

**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES WERE ADOPTED AT THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2016 MEETING OF  
THE MANDEVILLE CITY COUNCIL. MANDEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 2016  
BUDGET WORK SESSION**

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

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

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Villere, Chief Sticker, Frank Oliveri, Finance Director; David deGeneres, Director of Public Works, Henry DiFranco, City Engineer, Louissette Scott, Planning Director

Mr. Madden announced this is our last budget session and we will review the capital projects. Mr. Madden opened the floor with any questions from the council.

**CAPITAL BUDGET:**

Mr. Madden stated the council can go line by line and ask questions.

Land Purchases Trailhead: Mrs. Sica inquired if this is supported by a grant and if it is, does that make it a use it or lose it capital project. The mayor stated this is a grant from the capital outlay for the trailhead; it has been in the budget for the past 4 years. The mayor has put together the capital requests together to present to the state in September. Mr. Keller inquired about the status of the project. The mayor said the land owner will pick a certified St. Tammany appraiser and he will bring that figure to the council.

Lang House Toilet Rooms \$220K: Mr. Ellis asked if the total amount was for construction. Mr. deGeneres stated the construction of the bathrooms should be around \$120K, the rest is for engineering fees and construction costs. Mr. Ellis asked if could be reduced; Mr. deGeneres wants to leave the amount the same.

Lakefront Wetland Restoration: The mayor is trying to secure grants and also has some money from BP for this project. Mr. Pulaski asked if the project will start this year. Mr. Oliveri stated the start date depends upon the grants, the track the project. There is still CORP permitting needed and there is a meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup> to see if we can get any coastal money. The city has to budget the entire expense first in order to do the project. Mrs. Sica has gotten a lot of push back from constituents because it is so expensive, grant money will help. The mayor said you have to budget the entire expense and he intends on getting grant revenue. Mrs. Rohrbough asked what the scope of the project is. The mayor said it is to protect the swamp, rejuvenation of the wetlands, build a lagoon and provide access to and from Lakeshore Dr. to Sunset Point. Mrs. Rohrbough is for the project and would love for the area to be restored. Mr. Pulaski is in favor of the project grant or no grants.

City Hall: The project is budgeted for \$250K for architectural costs and the construction costs will be next year's budget.

Mrs. Sica asked if they could add a study for David Wagner and how would this be added to the budget. The mayor stated we have the money for a study and nothing needed to be added.

Jackson Ave. Beach area: A CORP permit will be required and also mitigation costs. The area is protected by the Prieto wall and therefore the mayor does not see a lot of storm activity that would wash away the beach area.

Police: This money will be use to add a training classroom which will also be used by the Reserve Officers. Mr. Pulaski commented on pg. 42 the message has only 4 police cars and it should be 5. Mr. Pulaski stated he feels the budget message is not what the council is voting on, that would be the ordinance. The mayor feels the budget message is part of the budget and you are voting on the entire book. Mr. Pulaski agrees the budget messages and information lead up to the budget numbers, but the numbers is what he is voting on, but he

would like the messages to reflect the correct information .Mr. Oliveri stated when you make a change in the budget there are hundreds of changes that need to be made. Mr. Madden suggested for all changes to be voted on so there is a record. Last year something was not voted on and was not changed in the budget book. He would prefer a vote if something is to be changed in the book. The mayor commented he will add the #5 after the dollar amount for the police cars. Mr. Madden will create a list to be vote on at the council meeting tomorrow night.

Mr. Ellis does not want to pass the \$2.5 million for the wetlands unless there is a high level grant. He suggested adding an asterisk (\*) with the notation if there is not a grant for the wetland, the project must go back to the council. The mayor commented even with a grant the city has to pay a portion. Mr. Ellis is aware of this but does not want the city to foot the entire bill.

Mr. Keller would like the same asterisk (\*) for the trailhead property. Mr. Madden made note of the three requests so far: add an asterisk (\*) for both the land purchase and wetland projects, if no grant funds are received it comes back to the council for discussion; third, add #5 for the police cars.

