**MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 14, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Mandeville City Council was called to order by Council Chairman Zuckerman at 6:00pm, followed by roll call, a Moment of Silence, and Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL- present:** Cynthia Strong-Thompson, Kevin Vogeltanz, Jill Lane, Scott Discon and Jason Zuckerman.

**Absent-** None

**Also Present-** Elizabeth Sconzert, City Attorney; Jessica Farno, Finance Director; Clay Madden, Mayor; Cara Bartholomew, Planning & Development Director; Buster Lyons, Digital Engineering; Keith LaGrange, Public Works Director

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Suzie Wilson, 203 Skipper Dr, stated the City was retaliating against her by citing her and not others with the same situation.

Paul Branch, 531 Dorado Dr, suggests a hard look at the budget and would like to see an oversight committee.

Tracy Elsensohn, 1379 Valmont St, stated each department should be addressed separately on salaries. She also stated there was no need for 3 parks.

Julianne Menn, 509 Girod St, read what employee/ employer portion of health insurance costs from the employee handbook.

**MINUTES:**

1. Adoption of the July 21, 2025 Budget Hearing Minutes Motioned to adopt by Councilwoman Strong-Thompson, seconded by Councilwoman Lane and approved by all.

2. Adoption of the July 23, 2025 3rd Quarterly Budget and FY 26 Budget Hearing Minutes Motioned to adopt by Councilwoman Strong-Thompson, seconded by Councilwoman Lane and approved by all.

3. Adoption of the July 24, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes Motioned to adopt by Councilwoman Strong-Thompson, seconded by Councilman Discon and approved by all.

4. Adoption of the August 5, 2025 Budget Hearing Minutes Motioned to adopt by Councilman Vogeltanz, seconded by Councilwoman Lane and approved by all.

5. Adoption of the August 11, 2025 Budget Hearing Minutes Motioned to adopt by Councilman Discon, seconded by Councilman Vogeltanz and approved by all.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**:

1**. Introduction of Ordinance 25-27: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT** FOR THE USE DESIGNATED UNDER CLURO SECTION 6.4.42.3 LODGING (TRANSIENT) SHORT-TERM RENTAL: WHOLE HOUSE RENTAL, LOCATED AT **418 LAFITTE STREET** , BEING A PORTION OF GROUND LOCATED IN SQUARE 34 ON LOT D1-A ZONED AS B-3 OLD MANDEVILLE BUSINESS DISTRICT AND APPROVING A SITE PLAN, FLOOR PLAN, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH (Councilman Zuckerman, At-Large)

2. **Introduction of Ordinance 25-28: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT** FOR THE USE DESIGNATED UNDER CLURO SECTION 6.4.42.3 LODGING (TRANSIENT) SHORT-TERM RENTAL: WHOLE HOUSE RENTAL, LOCATED AT **510 GIROD STREET**, BEING A PORTION OF GROUND LOCATED IN SQUARE 74 ON LOT 5A ZONED AS B-3 OLD MANDEVILLE BUSINESS DISTRICT AND APPROVING A SITE PLAN, FLOOR PLAN, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH (Councilman Zuckerman, At-Large)

3. **Introduction of Ordinance 25-29**: **AN Ordinance TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-22, THE OPERATING BUDGET** OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH (year end) (Councilman Zuckerman, At-Large)

**REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Madden reported upcoming events: August 23rd- Keep Mandeville Beautiful shredding and recycling at the Community center, September 19th- Trailhead Concert starts back. Mayor Madden also reported that Mandeville won the award for “Tastiest Water in the State”.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

**PROJECTS IN PROGRESS**: **Keith LaGrange, Public Works Director**

Mr. LaGrange gave the progress of the following projects: Lift Stations 42 (10th St.) & 43 (Libby Ln.) Upgrades, Lift Station 4 Upgrades (Foy St.), Golden Glen Water Main Rehab, Lift Station 13 (N. Causeway Blvd.), Lift Station 18 (Golden Glen) & Lift Station 37 (Sanctuary), Lift Station A (Montgomery St. @ Dupre St.) & Lift Station 27 (Mandeville High Blvd.), Seawall Repair – Segment 1, Harbor Gazebo, Lakefront Wetlands Restoration (“Berm”), Old Golden Shores Drainage, Girod Street Landscaping & Lighting, LA 22 Drainage Improvements, WWTP Disinfection System Improvements, 2022/2025 Roadway and Drainage Maintenance, 2021/2024 Water and Sewer Maintenance, 2022 Asphalt Maintenance, and 2022 Striping Maintenance .

