

CITY OF OPELOUSAS
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
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The Council of the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 14th day of October 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

With Mayor Donald R. Cravins, Sr. presiding, the meeting was called to order.

The Mayor requested the City Clerk to call the roll and the following Council members were PRESENT: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum and Jacqueline Martin. ABSENT: None.

A moment of silent meditation was observed. Mayor Donald R. Cravins, Sr., led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Alderman Louis Butler, Jr., seconded by Alderman Joseph Charles, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 09/09/2014, **with the following corrections: under CONSENTS Section**, *“On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum and seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, it was resolved to approve the hiring of the following in the Police Department, effective 09/28/2014, pending satisfaction of prerequisites: (a) Forest Robinson; (b) John Malveaux; and (c) James Stephen”* **should read**, *“On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum and seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, it was resolved to approve the hiring of the following in the Police Department, effective 09/28/2014, pending satisfaction of prerequisites: (a) Forest Robinson; (b) John Malveaux; and (c) Glenn Stephen”*.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs, seconded by Alderman Reginald Tatum and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the agenda, with the following changes: **deleting under PRESENTATIONS Section**, Item No. 6, *“Presentation for recognition of the Employee of the Month”*; and Item No. 10, *“Presentation by Chief Perry Gallow regarding the purchase of thirty (30) body cameras for the police department at a total cost of \$19,118.61 for cameras, software, evidence storage and licensing”*; **correcting under the PRESENTATIONS Section**, Item No. 13, *“Discuss request for approval of the plat being submitted for the RE-SUBDIVISION of Lot #12-A through Lot #17-A located on Normandie Drive in Clos Du Bois Subdivision (Michael Richard)”* to read, *“Discuss request for approval of the plat being submitted for the EXTENSION of Lots #12 through #17 and abandonment of the 15’ utility easement that goes through Lots 1-25 and Lots 63-81 in Clos Du Bois Subdivision (Michael Richard)”*.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation for recognition of the Employee of the Month. This item was deleted.

Presentation by Mrs. Yvonne Normand regarding the Sports Park Soccer Field. Mrs. Normand discussed the soccer field proposal which places eight (8) soccer fields on Cherry Street along with the age groups which will be playing on each of those fields. She pointed out that the Youth 12 and up actually can be converted to two fields for the Youth 4-6 if they have multiple games that need to be played at one time. They are looking at a total proposed plan for getting that lot prepared by simply doing a lot of grass cutting and have benches put on it. The bench cost is a proposed pricing from Washington Career and Technical Education Center where the students will be preparing and making the benches and the flags, the cost of port-o-potties, as well as the balls will be a proposed cost of \$19,000.00. Alderman Blair Briggs asked if any of the area schools that participate in soccer would be using the fields. Mrs. Normand stated that would be up to the discretion of the Parks & Recreation Department. She stated that this would be recreational soccer and basically there would be a mix of students learning the dynamics of soccer. Alderman Julius Alsandor asked if they would have to do any other type of landscaping in the area of the soccer fields. Mr. Clarence Watson stated that they would probably have to do some renovating on the land but they won’t know until the grass is cut. Mayor Cravins asked for an update on the boxing program. Mr. Watson stated that they started the orders on the equipment and the building has been cleaned. Once they get the equipment in, then they will be starting registration. On a motion by Alderman Joseph Charles and seconded by Aldermen Reginald Tatum and Louis Butler, Jr., it was resolved to approve the creation of eight (8) soccer fields on the Cherry Street property. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Presentation by the “Keep Opelousas Beautiful” Committee. Mr. Raymond Duplechain stated that Louisiana spends forty million dollars a year on cleanups. He gave an update on Keep Opelousas Beautiful. He stated that they have been able to get two different sets of trash cans—one \$5,000.00 grant and one \$8,700.00 grant—from Keep Louisiana Beautiful. They also received a \$5,000.00 grant from Lowe’s to do the Railroad Avenue project. He thanked the general public for doing what he hoped would happen—they are not throwing nearly as much trash on the ground. They also received another