City Hall: Mr. Madden has hears from several of his constituents and most want a new city hall but feel the \$2.7 million is too much and they would like to see competitive plans. The \$250K is for the architect according the mayor. No one will do plans for free and it is not possible to go out for bid. The design review team will design the building and do the work for the city. Mr. Madden inquired if they could present a few plans for the council to review and have it available for public input. The mayor stated this is not a project where you want public input. Mrs. Rohrbough wants the council to consider the growth and bond financing available to the city. City Hall needs to reflect the city and currently it is an eyesore. Mr. Ellis feels the renovation needs to be done but for \$2.7 million, there are other areas in the city which need more attention. Mr. Keller asked if we can assign part of the funds to see if we need to build another building or just enlarge the current one. The mayor stated he is starting with the working plans they submitted. He also added with the collections from online accounts (35%), there is less of a need for citizens to visit.

Girod Street Parking: This is for parallel parking north of Monroe. There are additional rights of ways needed so the city is contacting those property owners. Taking from 2-5' of servitudes from residents. Mr. Keller asked if we would be paying for the servitudes. Mr. deGeneres states some may just give the city the land to provide for a parking space. They are hoping to not have to buy any land.

Galvez Street: The mayor stated this is in design right now. It is vinyl sheet piling with the opportunity to put a two foot cap on the top at a later date. Mr. Ellis commented the funds for the Galvez St project are coming out of the D3 funds and this is not a D3 project. The mayor stated they are not coming out of D3. He said D3 funds are used for roadside drainage; it is not used for drainage like this which is a type of outfall. D3 funds were used for Coffee St because that is roadside. Mr. Keller stated it is showing the use of D3 funds on pg. 46, he does not want to get in trouble with the parish if the funds are used improperly. The mayor said drainage should not be D3funds. Mr. Oliveri stated it is coming out of D3 funds because it will help lessen the flooding above Hwy 190; it makes the drainage move faster therefore D3 funds can be used. The mayor stated if we take water from the parish and bring it to the lake that is appropriate use of D3 funds. Mr. deGeneres confirmed the use and Mr. DiFranco stated this is also to prevent the erosion that is occurring. Mr. Ellis asked if the sheet piling makes this D3 money. Mr. Oliveri stated it gives a clear flow to the lake which lessens the flood probability above 190. Mr. Ellis just wanted to make sure the use is correct. The mayor will check.

Parking lot improvements (Girod & Claiborne): This is really to get a better flow through for the two parking lots: The Beach House and LaLou's. Mrs. Sica wanted to make sure since it is a corner lot that much of the landscaping would remain. Mr. deGeneres confirmed only a few bad trees would be removed. Mr. Keller asked if this would go through Parks and Parkways.

City Hall Walking path: This would be a ½ mile path going around the tennis courts and in front of City hall. This would include exercise stations in the area. Mrs. Sica agrees with the project but should they do this

before a new City hall. Mr. deGeneres stated this would be on the outside portion of the property not close to the building footprint.

Hwy 22: Mr. Ellis commented Mr. Deano recommended the city pay the parish when the contract was ready. There is a Parish meeting tomorrow and Mr. Ellis will get more information. Mr. Keller inquired if we need to vote on the budget tomorrow, how this should be handled. Mr. deGeneres commented it can all be stated in the cooperative endeavor agreement with the parish to include any stipulations the city wants. The mayor wants to see the scope of the project and an estimated time table since the project start date has changed numerous times. He does not want to give the parish money and the project does not happen. Mr. deGeneres wanted to let the council know that the city would have to pay 100% for the relocation of the city's water and sewer lines. Mr. Ellis is fine with the asterisk for the project.

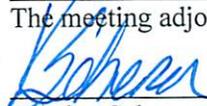
Police Training Budget: Mr. Keller wanted to ask Chief if there were enough money budgets for police training? The mayor and Chief were ok with the budgeted amount. Chief stated he will evaluate over the next year and make any recommendations for the next budget year.

Parks and Parkways: Mr. Ellis inquired about the miscellaneous parkway operations of \$56K. Mr. Oliveri stated this is for little projects such as maintenance costs for beautification, council requests, and feel good type projects. We have to earmark the money if we don't spend this it will be there for next year.

Mr. Madden liked the exercise of going line by line. He reminded everyone of tomorrow's Council meeting. Mr. Ellis requested motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Keller.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

  
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Kristine Scherer  
Council Clerk

  
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Clay Madden  
Council Chairman