**MINUTES**

**FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Mandeville City Council was called to order by Council Chairman Discon at 6:00pm, followed by Moment of Silence, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

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

**Absent**: None

**Also present**: Buster Lyons, Digital Engineering; Keith LaGrange, Public Works Director; Elizabeth Sconzert, City Attorney; Jessica Farno, Finance Director; Clay Madden, Mayor; Cara Bartholomew, Planning and Development Director; Joanna Anderson, Human Resources Director

**MINUTES:**

1. The September 26, 2024, Public Hearing Meeting Minutes were adopted on motion by Ms. McGuire, second by Ms. Strong-Thompson, all in favor.

2. The September 26, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes were adopted on motion by Ms. McGuire, second by Ms. Strong-Thompson, all in favor

**REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:**

1. Candidate for the Mandeville Parks and Parkways Commission- Patricia Zebrick- No discussion

2. Candidates for the Mandeville Planning and Zoning Commission- Ernest Burguieres, Shawn Potter, Patrick Rosenow- No discussion

3. Mayor Madden reported upcoming events: Keeping Mandeville Beautiful glass recycling, a Dewdrop Inn concert, the Northshore Half Marathon, followed by the Northshore Beer Festival, Sunset Symphony and the Market every Saturday.

**PRESENTATION:**

1.Proclamation for and Demonstration by MHS Robotics Team- Mayor Madden presented a Proclamation to MHS Robotics Team 2992 for their contribution to STEM Education and their community.

2. Proclamation for Adrienne Casey, Lead Mentor and Robotics Coach, MHS- Mayor Madden presented Ms. Casey a Proclamation in honor of her dedication and leadership to the Robotics Team 2992.

3. 2025 St. Tammany Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update- Chris Rippetoe, LSU-SDMI- Mr. Rippetoe explained that a plan update was in the process, as it has to be done every 5 years. A plan is needed to receive non-emergency disaster assistance and protect from future disasters.

**PROJECTS IN PROGRESS REPORT, Keith Lagrange, City Public Works Director:** Mr. LaGrange gave a brief description of these projects.

1. LS 3 (Jackson @ Jefferson) & 39 (Christian Ct.) Upgrades
2. Lift station 42 (10th St.) & 43 (Libby Ln.) Upgrades
3. Lift station 4 Upgrades (Foy St.)
4. Golden Glen Water Main Rehab
5. Fontainebleau Force Main Repair
6. Lift Station 13 (N. Causeway Blvd.), Lift Station 18 (Golden Glen) & Lift Station 37 (Sanctuary)
7. Lift Station A (Montgomery St. @ Dupree St.) & Lift Station 27(Mandeville High Blvd.)
8. Old Golden Shores Drainage Improvements
9. 2022 Roadway and Drainage Maintenance
10. 2021 Water and Sewer Maintenance
11. 2022 Asphalt Maintenance
12. 2022 Striping Maintenance

Ms. Sconzert reported the Old Golden Shores project (Briggs property) was waiting for the final dimensions to draw up paperwork for an act of servitude.

**SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS:**

1. **Special Event Permit Application for Our Lady of the Lake-“Candlelight Blessing of the Mandeville Cemetery”** to be held on November 7, 2024 at 7:00pm. Location: Mandeville Cemetery, Mandeville, La. Father Cory Ford invited everyone to be part of this. Motion by Mr. Zuckerman, second by Mr. Vogeltanz and approved by all.

2. **Special Event Permit for Our Lady of the Lake- “Eucharistic Procession”** to be held on November 24, 2024 at 1:00pm. Location: See map. Father Ford stated this practice started in the 13th century and invited the community to come out. Motion by Mr. Zuckerman, second by Ms. McGuire and approved by all.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Adoption of Ordinance 24-33:** **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AMENDING AND ADOPTING THE PERSONNEL POLICIES PART I,** **SECTION 08(A),** ADDING SECTION 6.08(A)(1) INTERNAL PROMOTION WITHOUT COMPETITION FOR THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES’ CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM, AND ITS EMPLOYEE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH (Councilman Zuckerman, At- Large) Motion by Mr. Zuckerman, second by Ms. McGuire. Ms. Anderson stated this allows Directors to petition Civil Service to allow a current employee to be promoted without the normal recruitment and testing procedures. Mr. Vogeltanz asked why and stated this could be an issue of “favoritism”. Ms. Anderson stated the Director would have to present to the Civil Service Board the reasons, qualifications, and experience of the employee and they would have the final say, but that it allows an employee to be rewarded for their excellence without the long process of recruitment. Donald Villere, 584 Park Ave, does not agree with this. Brian Rhinehart, 712 Carondelet St, said Government should be run like a business and the most successful businesses promote from within. Bretta St. Romain, 3511 Monroe St, thinks that is a “slippery slope” and should not happen. Rebecca Rohrbough, 2525 Lakeshore Dr, asked if this would require the Mayor’s approval (Ms. Anderson said no) and if Civil Service declined would the normal process still apply (Ms. Anderson said yes). No further discussion and Ordinance 24-33 passed with a vote of 4-1(Mr. Vogeltanz).
2. **Adoption of Ordinance 24-34:** **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO AMEND ITS CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING A SECTION, TO BE NUMBERED SECTION 2-11**, REGARDING THE PROCEDURE TO DECLARE OR VACATE A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM OF BUILDING AND ZONING APPLICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE CITY BOUNDARIES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS (Councilman Vogeltanz) Motion by Mr. Vogeltanz, motion died for lack of a second.
3. **Adoption of Ordinance 24-35:** **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE REPEALING AND REPLACING ARTICLE 8.3: FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION** REGULATIONS OF THE LAND USE REGULATIONS OF APPENDIX A – COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND PROVIDING FOR FURTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. (Councilman Discon, At-Large) Motion by Ms. Strong-Thompson, second by Ms. McGuire. Ms. Bartholomew stated every few years, FEMA updates the language used in the CLURO. If not adopted, the flood rating for the City could be affected. Ms. Rohrbough asked the status of the Historic Registered District, Ms. Bartholomew said the survey was in progress and had to be reviewed by the Commission. The vote was unanimous, and Ordinance 24-35 passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**:

1. **Approval of Change Order No.** 4 to the 2022 Striping Maintenance Contract project (Councilmember Discon, At-Large) Motion by Ms. Strong-Thompson, second by Ms. McGuire. Mr. Lyons explained the contractor had given a lower price than was quoted and some traffic control devices were added to the contract. A vote was taken and Change Order No. 4 was passed 5-0.

**2. Introduction of Ordinance 24-36:** **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AMENDING THE JOB DESCRIPTION OF CULTURAL DEVELOPENT CLERK II** WITHIN THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. (Councilman Discon, At-Large) Motion by Mr. Zuckerman, second by Ms. McGuire.

3. **Introduction of Ordinance 24-37**; **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 24-23, THE CAPITAL BUDGET** OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. (Councilman Zuckerman, At-Large). Motion by Mr. Zuckerman, second by Ms. Strong-Thompson.

4. **Introduction of Ordinance 24-38**; **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 24-22**, THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. (Councilman Zuckerman, At-Large). Motion by Mr. Zuckerman, second by Ms. McGuire.

5. **Adoption of Resolution 24-61**: **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO EXECUTE THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND** STATE PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE RECREATION AND TOURISM OFFICE OF STATE PARKS DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.(Councilman Discon, At-Large) Motion by Ms. McGuire, second by Ms. Strong-Thompson. Mr. LaGrange stated the City had been informed of an available grant and had applied within 72 hours and been awarded the money. This Resolution allows the Mayor to enter an agreement for that grant. John Kleinschmidt and Cassie Nichols, Waggonner & Ball, spoke about helping to get this grant in the time allotted. Glen Runyon, 3511 Monroe St, voiced his concern about the budget amendment that would be needed. Mr. LaGrange reiterated that this was only to allow the Mayor to enter into agreement for the grant. The budget amendments would come later and could be voted against at that time. A vote was taken and Resolution 24-61 was passed with a vote of 5-0.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tracy Elsensohn, 1379 Valmont St, asked about a special meeting to discuss the cemetery. Mr. Discon set a special meeting date of October 24, 2024 at 5:00pm to discuss the cemetery and non-profits/ economic development.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms. McGuire, second by Ms. Strong-Thompson and the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm..