

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSVILLE, LOUISIANA HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017 AT 6:00 PM AT YOUNGSVILLE CITY HALL

PRESENT: Mayor Ken Ritter & Councilmembers: Dianne McClelland (Mayor Pro Tempore, Division E), Jamison Abshire (Division A), Lauren Michel (Division B), Matt Romero (Division C), Kenneth Stansbury (Division D)

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Sally M. Angers (City Clerk), Simone Champagne (CAO), Ashley Sexton (City Treasurer), George Knox (City Attorney), Terry Bourque (Public Works Director), Pamela Gonzales Granger (City Engineer), Rickey Boudreaux (Police Chief), Dawn Durke, (Admin. Asst.)

1. OPENING

1.1 Invocation was led by Pastor Richard Humphries Asbury Methodist Church.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Lauren Michel.

2. RECOGNITIONS/PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

2.1 Mayor Ritter proclaimed the month of May as Military Appreciation Month.

3. MINUTES

3.1. Acceptance of Minutes of April 13, 2017 & April 25, 2017

Motion to accept the minutes of April 13, 2017 & April 25, 2017, by Dianne McClelland, second by Kenneth Stansbury.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Jamison Abshire, Lauren Michel, Matt Romero, Kenneth Stansbury, Dianne McClelland

4. FINANCE REPORT

4.1. Acceptance of the March, 2017 Finance Report

Motion to accept the March, 2017 Finance Report by Matt Romero, second by Lauren Michel.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Jamison Abshire, Lauren Michel, Matt Romero, Kenneth Stansbury, Dianne McClelland

5. PRELIMINARY PLATS

5.1 Preliminary Plat Approval of Metairie Crossing, Commercial Development, located in Section 12, T11S, R4E, Owner: J. Breaux Enterprise

Motion to grant preliminary plat approval of Metairie Crossing, Commercial Development, located in Section 12, T11S, R4E, Owner: J. Breaux Enterprise, as recommended by City Engineer Pamela Gonzales Granger in a letter dated May 4, 2017 by Dianne McClelland, second by Matt Romero.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Jamison Abshire, Lauren Michel, Matt Romero, Kenneth Stansbury, Dianne McClelland

5.2 Le Jardin d'Abel Subdivision - Request for a waiver/variance from the development requirements of Ordinance No. 373-2014 to allow for a reduction of the minimum green space from 10% to 5%.

Motion to grant a variance to Le Jardin d'Abel Subdivision to allow for the reduction of the minimum green space from 10% to 5% and as a condition of the variance, the minimum setbacks for each lot will be increased to: Front setback: 30 feet; Side setback: 7.5 feet; and Rear setback: 30 feet by Matt Romero, second by Dianne McClelland.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Jamison Abshire, Lauren Michel, Matt Romero, Kenneth Stansbury, Dianne McClelland

5.3 Southern Cross Land Development – request to amend language on the recorded final plat. Mayor Ritter stated that the request is to change the wording on Parcel A-2 from Residential to Commercial and that this parcel is adjacent to and across the street from Commercial Business.

Motion by Kenneth Stansbury, seconded by Jamison Abshire, to approve the amended Plat for Southern Cross Land Development as presented changing the wording on Parcel A-2 from Residential to Commercial.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Jamison Abshire, Lauren Michel, Matt Romero, Kenneth Stansbury, Dianne McClelland

5.4 Hacienda du Lac - Preliminary Plat Approval - Design Modifications. Mayor Ritter stated that he has this on the agenda to give the Council an update due to the fact that the preliminary plat has changed. Information disseminated and questions answered are as follows:

- Depth of the pond is 42 feet, deeper than the depth that was previously disclosed which was 14 feet.
- Topographic study shows that the top bank of the pond may be encroaching into the common area and front lots on Détente.
- As per the Slope Stability Analysis conducted by Site Engineering and reiterated by Engineer Clint McDowell at meeting, that the slopes are safe and stable. Mr. McDowell stated that the slope stability results are based on the steepest and deepest and more than the industry standards.
- Depth of pond cannot exceed more than 50% of the design depth.

- Engineer Walter Comeaux will submit a revised plat by the end of the week of May 15th that has a note that the depth of the ponds are 40 plus feet
- Walter Comeaux: another topographic survey will be performed at close out.
- Al Theriot: plans to create green space in undeveloped areas as parks or soccer fields are something similar.
- Mayor stated that an additional slope site stability report with visuals on the property will be required once excavation is complete.
- Clint McDowell: The pond can't drain instantly and he did analyze the worst case scenario and it still higher than industry standards. The study was on the deepest and steepest part of the pond.
- City Attorney George Knox: His concern is the footnote: "Cross section as provided by Comeaux Engineering" He requested an updated report that answers the question about the maximum water elevation, what elevation was used as the maximum depth for the cross sections.
- Drainage study was submitted by Walter Comeaux.
- Clint McDowell will amend the report to include the values/depths.
- Mayor: Advised now that the Council has been made aware of the issues and have no further questions, the next step is construction.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Discuss and consider name of the new road to Southside High School.

Motion to approve the naming of the new road to Southside High School from Chemin Metairie Parkway to Almonaster as Mayor Lucas Denais Drive.

Motion by Matt Romero, second by Dianne McClelland

Final Resolution: Motion Approved Yea: Lauren Michel, Kenneth Stansbury, Matt Romero, Jamison Abshire, Dianne McClelland

6.2 Discuss Sign Ordinance No. 280.6-2015 – Regulation of Church Signage. Councilman Matt Romero recommended amending Exempt Signs: Section 145-5 to include language that would allow for churches operating in temporary/portable locations to use signage for identification. He suggested that the signs not exceed a certain amount of square feet and can be put up 2 hours before Church services and must be taken down no later than 2 hours after the services on the same day. Identification sign will only advertise the church name and directional signs can have arrow directions and the church logo on them. All signs will have to adhere to the sign ordinance set back requirements.

Mayor Ritter asked City Attorney George Knox to prepare the ordinance and asked Ms. Angers to place it on the June agenda for introduction.

6.3 Discuss 2017 Mardi Gras Parade and improvements for 2018 Mardi Gras Parade
Councilman Matt Romero

Mayor Ritter gave the following report on the 2017 after Mardi Gras parade meeting:

1. Discussion on the route took place. Concerns about the existing route and the number of turns were the major items discussed. Existing route has too many turns and with insufficient barricades it makes the turns difficult to manage.
2. Discussion about limiting the length of floats took place. No 18 wheelers was suggested.
3. Reports of floats going too fast.
4. Parking on parade route.
5. Copper Meadows route should be on Farmers Drug side.
6. Better utilization of email addresses on permits to communicate with participants in the days leading up to the parade.
7. Roads must be closed an additional 30 minutes earlier. Too much foot traffic close to parade time which could cause unsafe conditions.
8. Better utilization of horse arena staging area was discussed.
9. Purchasing of barricades. Coverage of existing route with metal barricades is approximately \$250k.
10. Suggested rule modification:
 - i) Once the parade begins absolutely no getting off of the float. Riders must be self-contained in the float.
 - ii) No live fowl on floats and absolutely no throwing animals from floats.
11. Several suggested route modifications were discussed:
 - i) Viaulet to Rouses on CM
 - ii) Complex to Complex
 - iii) Hwy 90 at Fortune existing route excluding CM
 - iv) Existing route substitute Copper Meadows with Iberia Street and begin by Rouses (Post Office, City Hall, Hooked Up, etc.)

Other suggestions from the Council:

- Age limit to ride floats – 21 years old
- Increase permit fees
- Review opening of roads after parade is over – neighborhoods first.
- Create alcohol free zone

Mayor Ritter stated that he will take all suggestions under advisement and it seems the consensus is to change the route to Sports Complex and back to the Sports Complex. (Begin off of Savoy to Chemin Metairie Parkway to E Hwy 92 to Bonin to Iberia to Lafayette, Church, Railroad Savoy)

6.4 Presentation of Police Pay Proposal - Chief Rickey Boudreaux presented a pay proposal plan to the Mayor and Council for consideration. Mayor Pro Tem McClelland suggested that the pay plan be looked at during the budget process. There were no objections.

7. MAYOR & COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1 Mayor Announcements

- April, 2017 Sales Tax collections fiscal year to date are up approximately 8% with the month of April, 2017 as compared to April 2016 was up about 16%.

Brian Racca, of Cedar Hills Subdivision, suggested that the Mayor and Council consider amending the noise ordinance to address the amplification of music and presented LCG's ordinance to look at.

7.2 Council Announcements

Councilman Romero:

- May 16th Workshop on Commercial Façade Ordinance.
- Saturday, May 20th movie in the Park "Trolls"

Councilman Abshire:

- May 13th Farmers Market 8 - 12 at Sugarmill Pond.

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mayor Pro Tem Dianne McClelland second by Councilman Kenneth Stansbury.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Jamison Abshire, Lauren Michel, Matt Romero, Kenneth Stansbury, Dianne McClelland