

**MANDEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 14, 2014  
BUDGET WORK SESSION ON  
CAPITAL PROJECTS**

The budget work session was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Danielson at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Rick Danielson, Clay Madden, David Ellis, Carla Buchholz, Ernest Burguières

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO:** Mayor Villere, Chief Richard, Frank Oliveri, Louisette Kidd; David deGeneres, Kim Chatelain, Times Picayune

**THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS**

This November we will be asking the voters to rededicate our 1% special sales tax so 50% can be used for any lawful corporate purpose of the City. If approved, it will allow the City renewable, sustainable general funds which will allow for a reduction in property taxes in 2015. The revenue forecast will consider both possible outcomes. The capital budget will address the first level of flood protection and all infrastructure improvements. All capital projects, if approved, will include the approval of any necessary right-of-ways or servitudes. The Road Soft Program will identify all culvert projects which will be addressed through task orders. The operations budget includes a 2.5% increase for all eligible civil service positions, Directors and the Mayor. In addition we recommend a \$500 scale adjustment as discussed in the last regular Council meeting. Health care expenses are expected to rise at 8%. There are needs to hire replacements in the Police Department and Public Works Department. There are a number of people considering retirement over the next three years. We are doing more today, with fewer employees than in the past. With GOSEP and elevation requirements, along with the extra related reporting requirements, we will need additional assistance (someone with a CPA or accounting degree) in the Finance Department. The East Causeway project will finish this August and the West Causeway will be resurfaced in 2015 by the Causeway Commission. The Highway 22 widening project, from Dalwill Drive to Frontage Road, is expected to be let for a construction contract in September 2015. The buy local campaign last fall was successful and we plan to introduce another effort to assist the businesses along the Hwy 190 corridor throughout Mandeville. We just learned that there is a plan that will come before the public in late September/October to identify a project for the pre-stress site. This charrette will focus on multiple uses for the property as a planned unit development and will consider building height, density of the property, and traffic. The Copeland property will also be considered as part of the development. We are in discussions with the property owner and the Causeway Commission, regarding conducting a traffic study for that area. We have outlined a number of areas where traffic improvements will be taking place. A total comprehensive traffic study for the City will be addressed after the completion of DOTD's Highway 22 project.

The 2014/2015 capital budget itemization is attached as exhibit "A". The five year Capital Budget Forecast is attached as exhibit "B".

**CAPITAL BUDGET – GENERAL FUND**

The funding for land purchases at the Trailhead has been made a priority one project by the State Bond Commission. The State grant money will be available for three years. The State would reimburse the City up to \$400,000 and the City would match 20% or the remainder, depending on the selling price.

An amount of \$550,000 for Shoreline protection flapper valves for Lakeshore Drive was added to the 2014/2015 budget. Since this is considered a drainage project, it can be funded under the dedicated streets budget rather than the general fund. Principal Engineering is writing the scope of work for the RFP. GEC noted the dimensions of each connection point for 32 flapper valves in their shoreline protection study.

Funds budgeted for the Dew Drop Jazz Hall are \$100,000 for a fire protection system and \$250,000 for the 433 Lamarque bathroom facility and parking lot. Mr. deGeneres recommended a bathroom trailer for public events (i.e. Lang House events) that is temporary and can be easily removed.

The new vehicles for the administration and planning department replace older vehicles that can no longer pass inspections and have estimated repair costs that exceed their value.

The budget for the City cemetery is under review by the legal department with regard to City responsibility of restoration and preservation of private plots. There is a budget line item of \$75,000 for maintenance in the operating budget.

**CAPITAL BUDGET – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The classroom and furnishings budget of \$325,000 is pending a State grant which is at a priority two level with the State. The grant is for approximately \$200,000. Twenty of the crowd control barricades need replacement. Two police patrol vehicles need replacement at a cost of \$35,000 each plus \$9,590 for Watch Guard video systems. The vehicles are kept for 100,000 miles or 3,500 plus hours.

**CAPITAL BUDGET – STREETS DEPARTMENT (OPERATIONAL)**

The \$255,000 for the metal overhang facility for equipment storage is a carryover item. Two riding lawn mowers need replacement. A car lift for \$5,000 would give DPW the ability to change tires and do some repairs in-house. Three lawn mower trailers need replacing for a cost of \$12,000. The cost of the tractor with boom mower for FY2017 should read \$80,000 not \$10,000. The truck replacement forecast in the five year budget allows for one truck for each department: streets, sewer and water.

**CAPITAL BUDGET – STREETS DEPARTMENT (CONSTRUCTION)**

The West Approach bike path will connect the Shadows subdivision to Moores Road. The crossway (south of Dalwill Drive) will be a part of the overlay which the Causeway Commission will be executing. The City is responsible for the design and engineering. The total project is estimated to cost \$600,000.

The Florida Street study and engineering project, budgeted at \$150,000 will examine returning Florida Street to a two-way street from West Causeway to North Causeway. The Causeway Commission will look into returning the left turn onto Florida (heading south) from North Causeway and upgrading the signalization.

The Girod Street overlay project would provide for mill/overlay work from Monroe Street to Lakeshore Drive. The Girod Street intersection improvements project would fix drainage problems at those intersections where the asphalt has settled lower than the concrete drains.

The budgeted amount of \$400,000 for the Hwy 190/22 traffic study covers the engineering for a DOTD State project. The source of funding is District 3 sales tax revenue. The scope of work changed, causing the budgeted amount to increase from \$200,000 to \$400,000. This is a carryover item.

The Jefferson/Carroll to Lafitte sidewalk budget was moved from FY2015 to FY2016 in order to allow for finalized plans from OLL Church.

Under Street Construction, change line 65 to Kimberly Drive and Line 93 to Kimberly Ann.

The outflows near Barbara Place and Monroe, Massena and Galvez Street require a drainage study, design and construction. There are flooding issues in that area, north of Monroe, causing Monroe to flood where Darryl's Deli used to stand. When pre-stress develops we are going to make sure that all of their water travels south and deal with our issues and our water traveling from the north. The \$1,000,000 budgeted for each study includes construction.

The \$1,500,000 budgeted for Dalwill Drive is a carryover item covering ingress/egress, drainage, and lighting. It will take a year to work out all of the utility conflicts. This project will follow DOTD's Hwy 22 drainage and widening project, which needs to occur first. The budgeted amount was moved to FY2016.

South Village Lane is being addressed under the Louts Drive Drainage project which is currently underway. The FY2015 budgeted amount of \$20,000 is for panel replacements in the cul-de-sac.

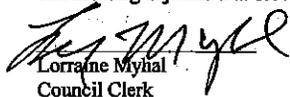
The budgeted amount of \$100,000 for Garden Ave. will cover a maintenance overlay for the area from the West Approach to Moss Lane.

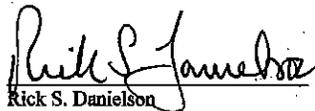
**Public Comment**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

  
Lorraine Myhal  
Council Clerk

  
Rick S. Danielson  
Mayor Pro Tem