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grant for \$1,000.00 to place cigarette butt containers throughout the City. They have been fortunate to complete four litter indexes which show that littering is decreasing throughout the City. Some of the suggestions to improve the cleanliness of Opelousas are to take a look at grass in the ditches, unauthorized trash piles in some areas, abandoned cars need to be removed, some buildings need to come down, and put the City ordinances on the City's website. Mr. Duplechain commended Mrs. Doucet and her department on what they do with the Trash Bash and he thanked the other departments that help with keeping the City clean. Alderman Julius Alsandor commended Mr. Duplechain and the Keep Opelousas Beautiful committee along with the Code Enforcement Department for their efforts, but it will take an effort by all of the citizens of Opelousas to sustain what was started and have it much cleaner than what it is today. Mr. Duplechain stated that last week he attended the State Keep Louisiana Beautiful Conference and one of the things they are encouraging is that cities start to take advantage of the National Keep Clean Day project. He pointed out that they will need the help of the Council to give them five people from their districts that they can call on to get some help with this project.

At this time, Mayor Cravins introduced Representative Stephen Ortego. Representative Ortego is working on a project for Opelousas to deal with a bike trail and a jogging and walking trail to put into capital outlay. He stated that he had a great meeting this week with the Mayor about going for some matching capital outlay funds for four miles of bike trails through the City of Opelousas from North Park to South Park as well as putting in a one mile walking trail in South Park. They will be fighting for this in the Legislature. He also wanted to come and show his support for the Development District near the Harry Guilbeau exit. Opelousas is only one of four places in the state that has a race track. He thinks that the horse culture in this area is huge. Lastly, he also had a great meeting with the Superintendent of Education here and they are getting CODEFIL more involved. They are doing more French Immersion education which is important to our culture and it has fifteen to thirty percent better test scores than non-Immersion students.

Presentation by Mr. Alvin Guidry regarding submission for a commemorative U.S. Postage Stamp honoring the late Mr. Rodney Milburn. Mr. Guidry was not present. Mayor Cravins announced that on Saturday there will be a commemoration and unveiling of the J.S. Clark Memorial at the Village at 11:00 a.m. One of the people that will be honored in that particular monument is Rodney Milburn along with some other distinguished folks who were very much involved in J.S. Clark.

*Presentation by Chief Perry Gallow regarding the purchase of thirty (30) body cameras for the police department at a total cost of \$19,118.61 for cameras, software, evidence storage and licensing. **This item was deleted.***

Discuss request by Mr. Wayne Champagne, owner of Mr. Bees Carwash, for an appeal hearing to appeal the decision of the Historic District Commission concerning signage on his building. Mr. Champagne stated that the Historic District did not approve his signage on the front of the building facing Wailor Street because it is a narrow, long building and based on the Commission's calculations, it doesn't seem like they would be able to put the sign on the front side of the building so they are asking for a variance. Mrs. Melanie Lee Lebouef stated that Mr. Champagne did a request for two signs—a pedestal sign which was approved—but on the secondary sign, the Historic District Commission went by the calculation formula which allotted 10 feet, however the lettering expanded to 20 feet. Mr. Champagne stated that the monument sign has already been made but the other sign has been put on hold until a decision is made. Mayor Cravins suggested that the Historic District and Mr. Champagne get together and come to some sort of compromise and then come back before the Council with the compromise. Mrs. Lebouef stated that she would be glad to go back before the commission with this suggestion. A motion was made by Alderman Joseph Charles to approve the request to overturn the decision of the Historic District Commission regarding signage for Mr. Bees Carwash. The motion died for lack of a second. On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor, it was resolved to refer the issue back to the Historic District Commission. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:
YEAS: Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.
NAYS: Joseph Charles.
ABSENT: None.

