

**MINUTES**

**CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**January 24, 2017**

The New Roads City Council met in special session at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 24, 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:

**Agenda Amendment(s)**

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

**Item 6A - Introduction of Ordinance to amend Chapter 5, Chapter 17, Chapter 22, Chapter 23, and Appendix B of the Code of Ordinances to adopt the City of New Roads Land Use Regulations and New Roads Zoning Map**

**Item 6B - Discussion of the Memorial Boulevard Economic Development District Hotel/Motel Tax**

**Item 6C - Resolution – Authorizing the Recording of the Agreement between the Dugas Family and the City of New Roads relative to the transfer of property**

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

**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.

**Continuance of public hearing of January 17, 2017 and consideration of final adoption of an ordinance relative to rates charged consumers for water, electricity, gas and sewerage, to increase existing minimum rates**

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 amended.

**A roll call vote resulted as follows:**

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

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

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

**RESOLVED, That the ordinance be adopted as amended.**

**A roll call vote resulted as follows:**

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

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

**Introduction of Ordinance to amend Chapter 5, Chapter 17, Chapter 22, Chapter 23, and Appendix B of the Code of Ordinances to adopt the City of New Roads Land Use Regulations and New Roads Zoning Map**

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

**RESOLVED, That the ordinance be introduced.**

**RESOLVED FURTHER, That a public hearing be held on February 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

**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.**

**Discussion of the Memorial Boulevard Economic Development District Hotel/Motel Tax**

**Mayor Myer informed the council that the ordinance to levy the hotel/motel tax in the Memorial Boulevard Economic Development District was null and void. He stated that it has been revealed that there is a permanent resident at the Pointe Breeze Motel and as a result, the establishment cannot be included in the district and/or a tax levied.**

**After further discussion, Mr. White asked to be “allowed to reach out to Mr. Dugas to see and make him aware of what this change would mean to him, to his personal taxes and the benefits it would reap from the taxes and get him on board”.**

**Mayor Myer stated that “ I will not try to coerce any person, landowner to go vote a different way”.**

**Resolution – Authorizing the Recording of the Agreement between the Dugas Family and the City of New Roads relative to the transfer of property**

Motion by Mr. Kellerman and seconded by Mr. Davis.

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.

**Discussion of amendment of Solid Waste Service Contract to include additional service area**

Mayor Myer reported that his office had received a petition from residents of Romalice Drive, Thelma Street, Wilkins Avenue and Carver Drive regarding garbage collection. Approximately ten residents are not getting their garbage picked up and have requested the city's assistance in the matter.

Mayor Myer called for a resolution authorizing him to negotiate with the P.C. Parish police jury via Republic (the contractor) and any other parties to negotiate an agreement for solid waste collection for areas of Wilkins Avenue, Thelma Street, Romalice Drive and Carver Drive.

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

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.

**Resolution – Authorize the Mayor to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of New Roads and the State of Louisiana Office of Facility Planning & Control for the Industrial Park Development Project**

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

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.

## Mayor's Report

### Community Impact Award

Mayor Myer commented on the annual Community Impact Award ceremony.

### P.C. Office of Tourism

In response to several statements regarding the city, Mayor Myer read the following letter to the tourism director.

*Dear Mrs. Andre:*

*It has recently come to my attention that possibly several statements have been made regarding the city's efforts to provide an information center to our residents and particularly downtown and weekend visitors.*

*In response to these statements, please be advised of the following:*

- *The City of New Roads has one website. The website is [www.newroads.net](http://www.newroads.net) and there are no plans to add a second website or make changes to this one.*
- *The City of New Roads is not a Louisiana Travel Promotion Association (LTPA) Certified Tourist Information Center and we have no plans to become one.*
- *The City of New Roads has never submitted an application to the Louisiana Travel Promotion Association (LTPA) to become a Certified Tourist Information Center.*
- *The City of New Roads has no plans to supplant the services provided by the parish Office of Tourism*
- *From what we are told, the City of New Roads having an information center does not prevent the P.C. Parish Office of Tourism from requesting or receiving informational materials.*
- *The City of New Roads Information Center is not just an information visitor center as it serves as a site for meetings, receptions for small events held in the downtown area, etc.*

*I sincerely hope your questions/concerns have been addressed. Should you have any further questions/concerns, please contact me at 225-718-4150.*

*Sincerely,*

Mayor Myer also read the tourism director's response that pointed out an error on a flyer promoting the city's annual car show. The flyer listed the office of tourism as an event sponsor. The organization does not want to be a sponsor or listed as they have been for the past five years.

### Council Reports

Ms. St. Cyr voiced her concerns for flooding on city streets particularly in the Singletary Street, Tenth Street and Pennsylvania Street area.

Mr. Davis commented on a meeting with residents of Rita Street regarding drainage problems.

Mr. Kellerman requested a report on the recent stabbing and shooting incident from Kevin McDonald.

Mr. White mentioned is contact with Cletus Langlois to discuss drainage/water issues near his residence.

**With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.**

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**Robert A. Myer, Mayor**

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**Lynette H. Nelson**