

**MINUTES
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 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, Rebecca Bush

Absent: Skelly Kreller

Also present: Keith LaGrange, PW Director, Elizabeth Sconzert, City Attorney, Cara Bartholomew, Planning Director, Kathleen Sides, Finance Director, Mayor Madden, Joanna Anderson, HR Director

PUBLIC HEARING & DISCUSSION

1. Ordinance No. 23-29; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE LEVYING AND IMPOSING TAXES ON PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2023 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 23(C) OF THE LOUISIANA CONSTITUTION AND R.S. 47:1705(B) The Chair read the title of the ordinance, after which a motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mr. Danielson to open the discussion of this matter for public hearing. Mr. Zuckerman explained this is one of two ordinances that we previously passed, but we have to re-introduce and adopt them due to some technical advertising requirements. We are lowering the Police Department millages and setting the general alimony to the previously adjusted max rate of 6.48. Mrs. Sides explained we have three mills: general and two police. The assessor sets the max rate and to protect the max you must levy and collect that rate between assessment periods. We are keeping the net millage the same but protecting our maximum rate in general alimony. Mr. Zuckerman explained these two ordinances, if approved, will result in property taxes remaining at 8.86 mills, less than half of the rate previously authorized by voters. Mrs. Sides explained these requirements are needed because we are rolling up before the reassessment year. Mr. Danielson stated we did the same thing last year- we raised two and lowered one. This is based upon state law that we have to do it this way. The chair asked for public comment. Mr. Zuckerman stated with no further comments or questions from the council or public, this will be voted upon at the Council meeting later this evening.

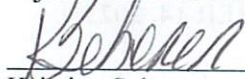
2. Ordinance No. 23-30; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE LEVYING AND IMPOSING TAXES ON PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2023 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 23(C) OF THE LOUISIANA CONSTITUTION AND R.S. 47:1705(B) The Chair read the title of the ordinance, after which a motion was made by Mr. Danielson and seconded by Mrs. Bush to open the discussion of this matter for public hearing. Mr. Danielson explained this is the technicality that we failed to do when we adopted the max rate this summer. This ordinance is the one to now increase the general alimony mills from 6.48 to 6.87. Last time we did it all in one ordinance and it required two because we were technically increasing the millage, even though the total amount owed by the taxpayer stays the same. If we were just lowering, we would not need this ordinance. The chair asked for public comment. Mr. Zuckerman stated with no further comments or questions from the council or public, this will be voted upon at the Council meeting later this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

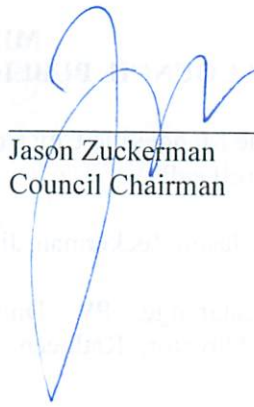
ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Danielson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Bush. Mr. Zuckerman

adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.



Kristine Scherer
Council Clerk



Jason Zuckerman
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MINUTES:

1. Adoption of the August 21, 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 4-0.

2. Adoption of the August 24, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mr. Danielson. With no further comments or questions a vote was taken and the minutes were adopted 4-0.

3. Adoption of the September 5, 2023, Sucette Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mr. Danielson. With no further comments or questions a vote was taken and the minutes were adopted 4-0.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The mayor wanted to remind everyone of the following: Amanda Shaw concert this Friday; KMB Clean Up is September 30th 9-noon; LPA Symphony is October 28th at 4pm. The mayor is also looking in to having monthly glass recycling at the Trailhead.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Adoption of Ordinance No. 23-29; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE LEVYING AND IMPOSING TAXES ON PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2023 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 23(C) OF THE LOUISIANA CONSTITUTION AND R.S. 47:1705(B) The Chair read the title of the ordinance, after which a motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mr. Danielson. Mr. Zuckerman explained this is the first of the two ordinances that sets all three millages, the amounts of which were discussed at the earlier hearing this evening. The Chair called for public comment. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the ordinance passed 4-0.

