

**THE FOLLOWING MINUES WERE ADOPTED AT THE MAY 28, 2015 MEETING OF THE
MANDEVILLE CITY COUNCIL.
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FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 14, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Mandeville City Council was called to order by Council Chairman at 6:00 p.m. Following the call to order, a moment of silence was observed and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Rick Danielson, Clay Madden, David Ellis (arrived 6:10), Carla Buchholz, Ernest Burguieres

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Villere, Chief Rick Richard, Frank Oliveri, Finance Director, Edward Deano, City Attorney; David deGeneres, Public Works Director, Louissette Scott, Planning Director Kim Chatelain, Times Picayune, Advocate

MINUTES:

1. Adoption of the April 23, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Madden and seconded by Mrs. Buchholz to adopt the minutes of April 23, 2015. The motion passed 4-0. (Councilman Ellis was late-no vote)

PRESENTATION:

The Mayor stated that City Hall is worn and needs updating. A bigger council chamber is also needed to service all groups. The building has some safety concerns when the chamber is filled to capacity and security issues with the number of people accessible to the back hallways. The Mayor stated the city has money available which was moved from the restricted fund account to the unrestricted fund account which is about \$2.4-\$2.6 million dollars a year. The Mayor said that he would give tax payers a refund with a reduction in millage after the approved sales tax rededication and he can still do that and have money to pay for the addition/renovation.

Kieren Weldon made a presentation regarding the City Hall renovation and the addition of a New Council Chamber which will seat 166 people. His company has over 35 years of experience in the community and his firm will work with Lynn Mitchell as the project manager and Mike Piazza. He provided a preliminary concept which includes the addition of parking spaces, a council chamber addition over 4,000 sq. ft., conceptual ideas for the exterior of the building, and interior renovation of the existing City Hall. All of these plans presented were done pro bono. These preliminary plans will satisfy the needs of the public and the growing needs of the City. The addition at this point will be on the south side of the existing building to avoid removal of oak trees and the addition of 30 + parking spaces off existing drives is very cost efficient. This job will allow the City to be operational 100% of the time. The public will enter on the east and west side of the building where the existing porch is located.

Lynn Mitchell, director of architecture for Principal, stated the basic plan was worked out over the past year. The buildings primary purpose has changed over the past 40 years. There are changes that need to be made to make the building in compliance and serve the public more efficiently. The building is in a prime location but is insufficient in size and needs to reflect the new Mandeville. The exterior of the building will be painted or replaced with stucco and the fiberglass panels will be removed. The roof will be adjusted and HVAC might need to be changed out with the difference in occupancy from assembly to office space. He is aware there is a new roof contract on the agenda tonight and requests that it be investigated so there is no duplication of funds. What the council is looking at tonight is about a \$150K architectural contract not a \$2.5 million dollar contract for the building. Architectural fees for the state are usually 9.2% but this contract is around 7.5%. This is just the starting point of the project.

2. Adoption of Resolution No. 15-25; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE APPROVING THE RESTORATION TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR LEONARD AND REBECCA ROHRBOUGH (Offered by Ernest Burguieres, Council District III)

Resolution No. 15-25 was read by title by Mr. Danielson. A motion was made by Mr. Burguieres and seconded by Mr. Madden. Mr. Burguieres stated this is part of the state's restoration and tax abatement program to encourage people to restore older structures. The program gives homeowners an abatement for 5 years after completion of the work to pay ad valorem taxes based on the assessed valuation of the home prior to the commencement of the project. Mrs. Rohrbough wanted to thank the council for approving the historic district enabling them to take advantage of this program. There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-25 passed 5-0.

3. Adoption of Resolution No 15-26; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND RICHARD C. LAMBERT CONSULTANTS, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE LIFT STATIONS 2, 11 AND D IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,642.50; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH (Offered by Rick Danielson, Council at Large)

Resolution No. 15-26 was read by title by Mr. Danielson A motion was made by Mrs. Buchholz and seconded by Mr. Burguieres. Lift station 2 is located at Atalin St, Lift station 11 is at Antibes and Mariners Village, and Lift station D is at Clausel and Livingston. There being no further discussion, a motioned to adopt Resolution No. 15-26 passed 5-0.

4. Adoption of Resolution No. 15-27; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND KYLE & ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE LIFT STATIONS 40 AND F IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,365.50; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH (Offered by Rick Danielson, Council at Large)

Resolution No. 15-27 was read by title by Mr. Danielson A motion was made by Mrs. Buchholz and seconded by Mr. Ellis. Lift station 40 is by Mary Queen of Peace and Lift station F is located at the Walmart Neighborhood Marketplace. There being no further discussion, a motioned to adopt Resolution No. 15-26 passed 5-0.

5. Adoption of Resolution No. 15-28; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH FISCHER'S INC FOR THE REROOFING OF CITY HALL AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH (Offered by Carla Buchholz, Council District II)

Resolution No. 15-28 was read by title by Mr. Danielson A motion was made by Mrs. Buchholz and seconded by Mr. Ellis. Mrs. Buchholz stated this is the replacement of the City Hall roof. After seeing the presentation for the City Hall addition/renovation she is concerned that the City does not duplicate funds. The City Hall roof does need repairs because it leaks into the building but we need discuss the correct process. She would like to defer this resolution until the Council has time to look over Resolution No. 15-29 which also discusses roof replacement. The Mayor agreed with this deferral so the Council can digest the two resolutions presented tonight. Mrs. Buchholz made a motion to defer Resolution No. 15-28 until further investigation. Mr. Madden and Mr. Danielson seconded this motion for deferral until the May 28, 2015 Council Meeting. There being no further discussion, a motioned to defer Resolution No. 15-28 until the May 28, 2015 City Council Meeting passed 5-0. Mr. Burguieres requested that a dollar amount future for contracts be included in the resolution as well as in the contract.

CORRECTING VARIOUS ERRORS AND OMISSIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH (Offered by Carla Buchholz, Council District II)

Ordinance No. 15-11 was read by title by Mr. Danielson. A motion was made by Mrs. Buchholz and seconded by Mr. Ellis for its introduction. This is based upon the recommendation of the P&Z commission and Michael Lauer. Any questions should be addressed to Mrs. Scott at this time. Mr. Ellis will be absent for this meeting, he will email his comments to be read at the meeting. This was approved by Mr. Deano.

9. Approval of the substantial completion for the Lotus Drive North and Village Lane South Drainage Improvements (Offered by David Ellis, Council District I)

Mr. Ellis has met with the Mayor and Mr. DeGeneres with concerns about this project. Mr. DeGeneres stated the City is retaining approximately \$63K for liquidated damages. All issues will be addressed during their 30 day period in which punch list items should be corrected. After this time period Mr. DeGeneres will determine if the City will retain any funds. A motion was made by Mr. Madden and seconded by Mr. Ellis for the approval of the substantial completion for the Lotus Drive North and Village Lane South Drainage Improvements project. The motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Mayor would like to discuss the AG opinion identified at the last meeting. He presented a letter to the Council written by Mr. Deano expressing his interpretation of the AG opinion. Mr. Danielson pulled the discussion item off the agenda because it was an option on the budgetary process from last year, and he felt it was not necessary to discuss. If it was needed for the budgetary process this year, it can be referred to. The Mayor said this letter is not in conflict with the AG opinion, just an interpretation

Mr. Deano stated he drafted the opinion and feels as head of the legal department he should be allowed to speak about its findings. He feels the press's comments were incomplete and superficial and would like to clarify this decision. He thought a complete discussion would have been helpful. He stated going into this budget season we should have an awareness of this opinion. He is concerned about the political legalization of the city over the past years and feels this is his responsibility to provide clarity.

Mr. Danielson stated he discussed with Mr. Deano that any follow up, if needed, was to be with the Mayor, he and Mr. Deano.

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS (STATUS REPORT):

1. Capital Roadway Maintenance Project – working in Golden Glen
2. Lotus Drive/Village Lane Drainage Project –approved substantial completion, working on punch list.
3. Rapatel Water Tower- steel erection complete, painters will be in 2 weeks
4. Fire Hydrant Replacement Project
5. Lift Station 21 Relocation – currently laying lines, 40% complete, Sept 30 final date
- 6- Dew Drop Fire Suppression – waiting on electrical for alarms to be energized for Fire Marshall approval
7. Lift Station 19 Relocation- 75% complete working on bike paths and tie-ins
8. Lift Stations 22, 23 & 33- start date in early June
9. Girod Street Overlay Improvements – completion date June 9, they are ahead of schedule
10. West Causeway Approach Pathway Project – engineer working on plans
11. Storm Drain Check Valves – 29 being installed, 19 already completed. June 19 end date