

**MINUTES
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 25, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Mandeville City Council was called to order by the Council Chairman at 6:06 p.m. followed by roll call.

ROLL CALL - present: Jason Zuckerman, Scott Discon, Cynthia Strong-Thompson, Kevin Vogeltanz, Jill McGuire

Absent: None

Also present: Clay Madden, Mayor; Keith LaGrange, Public Works Director; Kathleen Sides, Finance Director; Elizabeth Sconzert, City Attorney

MINUTES:

Adoption of the July 11, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Ms. McGuire and seconded by Ms. Strong-Thompson. With no further comment a vote was taken and the minutes were adopted unanimously.

REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Discon said the Parks and Parkways Commission was soliciting a non-qualified position.

Mayor Madden said that September 27th will be the first trailhead concert. Four new events are being added for the fall schedule, a Hispanic heritage festival, a creole heritage festival, Old Mandeville Restaurant and Bar association is having a Veterans Day parade, and the miracle league will be having a beer fest. The trailhead is also open every Saturday from 9:00am – 1:00pm.

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Madden presented Detective Karole Muller with the Mandeville Police Officer of the year award and proclaimed that July 25th, 2024 will be Karole Muller day in the City of Mandeville.

Barry Brupbacher of Neel-Schaffer was present to go over the safety study.

Mr. Brupbacher said the City gave locations for them to evaluate safety calming and safety application throughout the locations.

They collected vehicle counts and speed studies as well as looked at crash histories and citations from speeding tickets and stop sign running tickets.

Some locations had higher safety issues than others, and these were:

- Monroe St. at East Causeway
- US 190 at Carondelet
- Us 190 at Starbucks Median Opening
- East Causeway at Cambronne
- West Causeway at Sandra Lee/Florida St.

Some of the recommendations are intersection improvements, raised crosswalks and intersections, ceramic dome separators, improving sight distance, restriping, school zone improvements,

chicanes, adding bike lanes, landscaping, pedestrian improvements, and creating all way stop intersections.

The raised crosswalks are mostly in association with the Trace. Some of the sight distances were identified as being wrong and should be cleared up.

There are two locations to adjust the stop bar by the trailhead.

There are four locations where school zones should be upgraded.

Lakeshore Drive is where they believe the chicanes could be implemented. They did not do a real study of the Lakeshore and he believes that at some point the City should do an overview of all the traffic on the Lakefront and come up with a plan.

A bike lane on Marigny may take some of the bike traffic off of Girod.

The crossing signal at Monroe and Massena should be upgraded.

Two options were looked at for Hwy 190 and Starbucks. The first is to close the median and convert the driveways to right in/right out only. The second is to block the thru movements with an island and only allow left turns across the median. Both options would require approval from DOTD with potential additional improvements to meet DOTD requirements.

At 190 and Florida an interim improvement would be a U Turn median on the west side and making it right in/right out only.

For West Causeway at Sandra Lee upgrading the signal from a span wire to a mast arm is recommended. This would require approval from the Causeway Commission and some additional analysis.

The option for East Causeway at Cambronne is to close the median opening. This would require additional analysis with GNOEC.

There were some improvements that were considered, such as mini roundabouts, but were ultimately not recommended.

Mr. Discon said that he toured Fairhope, Alabama recently and they used brick inlay instead of the speed table and they looked nice with the scenery. Mr. Brupbacher said he would have to get the traffic people to see if they could accomplish the same results as the speed tables.

Mr. Zuckerman said this was great. He had two asks. The first is that all improvements in the Historic District go before the Historic District Commission. The second is that they always add signage and do not remove signage. He would like to see what they could take down.

Ms. Strong-Thompson asked why nothing was done on the Florida St/North Causeway as people run that stoplight all the time. Mr. Brupbacher said it was looked at, and with the low-cost

improvements this study was looking at there was nothing they could do. Ms. Strong-Thompson said she would like to see it looked at.

Mr. Vogeltanz said a constant complaint in Old Golden Shores is that people speed down Copal Street, so something like a speed table could maybe work there.

Mr. Brupbacher said the City told them which locations to look at and that was not one of them, but they could take a look. Mr. LaGrange said the purpose of the study was to pick streets that were similar to other streets in the city that they could give a set of guidelines on how to apply these treatments so they can say which treatments would apply for certain areas, and their cost, when asked. Mayor Madden said the City is also getting some temporary speed tables that could be installed and then moved around.

Ms. McGuire asked if these are all things that are going to happen or just being proposed. Mr. Brupbacher said this was just a study of those locations, and their recommendations. It is up to the City and the council to budget improvements. Mr. LaGrange said the intent is to use these treatments City Wide.

Ms. McGuire asked if the bike path on Marigny was something they would vote on or just happen. Mr. LaGrange said that was a traffic calming measure that they are saying would help, they are not saying to do it.

Mayor Madden said that was not a situation where one day you would see people striping it, there would be meetings held. Ms. McGuire asked to be included in the meetings when they take place. Mr. Zuckerman reiterated that he would like to see anything proposed in the Historic District go before the Commission.

Mr. LaGrange said there was temporary striping they could do to get a feel for what the neighborhood wants.

Mayor Madden said that this study was a result of calls from constituents and Mr. LaGrange and Mr. LeBreton said to do a traffic study. They are not going to do any project without getting input from the community and the council.

Paul Branch, 531 Dorado: At Cedarwood the access for parents picking up kids is on Cedarwood and Heavens. Maybe look at the shoulder or redirecting traffic. On Dorado Drive and Heavens Drive the roadway appears to be eroding. He put in a new work order two days ago.

Leonard Rohrbough, 2525 Lakeshore: He thinks a lot of the safety issues could be addressed by enforcement. He has never seen a bicyclist stop at a stop sign. He sees police officers looking at their cellphones or in car computers driving down Lakeshore Drive. Speeding in the City is rampant. He was told by a police officer he would not give tickets for people going 30mph on Lakeshore Drive.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Adoption of Ordinance No. 24-20; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DEDICATE AND RE-NAME THE STREET KNOWN AS “AVENUE C”, TO “REV. LEO P. EDGERSON DR.” AND PROVIDING FOR FURTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. (Councilwoman McGuire) A motion was made by Ms. McGuire and seconded by Mr. Zuckerman.

Ms. McGuire said she was very excited about this. Ms. McGuire read the ordinance in entirety.

Ms. McGuire said she is happy that they are getting to rename these streets to people who were so influential in the community.

Janice Edgerson: She stands here with a heart full of warm emotions. Her dad loved Mandeville and always made sure his children were informed about what was happening. When this finally comes to fruition there is a standing invitation for everyone to be in attendance.

With no further comment a vote was taken and the ordinance was adopted with a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Madden said that there will be a ceremony when the road is dedicated

2. Adoption of Ordinance No. 24-21; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO AMEND SECTION 2-8(A) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CODIFYING THE METHOD IN WHICH THE SALARY OF THE MAYOR IS ESTABLISHED. (Councilman Zuckerman, At-Large) A motion was made by Ms. McGuire and seconded by Mr. Zuckerman.

Mr. Zuckerman said this provides for the compensation for the mayor to be established during the budget process. Ms. Strong-Thompson said it had been changed in 2019 and this is taking it back. Mr. Zuckerman said this reflects what they do every year as it was changed in 2019 but since then there have been three ordinances passed that amended it. It is reestablishing what the practice is.

Ms. Sconzert said that this is a situation where the original ordinance seemed to make sense, but actually became more cumbersome in practice so this streamlines the process.

Mr. Vogeltanz said he supported the idea of including it in the budget but as it reads the council could defund the mayor or pay the mayor half of what it paid last year. He would hope the council would not pay the mayor less than what they paid him the year before.

Ms. Sconzert said there is a charter provision that says the salary of the mayor shall be the same as the salary of the incumbent mayor so if the council were to completely strike it they would be in violation of the charter.

With no further comment a vote was taken and the ordinance was adopted by a vote of 5-0

3. Adoption of Ordinance No. Adoption of Ordinance No. 24-18; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS AND COUNCIL CHAMBER DECORUM AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. (Councilman Zuckerman, At-Large) - (TABLED) Mr. Zuckerman moved to take Ordinance 24-18 from the table and Mr. Vogeltanz seconded.

Mr. Zuckerman said he would like to make some motions before discussion to hopefully streamline the discussion.

Mr. Zuckerman first moved to delete all of number five, all of number six, and all of section two.

Mr. Vogeltanz said a vote was still needed to take the ordinance off the table. Mr. Zuckerman apologized for jumping the gun.

Ms. Sconzert said a majority vote was needed under Roberts Rules 34:2, and there is no debate on the motion to take it off the table.

A vote was taken and the motion to take Ordinance 24-18 off the table passed unanimously.

Mr. Zuckerman said that now it was off the table he would like to move to delete, beginning with number five on page three, all of number five, all of number six on page four, and all of section two on page four and five.

Mr. Discon asked if Mr. Zuckerman wanted to delete number five. Mr. Zuckerman said he would like to delete everything after the number four on page three.

Ms. McGuire said it would end on number four on page three. Ms. McGuire seconded the motion.

Mr. Zuckerman said he removed everything passed by resolution at the last meeting.

Ms. Strong-Thompson asked if Mr. Zuckerman was getting rid of everything about signs, banners, and videos. Mr. Zuckerman said the motion is to remove item number five on page three, item number six, and delete all of section two. He believed the only discussion would be if someone wanted to keep something from those sections.

Mr. Vogeltanz said that if there has to be an ordinance it is a great step to delete paragraphs five, six and the problematic rules of decorum. His objections to it being an ordinance is just as true today. The city charter does not contemplate these rules as an ordinance. If this came before him as a resolution, then maybe, but it is difficult for him to vote on something he thinks conflicts with the charter.

He understands why there should be a designated vice chairperson, that makes sense. The only problem is that the charter does not contemplate a vice chairperson.

Mr. Zuckerman said that the discussion on the floor is regarding his motion to delete the items, not the ordinance as a whole.

Mr. Vogeltanz said Mr. Zuckerman was right and apologized.

William Kropag, 1901 Hwy 190: As a perspective from the media to report this accurately can they go through what is being deleted.

Mr. Discon said it was number five, items a – e, number six, and then section 2-12 rules of decorum for city council meetings. Mr. Discon said that Mr. Zuckerman is proposing to delete items 1 – 8.

Ms. McGuire said it would end at number four on page three.

With no further comment a vote was taken on the motion to amend which passed 3-2 with council members Strong-Thompson and Discon voting against.

Mr. Zuckerman moved to change the number 12th to newest in line-item number four. Ms. Sconzert said that falls after the blue book citation of any Roberts Rules in the event it is revised again. Ms. McGuire seconded the motion.

Mr. Vogeltanz asked if the most current version is the 12th. Ms. Sconzert said it was, but if they revised it again it no longer would be. Mr. Vogeltanz asked how often they revise Roberts Rules. Ms. Strong-Thompson said they do it all the time. Mr. Vogeltanz said if they do it all the time he would rather just pick one that they could all know.

Ms. Sconzert said that the first edition was adopted in 1876 and they are only on the 12th edition.

Mr. Zuckerman said if it was a big deal he could withdraw his motion. Ms. Sconzert said the motion makes it so they do not have to revise that piece.

Mr. Vogeltanz said it is not a big deal, his personal preference is to just pick one.

With no further comment a vote was taken on the motion to amend which passed 4-1 with councilman Vogeltanz voting against.

Mr. Zuckerman moved to delete the words “invocation and” from line item 3-c. Ms. Strong-Thompson seconded.

Ms. McGuire asked if the moment of silence was being done away with. Mr. Zuckerman said not necessarily, he received some feedback from members of the public concerned that they were going to start doing prayer before the meeting so he decided to take it out.

Ms. McGuire asked if they could add moment of silence. Mr. Zuckerman said he could modify his motion.

Mr. Zuckerman said he would modify his motion to change “invocation and” to “moment of silence and pledge”.

Mr. Discon asked if they could modify a motion after it has been seconded. Mr. Zuckerman said someone can make an amendment to the motion.

Ms. Sconzert said there are two things they could do. They could vote on the motion to delete “invocation and” and then Ms. McGuire could add the words “moment of silence and”

With no further comment a vote was taken on the motion to amend which failed 2-3 with commissioners McGuire, Vogeltanz, and Discon voting against.

Ms. McGuire moved to change item 3-c to read as “moment of silence and pledge of allegiance”. Mr. Zuckerman seconded the motion.

Mr. Vogeltanz asked what the definition of invocation was. Mr. Zuckerman said he looked it up and it did indicate that it was some sort of prayer before a meeting.

Ms. McGuire said it was the summoning of a deity or the supernatural.

Mr. Zuckerman said that was not his intent, so he figured it best to take it out.

Mayor Madden said he had a comment. When he was the council chairman someone spraypainted swastikas on the synagogue, and he asked the rabbi to open the meeting with prayer. Someone might die with the city, and if it is struck out completely then you cannot respond to anything bad that might happen. His advice for anyone who is offended by that is not to come to the council meeting, and that is his position.

Mr. Zuckerman said he did not think taking it out precluded someone from coming and doing a prayer, he just had received some feedback about it.

Rebecca Rohrbough, 2525 Lakeshore: She was at the meeting the Mayor referred to and it was a nice gesture. Maybe the consideration could be to remove invocation. As long as it is not a formal part of how the council operates, that might remove any legal liability and protect any issues of church and state. She asked if in the course of a meeting, anyone wanted to invite a church member up if any laws were violated. If it is removed it may free the council to do more.

Ms. Sconzert said she would agree with Ms. Rohrbough’s take.

Mr. Discon asked if they could do it with a motion in a case like that. Ms. Sconzert said it could be added to the presentations line as well. It is a balancing act.

Mr. Zuckerman said the intent was not to bring in anything new.

With no further comment a vote was taken on the motion to amend which 4-1 with councilmember Vogeltanz voting against.

Mr. Zuckerman said he had two more minor edits and then the entire ordinance could be debated.

Mr. Zuckerman moved to delete the last two “whereas” clauses. Ms. Strong-Thompson seconded the motion.

With no further comment a vote was taken on the motion to amend which passed with a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Zuckerman moved to delete the words “and council chamber decorum” from the title of the ordinance. Mr. Vogeltanz seconded the motion.

Ms. McGuire asked if it would read “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH” Mr. Zuckerman said that was correct.

With no further comment a vote was taken on the motion to amend which passed with a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Zuckerman said he wanted to address a couple of things, one being that Mr. Vogeltanz is concerned that the council should not be passing anything related to how the city council operates by ordinance. He would ask what they should do with all the ordinances the council has passed previously. There is a long history of establishing rules and procedures by ordinance and asked what should be done with them.

Mr. Vogeltanz said that they passed laws to make them compliant with the American Disabilities Act and there is no problem passing laws to make them consistent with state laws. When you make an ordinance, you make a law, and he disagrees with government making laws that are mostly unhelpful or unnecessary. Right now, the council chair sets the agenda and is not bound by any particular ordinance.

The way the ordinance reads now the finance report has to be at the end of the meeting, and it has been suggested to him that the finance report should be at the beginning of the meeting. If there is no ordinance that allows for the flexibility.

The point of internal operating rules is to have flexibility. If they pass this ordinance, and then do not have a moment of silence, they will have broke the law because they did not follow some Byzantine ministerial set of rules.

Mr. Zuckerman asked what would happen if they did not start their meeting at 6:00pm because that is a law. An easy fix would be a motion to say that the council chairperson has the ability to modify the agenda along with a majority vote. There are easy fixes.

The reason he pared this down to just the role of the council chair and the agenda is one, because they already address the decorum rules by resolution, and two, what are they trying to fix. That is the question they are trying to ask. After having been in the role of chair and experiencing two new councils coming in, nobody knows what the role of the council chair is. People were asking what the duties and responsibilities of the chair were, and the duties and responsibilities were not spelled out in the charter like they are for the Mayor.

This ordinance addresses those questions, and provides a checklist for new council members. With regards to the agenda someone could make a motion to delete item three and the could vote on that.

Ms. Strong-Thompson moved to delete item three, items a-l. Mr. Vogeltanz seconded the motion.

Ms. McGuire said that should solve the problem of breaking the law if they go out of order.

Ms. Sconzert said that the thought behind the codification of the agenda is to give notice to the public about what to expect and when. That is what is done by all neighboring municipalities and surrounding parish governments. This is not an internal policy or procedure; this is a procedure that directly affects the public.

As it is, if the chair wants to move things around there is not necessarily consistency. With the changing of the order it was designed to make some of these meetings more efficient so there is not the situation where there is a family waiting on the introduction of an ordinance for almost four hours.

What Mr. Vogeltanz said about moving the finance report and projects in progress report to the consent agenda area makes sense as those are matters that are not being voted on.

Mr. Zuckerman said having it in an ordinance makes it survive this council. The way it is now, the agenda is not codified anywhere.

Mr. Vogeltanz said that he does not know what a consent agenda is, it is an undefined term, and he does not like that. Ms. Sconzert said it was defined. Mr. Vogeltanz said according to the ordinance they cannot move the finance report into the consent agenda, part one or two, because they do not contemplate things like the finance report.

Ms. Strong-Thompson said that whereas section 2-06C of the Mandeville Home Rule Charter states that the city council shall determine by resolution its own rules and order of business, in her opinion they should delete this part as an ordinance and then resubmit it as a resolution.

Mr. Discon said that they should vote on Ms. Strong-Thompson's motion. If the ordinance failed then they could make a resolution. Ms. Sconzert said that was correct, but this vote was just on the motion to amend by deleting number three.

Rebecca Rohrbough, 2525 Lakeshore: There has been lots of good points made. Please consider each amendment as they might become a law.

Ms. McGuire asked if they vote to remove number three, what are the pros and cons.

Ms. Strong-Thompson said they are streamlining ordinance 24-18 to the duties of chair and vice chair, along with the Roberts Rules.

Mr. Zuckerman called the question on the motion to amend, Ms. Strong-Thompson seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion to call the question failed with a vote of 4-1 with councilmember McGuire voting against.

Mr. Zuckerman called the question again, Mr. Vogeltanz seconded.

A vote was taken on the motion to call the question which passed with a vote of 5-0.

A vote was taken on the motion to amend the ordinance by removing number three which passed with a vote of 4-1 with councilmember McGuire voting against.

Mr. Discon said there was something he would like to change. In the past the chair has passed between the two at-large members. The city elected two at-large members so they each should get two years as chair and just alternate.

Mr. Zuckerman said he was hesitant to codify that as there may be circumstances where the chair should serve back-to-back years. He is in favor of leaving the flexibility as there is a big-time commitment to serving as chair.

Mr. Zuckerman said they are just operating on tradition. The charter just says the chair should be elected from one of the two at-large members. Ms. Strong-Thompson said this also provides for a vice-chair.

Mr. Vogeltanz quoted from the charter “Organization of the council shall occur at the first meeting of a newly elected council. A council chairman shall be elected by a majority vote of the council from among the at-large council members, and shall serve as counsel's presiding officer. The council chairman shall make committee appointments and preside at meetings of the council. In the absence or disqualification of the council chairman, the council shall designate one (1) of its other members as temporary presiding officer. The council chairman and temporary presiding officer shall be voting members of the council, except as otherwise provided in this charter. The organization of the council, the presiding officer, or temporary presiding officer may be changed by majority vote of the council”

This is telling us that there is no vice chair. He cannot support anything that inserts a new officer of the council that is contrary to the charter. If they do that it would be a nullity anyway.

They are allowed to vote at any time to change the presiding officer. The temporary presiding officer cannot be restricted to the other council at-large as the charter states it can be anybody.

Mr. Vogeltanz moved to strike the words after Council Chairperson until “and shall be selected from the council members elected at large” in the first sentence of number one under section 2-11 and replace it with temporary presiding officer.

Mr. Discon asked Mr. Vogeltanz to repeat his motion. Mr. Vogeltanz said the first sentence should read “The officers of the City Council shall be the Council Chairperson and shall be selected from the Council Members elected at large” and then delete every other reference to vice chairperson. Mr. Discon seconded the motion.

Ms. Strong-Thompson said her opinion is they have gutted the idea of this ordinance. She is not in agreement with this, and thinks that number one should read the way it has been reading.

Ms. McGuire asked if they delete the words council vice chair and there is a situation where the chair is not there could anyone run the meeting? The at-large members are citywide representatives and she feels that they earned the responsibility to be chair and she does not feel comfortable letting anyone run the meeting.

Mr. Zuckerman said they were trying to address a problem that happened with the last council, but if they do not want to do it they can vote it out.

Mr. Vogeltanz said the process is already in the charter. If the chair is absent, they must vote to appoint another member. Ms. McGuire says that opens it up to anyone and she feels that is disrespectful to the at-large members who were elected to chair the meetings.

Mr. Vogeltanz said he was not suggesting it was respectful or not respectful, he was suggesting that he is not sure why the council is trying to enact an ordinance that is in direct conflict with the constitutional document.

Ms. Strong-Thompson said she does not see it as a direct conflict, she sees it as a definition clarification.

With no further comment a vote was taken on the amendment to the ordinance which failed 1-4 with councilmembers Zuckerman, McGuire, Strong-Thompson, and Discon voting against.

Mr. Zuckerman said the ordinance is down to establishing the role of the council chairperson and identifies what the chairperson does.

Ms. Strong-Thompson moved to strike the whereas clause that talks about formalizing the agenda process as that part was removed earlier. Mr. Zuckerman seconded the motion.

Brian Rhinehart, 712 Carondelet: Was section five removed? Mr. Zuckerman said it was.

With no further comment a vote was taken on the motion to amend which passed with a vote of 5-0.

With no further comment a vote was taken on the ordinance as a whole which passed with a vote of 3-2 with councilmembers Vogeltanz and Discon

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval of the Special Event Permit Application and Liquor License Application for Old Mandeville Business Association – “Wide Water Festival” event to be held on October 26, 2024, from 11:00am – 8:00pm. Rain Date: N/A. Location: Lakeshore Drive – Lafitte Street to Coffee Street, Mandeville, LA. Approval requests: Permission to apply for ATC Permit, MPD Map & Detail Approval, and Food & Drink Ordinance Lifted on the Lakefront, contingent upon ATC Permit, Certificate of Insurance, MPD Map & Detail Approval, Coordination with Police for Street Signage, and dumpster on site for cleanup (Councilwoman McGuire) A motion was made by Ms. McGuire and seconded by Ms. Strong-Thompson.

Ms. McGuire said they will be using barricades to block off the food trucks and have agreed to the police expenses for the six officers. The street closures will be at Lafitte and Carroll.

Shane Mutter, 136 Lafitte, President of Old Mandeville Business Association: This is a repeat of the festival last year. They do not want the festival to get out of hand. They do not intend to bring in anyone with large name recognition from out of state. They want to keep the attendance to what it was last year, which was a few thousand.

There will be multiple stages set up. They moved the time up to 11:00 – 8:00pm and will cut the bands off an hour earlier. Last year they ended too late, and cleanup was an issue. They estimate that there will be 60 volunteers to help with the booths and trash.

They decided to change the name of the festival as originally Lake Pontchartrain was called wide water by the Native American inhabitants.

With no further comment a vote was taken and the permit was approved with a vote of 5-0.

2. Approval of the Special Event Permit Application and Liquor License Application for Hola Northshore – “Hispanic Heritage Festival” event to be held on September 21, 2024, from 3:00pm – 9:00pm. Rain Date: N/A. Location: Mandeville Trailhead, Mandeville, LA. Approval requests: Permission to apply for ATC Permit, MPD Detail, contingent upon ATC Permit, MPD Detail Approval, and Certificate of Insurance (Councilwoman McGuire) A motion was made by Ms. McGuire and seconded by Mr. Vogeltanz.

Ms. McGuire said this would be the first annual event.

Dayanna Velandia: It is important to bring the Hispanic Community together and they want to create something educational to bring people together. Hola Northshore was created last year and there was a launching party in Covington.

They chose Mandeville as it is close to the Lake. This will be the first time they do this in the Northshore so they are asking help from the City. They are asking to use the trailhead, and they can create all the concept art.

Ms. McGuire asked if she was asking for the City to sponsor the event. Ms. Velandia said she was. Ms. McGuire said that was not in the application. Ms. Velandia said it was not but she wanted to be honest. They want to create a partnership with the City.

Ms. Strong-Thompson said her understanding was they were only voting to give permission and the City is not in a position to give any help. Ms. McGuire said she did not know if the council could make that decision.

Ms. Sconzert said that the City cannot donate money, but they have had partnered events.

Ms. McGuire said she did not think they had the authority to determine if the City would sponsor the event. Mr. Zuckerman said he did not think that would be part of the special event permit and would be a separate matter.

Ms. Strong-Thompson asked if there was an idea of the cost of rental for the trailhead. Ms. Velandia said it was about \$1,000.

Mr. Discon said they could talk about the special event application and if Ms. Velandia wanted to see about sponsorships they could maybe talk to Ms. Casborne.

Mr. Mutter said that he is willing to help out. The City does not typically sponsor events but he can assist them.

Mayor Madden said that he is excited about these new cultural events coming in the Fall. Ms. Casborne will help as much as the City is able to guide the process.

With no further comment a vote was taken and the special event was approved with a vote of 4-0.

3. Approval of the Special Event Permit Application for Old Mandeville Restaurant & Bar Association – “Veterans Day Parade & Party” event to be held on November 9, 2024, from 11:00am – 4:00pm. Rain Date: November 10, 2024. Location: Lakeshore Drive – Jackson Avenue to Carroll Street, Mandeville, LA. Approval requests: MPD Map & Detail Approval, and Food & Drink Ordinance Lifted on the Lakefront, contingent upon Certificate of Insurance, MPD Map & Detail Approval, and dumpster on site for cleanup. (Councilwoman McGuire) A motion was made by Mr. Zuckerman and seconded by Ms. McGuire.

Ms. McGuire said this would be the first Veterans Day parade on the Lakefront. Lafitte and Carroll will be shutdown following the parade. The parade will be from Jackson to Carroll.

Brian Henry: They wanted to do something to honor the veterans. They have commitments from the Navy to bring in a float, a sector of the Marine Corps band has applied and are talking with the coast guard about some helicopter demonstration along with a float. They are getting a Humvee from the national guard.

Following the parade there will be a jambalaya cookoff in the rear of Rest a While. They want this to become an annual event.

Mr. Mutter said that Old Mandeville Business Association supports this and will have a presence at the event.

Mayor Madden said he is excited about this. There was another organization that tried to do a Veterans Day parade which was not as successful, but he is confident in Mr. Mutter and Mr. Henry promoting this. He added the City will also promote all of these events.

Todd Wally, 5 Carriage Lane: He is with economic development and has been helping with this program the last few years. He is honored to be able to help.

Mr. Henry said the proceeds will go to a 501C3 that helps job placement with former military as well as the 22nd Judicial Veterans Court.

With no further comment a vote was taken and the special event was approved with a vote of 5-0.

4. Approval of Change Order No.1 to the 2022 Roadway & Drainage Maintenance Contract project to increase the maximum contract amount limit by \$1,500,000 required for the contractor to continue performing work previously identified by the City in addition to performing other future work as needed per the City’s requests. There is no change in contract time associated with this Change Order. (Councilman Discon, At-Large) A motion was made by Mr. Zuckerman and seconded by Ms.

McGuire.

Mr. LaGrange said this is an increase in the cap for the maintenance contract. No money is being added to the budget, and this is just getting ahead of the curve should the council approve what they are asking for next year's budget.

Mr. Zuckerman said that there would not be a budget adjustment, this would just be increasing the limit of the contract amount.

