

MINUTES

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

December 3, 2019

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at the City Hall in New Roads, Louisiana. Mayor Cornell Dukes called the meeting to order. A roll call resulted as follows:

PRESENT: Vernell Davis, Joy Nelson, Theron Smith, Kurt Kellerman
and Kirk White

ABSENT: None

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

Adoption of Minutes of Meeting of November 19, 2019

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 19, 2019 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

Motion by Ms. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Smith.

RESOLVED, That the minutes be adopted in their entirety.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Smith, Nelson, White, Kellerman and Davis
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

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

Michael Olinde of Massad Olinde Benefits Consulting – Open Enrollment and Service Provider Update

Mr. Olinde presented the group health, vision and dental benefit options submitted by Humana and United Healthcare.

After some discussion, a motion was offered by Mr. White and seconded by Ms. Nelson.

RESOLVED, That the city accept the United Healthcare proposal.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Smith, Nelson, White, Kellerman and Davis
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

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

Adoption of Resolution authorizing the City of New Roads to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the P.C. Parish School Board through which the city will be allowed use of Rosenwald Park

This item was deferred.

Adoption of Resolution authorizing the City of New Roads to enter into a local services agreement with the Parish of Pointe Coupee under which the City shall be granted ownership of certain recreational equipment owned by the Parish

This item was deferred.

Council Reports

Mr. Kellerman stated that the Holiday Market at the Mill event was very nice and the “best ever”.

Mr. White also stated that HMATM was a “nice event” and asked to have sand bags available as a precautionary measure.

Mayor's Report

Jason Field of Kansas City Railroad appeared before the council to give an update on the railroad corridor project. Mr. Field reported that the project is proceeding as planned. However, a problem has arisen with the Berthier Street connector and the acquiring of the right-of-way from a property owner.

After further discussion, Mayor Dukes called for a motion to amend the agenda and add the following item.

Item 10A A resolution authorizing an amendment to the railroad corridor crossing safety project through which the rail crossing on Berthier Street will be closed, provided that a “T” turn around treatment be applied to the south side thereof in lieu of a connector road between Berthier Street and West End Drive.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Smith, Nelson, White, Kellerman and Davis
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

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

RESOLVED, That the agenda be amended.

Introduction of Resolution

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Motion by Ms. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Kellerman.

RESOLVED, That the resolution be introduced.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Smith, Nelson, White, Kellerman and Davis
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

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

Mayor Dukes expressed his appreciation to Betty Fontaine, the Public Works department, the Police Department, and the vendors for a successful Holiday Market at the Mill event. He also invited everyone to attend the Christmas festivities scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2019.

Executive Session – Personnel Matter (Mr. Davis)

Mayor Dukes called for a motion to convene into executive session.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Smith, Nelson, White, Kellerman and Davis
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

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

Regular Session

The council reconvened into regular session.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Cornell Dukes
Mayor

Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer