



These minutes are from the meetings of the Public Committees on June 6, 2017. Alderman Berrigan led the pledge of allegiance and Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper opened the meeting.

**GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE:** Alderman Berrigan moved to open the Governmental Committee Meeting and to accept the May 2017 minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper. Alderman Berrigan began discussion of the Town's selection of the Official Journal. Mayor Lemons advised that The Farmer continues to be the only newspaper printed in St. Tammany Parish. Alderman Berrigan favorably recommended the resolution selecting The St. Tammy Farmer as the Town's Official Journal, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper. Alderman Berrigan invited the Mayor to discuss the extension of the garbage service contract. Mayor Lemons said that there would be a small increase of eighty cents per month for residential customers. Upgrades in service include a weekly green waste pick-up and waste and recycle dumpsters for Town facilities. Alderman Berrigan moved to favorably recommend the adjustment of the garbage rate forward, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper. Alderman Berrigan moved to close the committee meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper.

**INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE:** Alderman Berrigan moved to open the Infrastructure Committee Meeting and to accept the May 2017 minutes. In Alderman Murphy's absence, Mayor Lemons seconded each motion. The Mayor reported that the design work for the new columbarium at the cemetery is underway and he presented the preliminary plan and architectural model. Mayor Lemons went on to say that the VFW will fund part of the project and an area will be dedicated for their use. Alderman Berrigan moved to close the committee meeting, seconded by Mayor Lemons.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Alderman Blich Welliver was absent and in her place Mayor Lemons moved to open the Finance Committee Meeting and to accept the minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper seconded the motions by the Mayor. Town Clerk, Kathy Armand announced that the Public Hearing for the roll forward of the millage is scheduled for 6pm on Tuesday, June 20. Mayor Lemons 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 May 2017 minutes. Alderman Murphy was absent and Mayor Lemons seconded each motion in his absence. Alderman Curtis opened the discussion of a request by the Abita Guest House LLC, represented by William Preble, to support their application to the Louisiana Board of Industry and Commerce for the Restoration Tax Abatement Program. Alderman Curtis invited Mr. Preble to address the Council. Mr. Preble explained that he is managing the rehabilitation of a property in the town center. Improvements include plans to add four guest rooms each with its own bath on the second floor with a larger unit including a kitchen on the first floor. The lobby will also be located on the first floor. Mr. Preble advised that the gardens will be enhanced and he hopes that both out of town visitors and locals will patronize the business. He asked the board to support the project and the application for the restoration tax abatement. The acceptance of the application would freeze the ad valorem tax at its current level for five years. Eligibility extends for an additional five-year abatement period upon approval. Mr. Preble added that the support of the Council is meaningful to the locally owned business's success. Mayor Lemons reviewed positive points including the obvious benefits to the community and favorably endorsed the resolution, seconded by Alderman Curtis. Alderman Curtis opened discussion of Planning and Zoning matters related to the review of the subdivision ordinance. Mayor Lemons reported that the parties interested in the development of the Abita Quail Farm property have proposed a plan which does not fully conform to the current subdivision ordinance. At their last meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission discussed a review of the ordinance. Reportedly, since that discussion, the developer has decided to apply to the Commission for a variance. Details related to water and sewer infrastructure have not yet been determined. Alderman Curtis opened discussion of AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 309 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS RELATIVE TO THE ZONING RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON A CERTAIN PIECE OF GROUND IN SECTIONS 5 AND 8 TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 12 EAST, ST. TAMMANY PARISH, STATE OF LOUISIANA; AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. The Mayor explained that the amendment was drafted to clarify that the Abita Meadows Planned Unit Development (PUD) is bound by the recently adopted PUD Ordinance #469 and that Ordinance #309 no longer applies. Mayor Lemons reported that negotiations regarding infrastructure are underway. After a tentative agreement has been reached, the Board's authorization to execute a "Developmental Agreement" will be sought. Alderman Curtis moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mayor Lemons.

Alderman Berrigan moved to close the meeting of the Public Committees, seconded by Alderman Curtis.

MEETING ADJOURNED  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2017.

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Kathy Armand, Town Clerk

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Greg Lemons, Mayor