



These minutes are from the meetings of the Public Committees on August 7, 2018. Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper called the meeting to order. Alderman Berrigan and Bitch Welliver were absent.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1.) Mayor Lemons announced the dates of the upcoming Historic Commission meeting and electoral candidate events.

Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper reminded attendees to be alert while driving now that school is back in session. The Mayor Pro Tem also announced that Acadian Ambulance is offering memberships in return for reduced ambulance fees.

GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE: Mayor Lemons, in Alderman Berrigan's absence, moved to open the Governmental Committee meeting and to accept the July 2018 minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper. Mayor Lemons opened discussion of the possibility of initiating a moratorium on Planned Unit Developments in the town. The Mayor explained that many members of the community support a reconsideration of the current law. He stated that he appreciates this position and said that a moratorium would allow time to consider changes as part of a comprehensive Master Plan. Town Attorney Edward Deano commented that the Board should consider objectives in the implementation of a moratorium. He added that current approved developments would not be subject to the proposed action. Mayor Lemons suggested that the time period for the suspension be established at one year. Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper agreed providing there were no conflicts with other developments. Residents offered varying opinions regarding the duration of the action and its relationship to the timeline for implementation of a Master Plan. Mayor Lemons moved to close the Governmental Committee meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE: Alderman Murphy moved to open the Infrastructure Committee Meeting and to accept the July 2018 minutes, seconded by Mayor Lemons (sitting in on behalf of Alderman Berrigan.) With no business on the agenda, Alderman Murphy asked the public if they had any questions. Questions were posed regarding grants provided by the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation, details of the sewer rehabilitation project, and utility meter radio transmitting devices. Mayor Lemons provided the following information. The two Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation grants involving the evaluation of the town's wastewater treatment plant and a strategy to expand its capacity and another to complete a calibrated hydraulic computer model of the wastewater gravity collection system and identify cost-effective alternatives for increasing future capacity are in process. The Mayor also reported on progress related to GIS mapping. A local resident raised questions regarding the efficacy of the town's RF meter reading system. He asserted that he observed repeated visits for the manual reading of a neighbor's water meter and asserted that it appears the problem is widespread. Mayor Lemons answered that the town is working on system improvements and will continue to do so. Alderman Murphy moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mayor Lemons.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Alderman Murphy (filling in for Alderman Bitch-Welliver) moved to open the Finance Committee Meeting and accept the July 2018 minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper. Finance Director Niki Mendow presented the Mid-Year 2018 Financial Report. Ms. Mendow advised that she continues to refine coding of income and expenses. Responding to a resident's question, she stated that she would not be separating the financials into first and second quarter reports, adding that she finds cash flow accounting ineffectual when income and expenses are not fixed. Alderman Murphy moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Alderman Curtis moved to open the Economic Development Committee Meeting and to accept the July 2018 minutes, seconded by Alderman Murphy. Mayor Lemons advised the Committee that Hutton Co. will obliged to enter into a developmental agreement with the Town to detail specifications regarding utility line extensions to the property prior to annexation. The Council members noted that if interested parties are dividing the property, that several matters must first be resolved including resubdivision by the Parish. Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper also questioned whether the Town has any assurance from the Parish that they will not challenge the Town's right to receive sales tax proceeds from the retailer. Residents expressed concern over proper waste disposal at the site and the potential for increased traffic problems. Alderman Curtis moved to close the meeting, seconded by Alderman Murphy.

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MEETING ADJOURNED
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 7th DAY OF AUGUST 2018.

Kathy Armand, Town Clerk

Greg Lemons, Mayor