

City Hall
Westwego, Louisiana
Regular Session
Monday, April 10, 2017

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Westwego met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 10, 2017, in the Council Room at City Hall, 1100 Fourth Street, Westwego, Louisiana.

There were present:

Mayor John I. Shaddinger, Jr.
District 1 Councilman Glenn Green, Sr.
District 2 Councilman Johnny S. Nobles, Jr.
District 3 Councilman Norman J. Fonseca
District 4 Councilman Garrison J. Toups, Sr.
District 5 Councilman Larry J. Warino, Sr.
City Clerk Maurice T. Bourgeois, Jr.
City Attorney Joel A. Levy
Police Captain Edward Beyerback

Police Chief Dwayne J. Munch, Sr. was unable to attend.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shaddinger called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the invocation.

INVOCATION AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pastor Woodrow Hayden of Shiloh Baptist Church led the assembly in prayer, followed by a moment of silence in honor of the deceased members of our community.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Barbara Aucoin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Mayor Shaddinger entertained a motion to Amend the Agenda to discuss a Resolution for DOTD.

MOVED by Councilman Nobles, and seconded by Councilman Toups, to amend the agenda to discuss Resolution for DOTD.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino

ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL

MIKE HYMEL – 1132 BARBE DRIVE

Mike Hymel addressed the City Council to thank everyone and stated he enjoyed running for District 3 and wants to wish Councilman Fonseca and Lisa Valence best of luck in the run off. Mr. Hymel asked for continuing support for the Historical Society.

REGAN KELLY – 238 FOURTH ST

Regan Kelly addressed the City Council to request an Occupational License to operate a Beauty and Cosmetology School located at 238 Fourth Street.

MOVED by Councilman Warino, and seconded by Councilman Toups, to grant an Occupational License to operate a Beauty and Cosmetology School located at 238 Fourth Street, subject to all state, parish, and city requirements for such.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino

DAVANTI BRYANT – 1000 WEST DRIVE

Davanti Bryant addressed the City Council to request an Occupational License to operate a Fitness Center located at 1000 West Drive.

MOVED by Councilman Fonseca, and seconded by Councilman Green, to grant an Occupational License to operate a Fitness Center located at 1000 West Drive, subject to all state, parish, and city requirements for such.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino

MARGARET HARRISON

Margaret Harrison addressed the City Council to complain about the position of the screen and also asked about the Minutes not being published since November.

A discussion followed.

WESTWEGO HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BETTY G. LANDRY

Westwego Historic District Commission Chairman Betty G. Landry addressed the City Council to discuss her Quarterly Reports.

A discussion followed.

HENRY QUINTANILLA – 258 AVENUE B

Henry Quintanilla addressed the City Council stated it is fair that each councilmen should take turns to pay for the senior lunch and the cooking since the Police Chief is always paying for it every month.

Mayor Shaddinger stated we cannot use discretionary or District funds and I can assure you we will be assisting the Chief with the meals for the senior birthdays as needed as far as the meals that are served on regular busses that is paid through the City of Westwego which is allowed through JCOA.

JULIE DINH – 1215 AVENUE H

Julie Dinh addressed the City Council to request an Occupational License to operate Residential Construction and Equity Home Builders, LLC for phone service only located at 1215 Avenue H.

MOVED by Councilman Toups, and seconded by Councilman Warino, to grant an Occupational License to operate Residential Construction and Equity Home Builders, LLC for phone service only located at 1215 Avenue H, subject to all state, parish, and city requirements for such.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino

LOUIS LEE, JR. – 211 WESTBANK EXPRESSWAY

Louis Lee, Jr. addressed the City Council to request an Occupational License to operate the selling of live seafood from the Church parking lot located at 211 Westbank Expressway.

MOVED by Councilman Toups, and seconded by Councilman Fonseca, to grant an Occupational License to operate the selling of live seafood from the Church parking lot located at 211 Westbank Expressway, subject to all state, parish, and city requirements for such.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino

PAUL ALEXANDER & RICHIE KIRALY – 308 WESTBANK EXPRESSWAY

Mr. Alexander and Mr. Kiraly addressed the City Council to request an additional Occupational License to sell insurance with the existing car lot located at 308 Westbank Expressway.

MOVED by Councilman Toups, and seconded by Councilman Nobles, to grant an additional Occupational License to sell insurance with the existing car lot located at 308 Westbank Expressway, subject to all state, parish, and city requirements for such.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino

PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mayor Shaddinger wished everyone a Happy and Safe Easter.

HEAR ALL REPORTS

Chief Building Official Leslie "Skip" Lombas, Jr. was unable to attend. His written report was submitted earlier.

Councilman Green thanked everyone for their concern during his illness. Also stated he fell on his way to the meeting and will try to stay through the entire meeting.

Mayor Shaddinger stated he is glad to see him back and wished him well and a full recovery.

Police Captain Edward Beyerback submitted Chief Munch's written report.

Fire Chief Ryan P. Guidroz submitted his written report.

EMS Director Joseph J. Aldor, Jr. submitted his written report.

City Superintendent Robert J. Utley nothing to report at this time.

Superintendent of Water & Waste Water Treatment Paul J. Bernard nothing to report at this time.

Senior Center Coordinator Brant Fonseca submitted his written report.

Westwego Farmers and Fisheries Market Coordinator Keith Bouvier discussed recent and coming events at the Market.

APPROVE THE MINUTES

MOVED by Councilman Warino, and seconded by Councilman Toups, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Session of Monday, November 14, 2016.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino ABSENT: Green

MOVED by Councilman Warino, and seconded by Councilman Toups, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Session of Monday, December 12, 2016.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino ABSENT: Green

MOVED by Councilman Warino, and seconded by Councilman Toups, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Session of Monday, January 9, 2017.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino ABSENT: Green

The approval of the Minutes of the Regular Session of Monday, February 13, 2017 and the Regular Session of Monday, March 13, 2017 was tabled until next month.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The City Clerk read aloud the following resolutions for adoption:

Offered by Councilman Green:

RESOLUTION 2017-04(A)

A resolution designating April 2017 to be Fair Housing Month in the City of Westwego.

MOVED by Councilman Nobles, and seconded by Councilman Fonseca, to adopt Resolution 2017-04(A).

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino ABSENT: Green

Offered by Councilman Green:

RESOLUTION 2017-04(B)

A resolution recognizing April 2017 as AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH in the City of Westwego.

MOVED by Councilman Fonseca, and seconded by Councilman Toups, to adopt Resolution 2017-04(B).

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino ABSENT: Green

Offered by Councilman Green:

RESOLUTION 2017-04(C)

A resolution authorizing Mayor John I. Shaddinger, Jr. to apply for funding from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and providing for related matters.

MOVED by Councilman Toups, and seconded by Councilman Fonseca, to adopt Resolution 2017-04(C).

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino ABSENT: Green

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

The City Clerk read aloud the following ordinance for introduction:

Offered by Councilman Fonseca:

An Ordinance of the Westwego Council Amending Chapter 16 – Fire Prevention and Protection to Add Article V. Fire and Arson Investigation Sec.16-114– Authority Generally; Authority to Enter and Examine.

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

There were no ordinances for adoption.

OLD BUSINESS

1. (JIS) Utility Bill Adjustments

MOVED by Councilman Warino, and seconded by Councilman Toups, to table the Utility Billing Adjustments.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino ABSENT: Green

2. (JIS) Performing Arts Society

Mayor Shaddinger discussed the building will be ready in the next thirty days.

3. (JIS) New City Hall

Tabled by Mayor Shaddinger.

4. (LJW) Water Plant

Councilman Warino stated we have been on parish water for two years now and asked if there are any plans for future rate increase.

A discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. (GJT) Boat Launch

Councilman Toups stated the sunken boats have been removed. Councilman Toups also stated people are living on their boats and looking into an ordinance similar to Lafourche Parish.

A discussion followed.

2. (LJW) City Drainage

Councilman Warino discussed the recent heavy rains and would like a message to be added on the water bills advising citizens to keep their catch basin clear of all debris and trash.

Mayor Shaddinger asked everyone to empty all containers and etc. that is retaining water and reminded citizens that the Mosquito Control phone number is on the water bills.

3. (JSN) Water Bill Late Payments

Councilman Nobles discussed the recent late water bill payments since the move to 1100 Fourth Street. Customers must change the address on their automatic bill pay through their banks and suggested adding a flyer in the next water bills.

A discussion followed.

Councilman Nobles entertained a motion to Amend the Agenda to discuss the Food Bank.

MOVED by Councilman Nobles, and seconded by Councilman Warino, to Amend the Agenda to discuss the Food Bank.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino ABSENT: Green

Councilman Nobles stated the Food Bank has been closed for several months now and there are can goods, trash and pallets and I would like for the city to go in the building and dispose any food that can cause unwanted rodents.

Mayor Shaddinger agreed to have the building cleaned out.

ADJOURN

MOVED, and seconded, by All Councilmen Present, to adjourn at 7:15 p.m., Monday, April 10, 2017.

APPROVED: Yeas: Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino; Absent: Green

John I. Shaddinger, Jr., Mayor

Maurice T. Bourgeois, Jr., City Clerk

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Westwego will meet in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m., Monday, May 08, 2017, in the Council Room at City Hall, 1100 Fourth Street, Westwego, Louisiana.
