

**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES WERE ADOPTED AT THE JULY 27, 2017 MEETING OF
THE MANDEVILLE CITY COUNCIL. MANDEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 19, 2017
BUDGET WORK SESSION**

The budget work session was called to order by Council Chairman Sica at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mike Pulaski, John Keller, Laure Sica, Clay Madden, David Ellis

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Villere, Asst. Chief Ruple, Frank Oliveri, Finance Director; David deGeneres, Director of Public Works, Henry DiFranco, City Engineer, Louissette Scott, Planning Director, DeShay Richardson, Asst. City Attorney

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Introduction and Discussion of Ordinance No. 17-25; AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS RELATIVE TO AND FOR ADOPTION OF THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE; AND TO ESTABLISH THE ADMINISTRATION OF EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

A motion was made by Mr. Ellis and seconded by Mr. Keller. Mrs. Sica stated this is the operating budget which will be discussed at a later date.

2. Introduction and Discussion of Ordinance No. 17-26; AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS RELATIVE TO AND FOR ADOPTION OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE; AND TO ESTABLISH THE ADMINISTRATION OF EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

A motion was made by Mr. Keller and seconded by Mr. Ellis. Mrs. Sica stated this is the capital budget which we will discuss tonight. She made a motion to open the agenda and allow not only discussion of the capital budget but line by line voting; this was seconded by Mr. Pulaski. With no further comments or questions, the motion to allow line by line voting passed 5-0.

CAPITAL BUDGET:

Mrs. Sica stated the council will go line by line and at that time can approve, amend or delete a line item.

Shoreline Protection – west side. Mr. Monet presented a recap of the Tchefuncte Marsh project. The next phase required prior to construction would be to conduct a feasibility study and environmental assessment. This would have 12-18 month duration and cost approximately \$450K. Once this occurs then the council could decide if they want to continue with the design and construction documents. Mr. Pulaski confirmed the \$450K would be spent over 1-2 years. Mr. Keller has spoken with Mr. DiFranco and he is more in favor of the project. Mrs. Sica made a motion to add a line item for \$450K for shoreline protection on the westside; this was seconded by Mr. Pulaski. With no further comments or questions, the motion to add the line item passed 5-0. Mr. Keller made the motion to fund the project from the special sales tax fund; this was seconded by Mr. Ellis. With no further comments or questions, the motion passed 5-0. Council realized we did not specify the fund for the east side project last night so Mr. Keller made a motion to designate the \$100K for the east side from the special sales tax fund; this was seconded by Mr. Ellis. With no further comments or questions, the motion passed 5-0.

Capital Streets: Discussions took place regarding all of the listed capital street projects. Council had no objections to the projects listed under capital streets items #33 thru #58 and therefore budget amounts were approved.

Skipper Dr – This will improve the congestion of school traffic and was approved with the school and school board.

Hwy 22 – This project is being re-scoped, however the city has agreed to supply the culvert material and DOTD will supply the labor to do culvert work around Roquette Lodge.

Monroe St. – This has been in the budget for the past 2 years. This is to remedy the flooding around Monroe, Kleber, Hutchinson area. The engineering is almost complete and this will be funded with D3 money. Mr. deGeneres stated the culverts on Monroe St are undersized and flooding affects 150 homes. Mrs. Sica thinks this is a problem and is an inconvenience but not a priority; there is vacant land on the south side and it does not affect property values or businesses. Mr. Keller stated this is a heavily traveled street and was a concern with his constituents. Mrs. Sica made a motion to remove the item, with no second, the motion failed.

Hwy 190/22 Interchange- The city is doing the design and is 60% complete and the DOTD has agreed to fund the project.

BY-PASS Road – There is a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Parish and this is a carryover project.

Galvez Drainage – This has been in the budget for 3 years. The permits have been granted and the cost increase over the years has been due to the rising cost of materials.

Monroe East Approach Intersection- The city will do the design and utility relocation while DOTD will do the ROW and construction. This has been recommended by the RPC and will be a round-a-bout to improve traffic flow. Mr. Madden wanted to know who will make the final approval and when can the public come for questions/comments. The mayor has not heard of any objections to the project however, the council must approve the cooperative endeavor agreement with DOTD before the design would start. Mr. Madden has asked to place the item on a council agenda and provide the plans to the citizens.

Water Department: Line#62 was removed on the 7/18/17 council meeting. Discussions took place regarding all of the listed items in the water department. Council had no objections to the projects #63 thru #69 listed under capital streets items #33 thru #58 and therefore budget amounts were approved.

Water Meter replacement – This would convert all meters to digital and allow readings to be done from City Hall via antennas placed on the water towers. Mr. Oliveri suggested a presentation so the council to see the new features and how it would better serve the citizens. Citizens could log into their meter accounts and view usage.

Mrs. Sica wanted to discuss having an executive session prior to the next council meeting to discuss pending litigations against the City for budgetary purposes. It was recommended by Mrs. Richardson that we start the meeting at 5pm since she anticipates approximately 1 ½ hrs. of discussion. With no objections, the council meeting for July 27th will start at 5pm and enter into executive sessions with regular business to follow around 6:15. Mrs. Sica also asked all council members to review the

language of the 2016 budget ordinances to see if some of the same language should be added to this year's ordinances.

Mr. Keller has constituent concerns about the speeding on Jackson St. Chief stated he will handle the matter through enforcement.

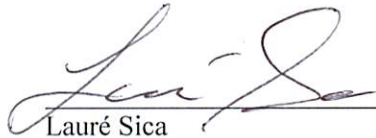
Mr. Keller made a motion to adjourn the meeting; this was seconded by Mr. Ellis.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Kristine Scherer
Council Clerk



Lauré Sica
Council Chairman