

MINUTES

**CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

January 17, 2017

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at the City Hall in New Roads, Louisiana. Mayor Robert A. Myer called the meeting to order. A roll call resulted as follows:

PRESENT: Anthony Daisy, Vernell Davis, Kurt Kellerman, Bernadine St. Cyr and Kirk White

ABSENT: None

Notice of this meeting was duly exercised and mailed per bylaws:

Public Hearing - Adoption of an ordinance authorizing the levy of a hotel occupancy tax within the City of New Roads Downtown Economic Development District (the "District"); designating the full amount of such hotel occupancy tax in the District, which will be used to provide funds for economic development projects within the District in accordance with and as authorized by Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing.

With the reading of the description, Mayor Myer opened the floor for discussion.

There being no opposition, the following motion was offered.

Motion by Ms. St. Cyr and seconded by Mr. Daisy

RESOLVED, That the ordinance be adopted.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Daisy, Davis, Kellerman and St. Cyr

NAYS: White

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

On a vote of 4-1-0-0, the motion carried.

Public Hearing - Adoption of an ordinance authorizing the levy of a hotel occupancy tax within the City of New Roads Memorial Boulevard Economic Development District (the "District"); designating the full amount of such hotel occupancy tax in the District, which will be used to provide funds for economic development projects within the District in accordance with and as authorized by Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing.

With the reading of the description, Mayor Myer opened the floor for discussion.

There being no opposition, the following motion was offered.

Motion by Mr. Daisy and seconded by Ms. St. Cyr.

RESOLVED, That the ordinance be adopted.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Daisy, Davis, Kellerman and St. Cyr
NAYS: White
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

On a vote of 4-1-0-0, the motion carried.

Public Hearing - Adoption of an ordinance relative to rates charged consumers for water, electricity, gas and sewerage, to increase existing minimum rates, and to further provide with respect thereto

With the reading of the description, Mayor Myer opened the floor for discussion.

There being several questions, the adoption of the ordinance was deferred. A special meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing - Adoption of an ordinance relative to rates charged consumers for trash, garbage and refuse collection and disposal, to increase the combined monthly rate from \$18.00 to \$19.25, and further providing with respect thereto

With the reading of the description, Mayor Myer opened the floor for discussion.

There being no opposition, the following motion was offered.

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Daisy.

RESOLVED, That the ordinance be adopted.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

Agenda Amendment(s)

Mayor Myer proposed the following amendment(s) to the agenda.

Item 8A Sylvia Williams – Discussion of Pecan Acres Flood Issues

Item 8B City Administrative Changes

Motion by Mr. Kellerman and seconded by Mr. Daisy.

RESOLVED, that the agenda be amended.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

Adoption of Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 20, 2016 and Regular Meeting of January 3, 2017

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 20, 2017 and Regular Council meeting of January 3, 2017 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

Motion by Mr. Kellerman and seconded by Mr. White that the minutes be adopted with changes to the January 3, 2017 meeting.

RESOLVED, That the minutes be adopted with changes.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

Engineer's Report

The city engineer reported on the following:

False River Drive Pedestrian Walkway

- Substantial completion 10/27/16
- Waiting for clear lien/final payment request

New Roads Street Pedestrian Sidewalk Project

- Substantial completion 10/28/16
- Waiting for clear lien/final payment request

King's Highway Paving

- Substantial completion original contract 11/18/16
- Waiting for clear lien/final payment request

Riverdale Subdivision

- Continue monitor construction

Pointe Breeze Lift Station Project

- Bid date Friday, October 28, 2016
- Low bid contractor – Spinks Construction \$50,000
- Need to schedule Preconstruction Conference or city can issue NTP.
- Contract documents to be signed/dated by Mayor

Appointments/Reappointments of members to boards, committees and commissions

Planning & Zoning Commission

Mr. Stafford Chenevert and Mr. Ben Farrar were reappointed to the commission.

Mrs. Casey Guidry was appointed to replace Mellisa Smith.

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Ms. St. Cyr.

RESOLVED, That the reappointments/appointments be approved.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

Sylvia Williams – Discussion of Pecan Acres Flood Issues

Mrs. Williams appeared before the council to voice her concerns and request assistance for the flooding issues in Pecan Acres Subdivision. Cletus Langlois, the Parish Floodplain Manager was also in attendance and gave an overview of the problems and possible solutions.

City Administrative Changes

Mayor Myer informed the council of the following staff changes.

Paul Seawell will become the Utilities Manager.

Lisa Bryant will relocate to the civic center as manager and continue to serve as the permitting clerk.

Larenda Broussard will relocate to the Information Center and assist with event planning and the Main Street Program.

Mayor's Report

Expression of Sympathy

A resolution expressing sympathy to the family of Mr. Salvador "S.J." Rinaudo was presented for adoption.

Motion and seconded by the entire council.

RESOLVED, That the resolution be adopted.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

Chamber of Commerce Banquet

The annual event will be held on February 9, 2017 at the Morel's Fire Station Event Center.

Mayor's Impact Awards

Mayor Myer reminded everyone of the award ceremony scheduled for Thursday, January 19th at the Wm. H. Scott Civic Center.

Happy Birthday

In celebration of his birthday, Delaney Lee was presented a birthday cake and serenaded by everyone in attendance.

Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Day Event

Mayor Myer congratulated the NAACP organization for hosting an event in honor of Dr. King.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Robert A. Myer, Mayor

Lynette H. Nelson