With no further comment a vote was taken and the change order was approved with a vote of 5-0.

5. Adoption of Resolution 24-46; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A CAPITAL OUTLAY GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA FOR THE MANDEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING, PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION AND EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. (Councilman Zuckerman, At-Large) A motion was made by Mr. Zuckerman and seconded by Ms. Strong-Thompson.

Mr. Zuckerman wanted to thank the administration for pursuing this. The police department was identified as a priority capital project, along with City Hall and the seawall repair.

Mayor Madden said that he was approached by the new state representative and state senator who said that Mandeville had not made a capital outlay request in 20 years, so he asked.

What this does is it gives the City the ability to go to an architecture firm and get it designed. This will allow them to go full speed ahead.

Mr. Discon asked if there was an architect selected. Mayor Madden said that Waggonner and Ball had been selected. It had been programmed and now it can be designed.

Mr. LaGrange said the CEA is for the \$6 million the State has. The \$2 million that will come next year is already set aside. The goal is to get the design ready for construction in the next 3-4 months.

Mr. Discon asked when the work would start. Mr. LaGrange said if the design is done in May, by the time everything gets moved he would think they could bid September 1 of the '26 fiscal year. Their goal is to have everything ready September 1 for fiscal year '26 so it would advertise that week after the budget passed.

Mayor Madden said that Kim Carver and Jay Galle have also been very helpful.

Mr. Zuckerman said this is tremendous and looking at the next 5-10 years down the road for capital projects the police building came first so hopefully now that this has been done they can look at other things.

Ms. McGuire said that this has been a pretty quick process as this started only about two years ago after Hurricane Ida.

With no further comment a vote was taken and the resolution was adopted with a vote of 5-0.

6. Introduction of Ordinance 24-22; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS RELATIVE TO AND FOR ADOPTION OF THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; AND TO ESTABLISH THE ADMINISTRATION OF EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. (Councilman Zuckerman, At-Large) A motion was made by Ms. McGuire and seconded by Mr. Zuckerman.

Mr. Discon said that this has been introduced.

7. Introduction of Ordinance 24-23; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS RELATIVE TO AND FOR ADOPTION OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; AND TO ESTABLISH THE ADMINISTRATION OF EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. (Councilman Zuckerman, At-Large) A motion was made by Mr. Zuckerman and seconded by Ms. McGuire.

Mr. Discon said that this has been introduced.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

FINANCE REPORT:

Ms. Sides said that a lot of this was covered yesterday. They are at \$26 million for the governmental funds. The sales taxes are at \$18 million which is about 79% of the budget. The expenditures for the governmental funds are at \$17.4 million and 83% of the budget. Capital is at \$7.1 million to date. On the enterprise fund the revenue is at \$3.9 million which is 94% of the budget and operating expenses are at 87%. The capital outlay on the enterprise is \$3.5 million.

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mandeville City Council is to call an executive session under LA. R.S. 42:16 and LA. R.S. 42:17(A)(1-2) to discuss the following matters:

- Discussion of the character, professional competence and qualifications of the applicants for the vacant position of City Council clerk, and
- The following cases:
 - Hilda Roberta Maestri Landry v. City of Mandeville, 2003-15772 (22nd Judicial District Court for the Parish of St. Tammany)
 - Sachs v. City of Mandeville, 2019-11879 (22nd Judicial District Court for the Parish of St. Tammany)
 - Woodward Harbor, LLC and LSU Health Foundation New Orleans v. City of Mandeville, et al., 23-cv-05824 (United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana)

Mr. Vogeltanz said he was the former plaintiff attorney of record for Debbie Sachs who is the plaintiff in the second case that was listed so he will be recusing himself from the discussion and will leave the room so he will not be a part of that in any way.

Mr. Zuckerman said there will not be any recording or minutes taken during the session.

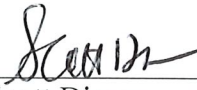
Ms. Strong-Thompson moved to go to the executive session and Ms. McGuire seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Strong-Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. McGuire. The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.



Alex Weiner
Interim Council Clerk



Scott Discon
Council Chairman