at the end of the day to be consistent. Mr. Zuckerman stated there are two issues. The first is it does look like the ditches are too close to the street. Secondly, the next block has “no parking”

signs. Mr. LeGrange stated the ditches and street issue is in most of Old Mandeville. Mrs. McGuire asked if those signs were officially placed, or someone just put them up. If they were just put up by someone, the police cannot enforce. Mr. Zuckerman suggested to defer this to the next meeting to look at the ditches and adjacent parking situation. Ms. Bartholomew explained during the April 2022 P&Z case, the street did not have those no parking signs.

Mr. Jim Leonard stated two years ago with the fireworks, there was an accident where a car sideswiped another vehicle because it was too narrow. Emergency vehicles could not get through.

Mr. Thomas Keiffer explained the Candy Bank is flooded with children and he supports the “no parking” signs for safety reasons. He also made the council aware he is going to convert the property into a hotel, and they will have all the required parking per the CLURO.

Mr. Mike Pierce explained the B3 area plan tells us about the largest problem in the parking for visitors. The solution is to have supplemental parking which would protect the residents parking. He encouraged the council to follow the B3 guidelines. He has measured Claiborne St and it is 5” wider than Girod. He is worried about spot regulations.

Mr. Zuckerman agrees with Mr. Pierce’s comments and is hesitant to take away parking but needs to address safety and the street conditions.

Dr. Kreller made a motion to defer this item until the next meeting; seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Mr. LaGrange will research if the existing “no parking” signs are legal and take a look at the ditch. Mrs. McGuire stated this will give the council time to look at the area. Without further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the deferral passed 5-0.

2. Discussion of Ordinance No. 23-27; AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS RELATIVE TO AND FOR ADOPTION OF THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; AND TO ESTABLISH THE ADMINISTRATION OF EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

Mr. Danielson wanted to discuss the financial forecast update. He would like to know what the forecast would look like with COLA and benefits included. In the forecast, there are only general revenue projections and its not specific. There are some revenue sources that you cannot use for employee salaries. What is this going to look like for the next 5 years- he would like to see additional information so we can make the right decisions. Mr. Zuckerman stated after last night’s discussion, if the council feels like it would be better to have another meeting with the civil service board, we can arrange one. We have received more information, but if others are ok with it, we can adjust the budget accordingly. Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Bush support another meeting. Mr. Zuckerman stated we know have more information to see the impact of the COLA recommendation. Dr. Kreller agreed we did not have all of the data at that meeting. He suggested the meeting next year has to be done earlier. Mr. Danielson stated the goal is to meet with the boards twice a year. We need to check availability of everyone and see if we can coordinate something. Going back to the forecast - Mr. Danielson asked if the sales tax projection could be pulled out for pay/benefits and work that graph with expenditures. Those funds can only be used for streets, maintenance, and drainage projects within the Sales Tax District. We need to see how many years we have before that intersects. Mrs. Sides explained it is overall revenues that needs to be compared to expenditures. However, they only asked them to look at the general fund and the enterprise fund. 1 3/5th is going to the general fund from sales tax district- that was not including the city’s full sales tax. Mr. Danielson asked for this to be shown separately. He would

like to see all revenue sources analyzed. Mrs. Sides will have to revise their scope of work because they did not ask for this analysis. The sales tax revenue for the general fund is only that portion of sales tax that comes into the general fund. Mrs. Sides also wanted to address Mr. Danielson's question about merit increase. She has asked them to get those projections and will have that before the next budget meeting.

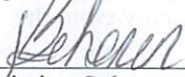
PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Glen Runyon has two concerns. First, he has never heard that a civil service board can obligate a city council for a COLA raise. He suggested an attorney general opinion. The original ordinance did not mention the civil service board and then the council amended the ordinance to include civil service. How can this be an unfunded obligation if you don't give it to them. Second, the salary survey gave two recommendations: (1) only give raise for those below market (41 people) that would be \$189K (2) chose to do an across the board, it was a \$700K hit and they said that would not include any other benefits. When the council changed the salary schedule and adjusted the bottom, everyone went up. There are now 4-5 people with a \$200K total compensation package, 93 above the St. Tammany Parish median income level. Lastly, in the survey they only mentioned annual leave, sick leave, holiday pay, medical benefits. They did not compare how Mandeville pays for the employee portion of retirement benefits. They did give you info about medical benefits. Mandeville pays 0 deductible and a 60-family co-pay that is a \$5,500 – 12,000 benefit over all other municipalities. We do have to pay the employees, but we have to talk about total compensation in the future. The forecast is critical. The chart without the COLA already shows flat. You need to slow down the growth of total compensation.

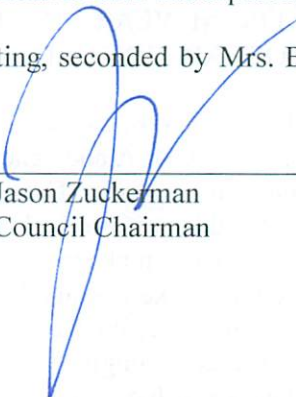
FINANCE REPORT:

Mrs. Sides reviewed the financial forecast report. She apologized for not sending it out. Governmental funds we are 59%, total expenditures we are at 66%. Overall, the general fund is 18.4 compared to 18.1 in total expenditures including capital. There are no one time revenue sources on this chart. Dr. Kreller feels the council needs to have this report for the meeting.

Mrs. McGuire made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Bush. Mr. Zuckerman adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.



Kristine Scherer
Council Clerk



Jason Zuckerman
Council Chairman