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motioned to adopt complete consent agenda was made by Councilman Vogeltanz, seconded by Councilwoman Strong-Thompson and approved by all.

1. **Approval of Liquor License**- Mandeville Creamery (Councilwoman Lane, District 3)

2. **Approval of Special Event and Liquor License Application for the City of Mandeville**- “**Mandeville Live! Free Fridays Concert Series**” event to be held on 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, and 10/17 from 6:30-8:30pm Location: Mandeville Trailhead Approval Requests: Permission to apply for ATC permit Contingent Upon: ATC permit (Councilwoman Lane, District 3)

3. **Approval of Special Event and Liquor License Application for the City of Mandeville**- “**Sunset Symphony: An Evening with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra**” event to be held on October 18, 2025 4:00-8:00pm Rain Date: October 19, 2025 Location: Mandeville Lakefront (See attached map) Approval Requests: Ordinance lifted for food and drinks, permission to apply for ATC permit Contingent Upon: ATC permit, Coordination with MPD (Councilwoman Lane, District 3)

4. **Approval of Special Event and Liquor License Application for the City of Mandeville**- “**Creole Culture Festival**” event to be held on November 2, 2025 10:00am Location: Mandeville Trailhead Approval Request: Permission to apply for ATC permit Contingent Upon: ATC permit, Coordination with MPD (Councilwoman Lane, District 3)

5. **Approval of Special Event and Liquor License Application for the City of Mandeville**- **“Winter on the Water Santa Parade & Festival**” event to be held on December 6, 2025 4:00pm Location: Mandeville Lakefront & Trailhead (see attached map) Approval Request: Parade Route Approval Contingent Upon: Coordination with MPD for route, barricades, signs, and cones. (Councilwoman Lane, District 3)

6. **Approval of Special Event and Liquor License Application for Our Lady of the Lake- “Festival of the Lake”** event to be held on 10/24, 10/25, and 10/26 at various times. Location: 312 Lafitte St (see map for street closure) Approval Requests: Permission to apply for ATC permit Contingent Upon: ATC permit, Certificate of Insurance, Coordination with MPD for barricades, signs and cones. (Councilwoman Lane, District 3)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS**:

1**. Approval of the nomination of the reappointment of Claire Durio** to the Planning and Zoning Commission, to serve a new seven year term pursuant to the CLURO SEC. 2.1-2.2.8. Current term expires August 31, 2025. (Councilman Zuckerman, At-Large) Motioned to adopt by Councilwoman Lane, seconded by Councilman Vogeltanz and approved by all.

2. **Adoption of Resolution 25-39**: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF AN INCOME STRATEGIES COMMITTEE** TO ASSIST THE MAYOR IN REPORTING TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH (Councilman Zuckerman, At-Large) Motioned to adopt by Councilman Discon, seconded by Councilwoman Strong-Thompson. After some discussion, Councilman Discon motioned to amend the Resolution to add a section “e” under number 4 that reads “Each Council person will appoint 1 person from their own district. Each Council At-[Large will appoint 1 person from any district. The Mayor will appoint 1 person from any area.” Seconded by Councilwoman Strong-Thompson. Mayor Madden stated he thought a smaller group would be better, Councilwoman Lane thinks this is too big of a group, Councilman Zuckerman agreed with Councilwoman Lane, Councilman Vogeltanz stated the more the merrier. Of the public comments, 2 people supported the amendment and one did not. The amendment failed by 3-2 vote (Lane, Strong-Thompson and Zuckerman against). Original Resolution was approved by all.

**3. Adoption of Resolution 25-40: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRAVEL EXPENSES** FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION MEMBERS JEFF BERNARD, ROSALYN COUSIN, AND LEAH QUINN TO ATTEND THE 2025 NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF PRESERVATION COMMISSIONS FORUM CONFERENCE IN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN FROM SEPTEMBER 14- SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH . (Councilman Zuckerman, At-Large) A motion to amend by removing Ms. Quinn was made by Councilman Zuckerman, seconded by Councilwoman Strong-Thompson and approved by all. Motioned to adopt by Councilwoman Strong-Thompson, seconded by Councilman Vogeltanz and approved by all.