Discuss request for VARIANCE of property located in a DMU (Downtown Mixed Use) Zone at 205 W. Landry Street to stock and sell portable buildings at this location (Daniel Mistic, Jr. /Myles Harmon). A Public Hearing regarding this matter was held by the Planning Commission on 10/13/2014. This property is located across the street from Dairy Queen—vacant parking lot next to the canal. The Historic District Commission granted a Certificate of Appropriateness and the Planning Commission approved the request. On a motion by Aldermen Blair Briggs and Louis Butler, Jr., and seconded by Alderman Reginald Tatum, it was resolved to approve the request for VARIANCE of property located in a

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DMU (Downtown Mixed Use) Zone at 205 W. Landry Street to stock and sell portable buildings at this location (Daniel Mistic, Jr. /Myles Harmon). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Discuss request for approval of the plat being submitted for the EXTENSION of Lots #12 through #17 and abandonment of the 15' utility easement that goes through Lots 1-25 and Lots 63-81 in Clos Du Bois Subdivision (Michael Richard). On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor, it was resolved to approve the request for approval of the plat being submitted for the EXTENSION of Lots #12 through #17 and abandonment of the 15' utility easement that goes through Lots 1-25 and Lots 63-81 in Clos Du Bois Subdivision (Michael Richard). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Presentation by City Attorney. Attorney Garrett Duplechain stated that he had no business to discuss.

Engineers Monthly Report. Mr. William Jarrell stated that he had no business to discuss.

At this time, Mayor Cravins announced that the City has just received a letter from the State Fire Marshall's office stating that the City has maintained its Protection Class 2 rating and it is good for the next five years. He commended the Fire Department and the Water Distribution Center for their joint efforts in this matter.

Mayor Cravins requested that the Bids Section be skipped at this time to proceed to the Resolutions Section.

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR DONALD R. CRAVINS, SR., TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY TO ASSIST IN AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2013-2015 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (CFMS #LHA-13-15-17) FOR THE NEW LIFE CENTER WHICH IS A SHELTER FOR HOMELESS WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND THE LIGHTHOUSE MISSION WHICH IS A SHELTER FOR HOMELESS MEN.

On a motion by Aldermen Louis Butler, Jr., and Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Reginald Tatum, the following Resolution was offered for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 12 OF 2014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR DONALD R. CRAVINS, SR., TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY TO ASSIST IN AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2013-2015 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (CFMS #LHA-13-15-17) FOR THE NEW LIFE CENTER WHICH IS A SHELTER FOR HOMELESS WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND THE LIGHTHOUSE MISSION WHICH IS A SHELTER FOR HOMELESS MEN

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated that there is a need for the New Life Center and the Lighthouse Mission, and WHEREAS, the Opelousas Housing Corporation, sponsored by the Diocese of Lafayette, is interested in operating the New Life Center as a shelter for homeless women and children, and the Lighthouse Mission is interested in operating a shelter for homeless men.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen, that Mayor Donald R. Cravins, Sr., is authorized to act on behalf of the governing authority to assist the New Life Center and the Lighthouse Mission in an application for a grant, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no city funds are authorized to be encumbered in regards to this project.

The above Resolution, having been submitted to a vote, was adopted on this 14th day of October 2014 as follows:

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF PART OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS IN A PROPOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO BE CREATED BY THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL AND CALLED THE "HARRY GUILBEAU AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA," AND