2. Adoption of Ordinance No. 23-30; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE LEVYING AND IMPOSING TAXES ON PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2023 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 23(C) OF THE LOUISIANA CONSTITUTION AND R.S. 47:1705(B) The Chair read the title of the ordinance, after which a motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mr. Danielson. Mr. Zuckerman explained this is the second ordinance that increases the general alimony millage to its max assessed amount, which was discussed at the earlier hearing this evening. The Chair called for public comment. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the ordinance passed 4-0

3. Adoption of Ordinance No. 23-33; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICIES RULE 1.0, SECTION 1.02 (C) AND ADOPTING RULE 1.0, SECTION 1.05 FOR THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM, AND ITS EMPLOYEE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. The Chair read the title of the ordinance, after which a motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mr. Danielson. Ms. Anderson explained after the audit, it was suggested the city revise their ethics policy to expand on the state law policy instead of just referencing the law. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the ordinance passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation of the revised design of the Mandeville Lakefront Restoration Project per the requirement outlined in Ordinance 23-26 that "Projects greater than \$1 million dollars, are subject to approval of location, character, and review by the Planning Commission and final approval by the Council. Approval must be obtained before the project is bid with a recommendation to the Council by the Planning Commission."

Ms. Amanda Phillips reviewed the design options for the Wetlands Restoration Project. Several features were removed from the original design, and she explained the proposed feature concepts. The original concept was with earthen berm with shoreline protection and there are now additional concepts of a rock berm and a living shoreline. Ms. Phillips reviewed the design failure mechanisms along with a shoreline protection configuration summary report. The summary report includes wetland protection, survivability and maintenance needs for both a 6' and 8' structure. She explained the existing conditions consist of sunset point elevation of 9ft; Lakeshore seawall elevation of 5.4ft; existing ground along the seawall is elevation 3.7ft and the mean sea level is at an elevation of .04ft. The options presented were: 8ft earthen berm with shoreline protection or an 8ft stone only berm; 6 ft earthen berm with shoreline protection or 6ft stone only berm. She reviewed the pros and cons for each option. The council needs to decide first if they want an earthen berm or a rock berm; then the height of the structure whether 6ft or 8ft. If the council chooses the 6ft structure, there cannot be any connectivity due to the increased slope. If the council chooses the 8ft berm, then the council could consider adding a bridge at Massena along with a walking path connecting Sunset Park.

Mr. Zuckerman has looked at the Bonnabel Boat launch which is elevation 5.5 and he thinks it is something the city should consider. He recommends elevation 6, monitor the progress and then if needed we could add to elevation 8 at a later date. Mr. Zuckerman explained in the revised resolution the council voted to go back to the original concept of wetland restoration and the connectivity could come later via a grant on the north side of the berm. Mr. Danielson asked how much settling will occur and when should that take place? Ms. Phillips said they estimate 10 inches of settling during the 1st year of construction. They have accounted for that in their drawings. Mrs. McGuire stated if we wanted the walking path or bridge, we have to go to the higher grade. Ms. Phillips stated if you went with the 6 ft and used an earthen berm, you will have to take into account you would not be able to cut the crass due to no connectivity. Mr. LeGrange explained if the council wanted to go with the lower berm, then the city will have to pay for monitoring fees, and it will cost more to later on increase the height of the berm to the 8ft elevation. Mr. Zuckerman likes the 6 ft elevation, and he likes the durability of the rock. Ms. Bartholomew stated during the resiliency plan meetings, numerous citizens wanted to see the connectivity from one side of the city to the other. Mr. Zuckerman stated with the revised design objectives, it focused on restoration and not connectivity. They brought

down the cost, objectives and. Once this is done, they can look at possibly adding a nature trail on the back side and not integrate the two. Ms. Phillips stated the grant funding is in November and they were looking for a \$3-6 million project and this fits in that range and scope. Ms. Metranga who owns a lot in Hermitage is concerned about the flooding and would like to have the extra 2 feet of protection. She liked the old plan. Mr. Leonard Rohrbough does not feel it would be productive to go higher and is concerned with safety. Ms. Tina Rhinehart asked if the council could go back to the original plan? How much are we saving? Ms. Phillips feels the savings is about \$1.5 million. Mrs. Becky Rohrbough does not like the earthen area. People cause trash issues, and all the money should go towards wetlands and restoration. Mr. Craig Toomey has concerns if it was an earthen berm about repairs. It could initially be a lower cost, but repair bills could be massive. Mr. Zuckerman suggests moving forward with the 6ft rock berm. Mr. Danielson likes the idea to start at the 6 ft and still have the option to increase if needed in the future, this also gets us back to the original budgeted amount. Mrs. McGuire agrees because we still have opportunities later on. Mr. Zuckerman asked for a brief timeline. Ms. Phillips believes if we wait for the grant, you are looking at late spring/early summer. If we don't wait for the grant, then we can bid the first part of the year. The project would take 6-9 months from start of construction. Mr. Danielson stated so best-case scenario we would start in about a year, worst case around two years.

2. Approval of the special event and liquor permit for the Ozone Music Festival – Ozone Songwriter Festival, Saturday, November 4 – Sunday, November 5, 2023; 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. To be located at the Mandeville Trailhead. Contingent upon approval of ATC alcohol permit, MPD event detail, and CEA with the City. The Chair read the title of the request, after which a motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Mrs. McGuire explained this is their 5th year. Mr. Randy Russell stated Saturday and Sunday is free to the public, however, Friday night will be a paid showcase event. The festival is all original music and will include a song writer contest. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the application was approved 4-0

3. Approval of the special event for the Mandeville Fraternal Order of Police – Zombie Crawl, Saturday, October 14, 2023 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. with a rain date of: Sunday, October 15, 2023. To be located at Old Mandeville Route (See Map). Contingent upon approval of MPD event detail & payment. The Chair read the title of the request, after which a motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Ofc. Guillory and Ofc. Maricelli explained this is a fundraiser to benefit 4 honor guards' trips to Washington DC for National Police Week. There are different levels of participation and Halloween costumes are encouraged. The event will end with a trick or treat activity at the Trailhead. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the application was approved 4-0

4. Approval of the special event for the Fountainbleau High School – Homecoming Parade, Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 6:00 p.m. with a rain date of: Thursday, October 19, 2023. To be located at the Mandeville Lakefront to Treen Center (See Map). Requesting Police Detail for Street Closure (10 Officers) and Contingent upon MPD Approval of map & detail payment. The Chair read the title of the request, after which a motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Principal Corey explained since last year's Mandeville High parade was a huge success, he wanted to start a new tradition at Fountainbleau. They will have their first homecoming parade which will

end with a pep rally at the Treen Center. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the application was approved 4-0

5. Approval of the special event and liquor permit for the Mande Milkshakers-Walk A Mile, Sunday, October 29, 2023; 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm. To be located at the Mandeville Lakefront & Trailhead (See Map). Requesting St. Tammany Parish Sheriff event detail (6 Post-Certified Officers required) and Contingent upon approval of ATC alcohol permit and STPSO event detail. The Chair read the title of the request, after which a motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mr. Danielson. Ms. Rhinehart stated this is their 5th year and all proceeds benefits Safe Harbor. The event will include a shrimp and gumbo cook off. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the application was approved 4-0

6. Approval of the special event and liquor permit for the Merry Mande Holiday Tea, Sunday, December 10, 2023; 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm. To be located at the Mandeville Trailhead. Contingent upon approval of the ATC alcohol permit The Chair read the title of the request, after which a motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mr. Danielson. Ms. Rhinehardt explained this is a popular event for the kids around the holidays. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the application was approved 4-0

7. Approval of the special event and liquor permit for the Kings Day Parade & Festival, Saturday, January 6, 2024; 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm with a rain date of Sunday, January 7, 2023. To be located at the Mandeville Lakefront & Trailhead (See Map). Contingent upon approval of the ATC alcohol permit, approval of MPD event detail, and approval of CEA with the city. The Chair read the title of the request, after which a motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mr. Danielson. Ms. Rhinehardt explained this will actually fall on King's Day and is the kickoff to the Mardi Gras season. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the application was approved 4-0

8. Approval of the Change Order #1 for the Hurricane Ida NRCS Drainage Canal Cleaning in the increased amount of \$37,656.00. The Chair read the title of the change order, after which a motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mr. Danielson. Mr. LeBreton explained this is to add 2.092 linear feet of canal cleaning. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the change order was approved 4-0

9. Approval of the Substantial Completion of the Hurricane Ida NRCS Drainage Canal Cleaning as of August 16, 2023, for a final contract amount of \$666,902.00 The Chair read the title of the notice of substantial completion, after which a motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Mr. LeBreton stated the walkthrough was completed and there are no punch list items. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the substantial completion was approved 4-0

10. Approval of the Change Order #2 for the Neighborwoods Deck Replacement in the increased amount of \$30,364.56 The Chair read the title of the change order, after which a motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by M. Danielson. Mr. LeBreton explained this is for the additional composite caps to the handrails per the city's request. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the change order was approved 4-0

11. Approval of the Substantial Completion of the Neighborwoods Deck Replacement as of August 9, 2023 for a final contract amount of \$305,090.48 The Chair read the title of the notice of substantial completion, after which a motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mr. Danielson. Mr. LeBreton stated there are a few punch list items to address and then the project will be completed. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the substantial completion was approved 4-0

12. Adoption of Resolution No. 23-34; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO AMEND THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND HIGH TIDE CONSULTANTS, LLC FOR THE LIFT STATION 4 UPGRADE AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH The Chair read the title of the resolution, after which a motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Mr. Zuckerman stated this is for the extension of time of two years to the contract due to the city's acceptance into the water sector program. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the resolution passed 4-0.

13. Adoption of Resolution No. 23-31; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO AMEND THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND KYLE ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR THE HWY 22 DRAINAGE PROJECT AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. The Chair read the title of the resolution, after which a motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mr. Danielson. Mr. Zuckerman stated this is due to the additional scope requested by LADOTD along with an extension of time of 2 years. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and resolution passed 4-0.

14. Adoption of Resolution No. 23-32; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO AMEND THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND NEEL SCHAFFER, LLC FOR THE HWY 190 MEDIAN PROJECT AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH The Chair read the title of the resolution, after which a motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mr. Danielson. Mr. Zuckerman stated this is due to the additional scope requested by LADOTD With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the resolution passed 4-0.

15. Adoption of Resolution No. 23-33; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (GOHSEP) AN "EXPEDITIED TEMPORARY HOUSING ASSISTANCE WAIVER OF LAND USE/PERMITTING FORM" IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA. R.S. 29:726(F)(3)(b)(iii) (aa). The Chair read the title of the resolution, after which a motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mr. Danielson. Mr. LeGrange explained this is necessary to approve the city to be the first on the list to allow temporary housing if needed for this hurricane season. This has to be renewed every year. Mrs. McGuire asked what happens if we have a storm prior to this time each year? Mr. LeGrange explained this has to be approved by the Parish first then it comes to the city. He is certain if we had something prior to signature, there would be a resolution. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and resolution passed 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS REPORT: Mr. LeGrange reviewed the projects in progress report with the Council.

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Hilda Roberta Maestri Landry, et al. v. The City of Mandeville, 2003-15772 (22nd JDC, Parish of St. Tammany)

Lisa Marie Kirk v. The Mandeville Historic Preservation District Commission, et al., 2023-11984 (22nd JDC, Parish of St. Tammany)

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).

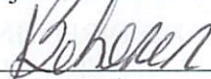
Mrs. Bush made a motion to go into executive session; seconded by Mr. Danielson. Mr. Zuckerman asked if there were any comments or questions. With no comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the motion passed 4-0.

Mrs. Bush made a motion to recess the meeting and enter into executive session; this was seconded by Mr. Danielson. With no comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the motion passed 4-0. Mr. Zuckerman recessed the meeting and entered into executive session at 7:50pm.

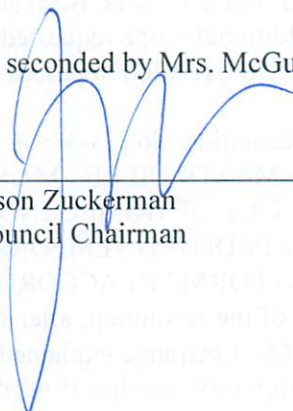
At 8:45pm, Mr. Zuckerman called the regular meeting to order. Mr. Zuckerman stated the council is back from executive session. During executive session no votes, notes or minutes were taken. Mr. Danielson made a motion to resume the meeting; seconded by Mrs. McGuire. With no comments or questions, the meeting resumed 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Danielson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Mr. Zuckerman adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.



Kristine Scherer
Council Clerk



Jason Zuckerman
Council Chairman