4. **Adoption of Resolution 25-41**: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO EXECUTE AN** AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND **DIGITAL ENGINEERING &** **IMAGING, INC.** FOR PROFESSIONAL ENFINEERING SERVICES ON THE MANDEVILLE WELDON PARK DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS- DOTD STATEWIDE FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH (Councilman Zuckerman, At-Large) Motioned to adopt by Councilwoman Lane, seconded by Councilman Discon and approved by all.

5. **Adoption of Resolution 25-42**: **A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE APPLICATION OF MCGUIRE REAL ESTATE GROUP LLC**, 2129 LAKESHORE DRIVE, MANDEVILLE, LOUISIANA FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE **RESTORATION TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM** PROJECT NO. 2016-1832 RTA(Councilman Zuckerman, At-Large) Motioned to adopt by Councilwoman Lane, seconded by Councilwoman Strong-Thompson and approved by all.

6. **Adoption of Ordinance 25-24: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER BOTTOM LEASE CONTRACT NO. 218** BETWEEN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION, STATE LAND OFFICE AND THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO ADD A CERTAIN PORTION OF GROUND TO THE LEASE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH (Councilman Zuckerman, At-Large) Motioned to adopt by Councilwoman Lane, seconded by Councilman Vogeltanz and approved by all.

7. **Adoption of Ordinance 25-25**: **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE** FUNDS RELATIVE TO AND FOR ADOPTION OF THE **OPERATING BUDGET** FOR THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; AND TO ESTABLISH THE ADMINISTRATION OF EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. (Councilman Zuckerman, At-Large) Motioned to adopt by Councilman Vogeltanz, seconded by Councilwoman Strong-Thompson. A motion to amend by reducing Salaries (10100-40000) by $92,172 (salary plus benefits), striking the Clerk II/ City Clerk position and not allowing administration to fund this position was made by Councilman Vogeltanz and seconded by Councilman Discon. Councilwomen Strong-Thompson and Lane agree that it is not Council’s job to eliminate positions, only allow for funding. Of the 5 public comments made, 3 are for and 1 against. Amendment failed with 3-2 vote, (Strong-Thompson, Lane and Zuckerman against). Councilman Vogeltanz motioned to amend the appropriate line items on the exhibit to change COLA from 2.5% to 1% for all employees, seconded by Councilman Discon. Councilwoman Strong-Thompson supported it, Councilman Zuckerman did not and Councilwoman Lane suggested not making changes in haste. Mr. Burke, Civil Service Board, stated they set the Police COLA but only recommend non-Police COLA. Public comments both support and oppose this, Capt. Miazza stated changing Police COLA could open City to lawsuit. Mr. Discon motioned to postpone this vote until August 28th, but the motioned died for lack of second. The vote on the original Ordinance was 4-1 (Discon opposed).

8. **Adoption of Ordinance 25-26: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS** RELATIVE TO AND FOR ADOPTION OF **THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET** FOR THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; AND TO ESTABLISH THE ADMINISTRATION OF EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. (Councilman Zuckerman, At-Large) Motioned to adopt by Councilman Vogeltanz, seconded by Councilman Zuckerman. Councilman Vogeltanz motioned to eliminate 3 Vehicles (110.26.001) from the budget, seconded by Councilwoman Lane. Amendment failed with 5-0 vote. Councilman Vogeltanz motioned to eliminate Windows at 1923 Jefferson St (110.26.005), seconded by Councilwoman Strong-Thompson. Amendment failed by 3-2 vote (Strong-Thompson, Lane and Zuckerman against). Councilman Vogeltanz motioned to earmark America St Park (100.25.001) so no additional funds not already contracted can be spent on this until May 1, 2026, seconded by Councilman Discon. There are existing contracts and work that has been done on this park. Amendment failed by 5-0 vote. Original Ordinance vote was passed with 5-0 vote.

**ADJOURNMENT-** Motioned to adjourn at 10:02pm was made by Councilwoman Lane, seconded by Councilwoman Strong-Thompson and approved by all.