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PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING. Mayor Cravins stated that last month St. Landry Parish Council voted and began the process of creating an Economic Development District on Harry Guilbeau Road in St. Landry Parish. The District will consist of about 729 acres—the most aggressive economic development undertaking probably in the Parish. It provides great opportunities not only for the Parish but also for the City of Opelousas and it creates a model that could be followed throughout the Parish because if indeed it is successful in the Opelousas they think it could be used in Eunice and other municipalities that perhaps could not go on their own on that large of an initiative for economic development but would have the assistance and the cooperative workings of both bodies. It also sends a very important message to the rest of the business community that Opelousas and St. Landry Parish are open for business. It is a unique opportunity and a great beginning. There is keen interest in those properties even today and even before the District is even created. The intent of that whole District is to incorporate those 729 acres into the City of Opelousas and they will then be able to enjoy some of the positive amenities that we have to offer, one of them being the fact that we have great fire rating. In addition to that, we can work cooperatively to provide water and all of the infrastructure needs—Parish and City—in the District. It signals the beginning of a new St. Landry and a new Opelousas. Mr. Bill Fontenot, Parish president, is asking the City to approve the Resolution joining with the Parish as partners in creating an Economic Development District. If we take advantage of creating a District, it creates other incentives and opportunities for our community to develop. Once we pass this in partnership, it allows us to get out of the way and let the other piece of our partnership, which is the private sector, take on the burden and the risk. Mr. Fontenot recognized two of the Parish Council members who were present—Mr. Jerry Red and Mr. Lejuene. Mayor Cravins asked what the Parish Council vote was on this matter. Mr. Fontenot stated that it was unanimous. Mayor Cravins recognized Mr. Harold Foreman with Crown Development; Mr. Bill Rodier, with St. Landry Economic Development; Mr. Pat Fontenot, who is on the advisory committee; Ms. Lynn Lejuene with the Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Timmy Lejuene and Mr. Jerry Red, Parish Council members; Ms. Cheryl Stelly; Mrs. Melanie Lebouef, who serves on the advisory board; and Mr. David Wolf, the attorney with Adams and Reese. Alderman Alsandor complimented Mr. Bill Fontenot and the Parish Council. He spoke in support of the Economic Development District. He stated that all of us will have to play a part in the growth of our City. Alderman Tatum asked if anyone in the audience wanted to ask any questions regarding the creation of the Economic Development District. No one had any questions.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Aldermen Joseph Charles and Blair Briggs:

RESOLUTION NO. 13 OF 2014

A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF PART OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS IN A PROPOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO BE CREATED BY THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL AND CALLED THE "HARRY GUILBEAU AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA," AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

WHEREAS, Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, *et seq.*) (the "Act") authorizes municipalities, parishes and certain other local governmental subdivisions to create economic development districts to carry out the purposes of the Act, which economic development districts are political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana and possess such power and authority and have such duties as provided by the Act and other law; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), acting through this Parish Council as its governing authority, desires to avail itself of the Act to create an economic development district to be called the "Harry Guilbeau Area Economic Development District, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana" (the "District"), in accordance with La. R.S. 33:9038.32, from which District local sales tax increments and local hotel occupancy tax increments are expected to be determined and used to fund an economic development district trust fund; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act, particularly La. R.S. 33:9038.32(B), La. R.S. 33:9038.39, and Resolution No. 2014-021 adopted on September 25, 2014, the Parish has given notice of its intention to create the District, and notice that it will hold a public hearing relative to the proposed creation of the District, including a description of the boundaries of the District and containing a map showing the boundaries of the District, which notice has been published in the Parish's official journal in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Opelousas, State of Louisiana (the "City"), in accordance with the requirements of La. R.S. 33:9038.32(C)(3), has been informed by the Parish of the proposed creation of the District and that the District will include certain territory located within the City on the west side of I-49, south of Harry Guilbeau Rd., as detailed on the map attached to this resolution as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Act, particularly La. R.S. 33:9038.32(C)(3) provides that if the governing authority of a parish proposes to establish, by ordinance, an economic development district whose boundaries include any territory located within the corporate limits of a municipality, then the governing authority of the parish shall not adopt the ordinance to create any such district without the prior written consent of the governing authority of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Opelousas, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the City of Opelousas, State of Louisiana, that the City, acting through this governing authority, does hereby consent to the inclusion in the proposed District of any territory located within the proposed District, as shown on Exhibit A, that is

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within the municipal limits of the City, as well as any other property in the proposed District that may be determined to be within the municipal limits of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be furnished to the Clerk of the St. Landry Parish Council to evidence the prior written consent of the City to the inclusion of such territory in the District.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

And the resolution was declared adopted, on this, the 14th day of October, 2014.

City Clerk

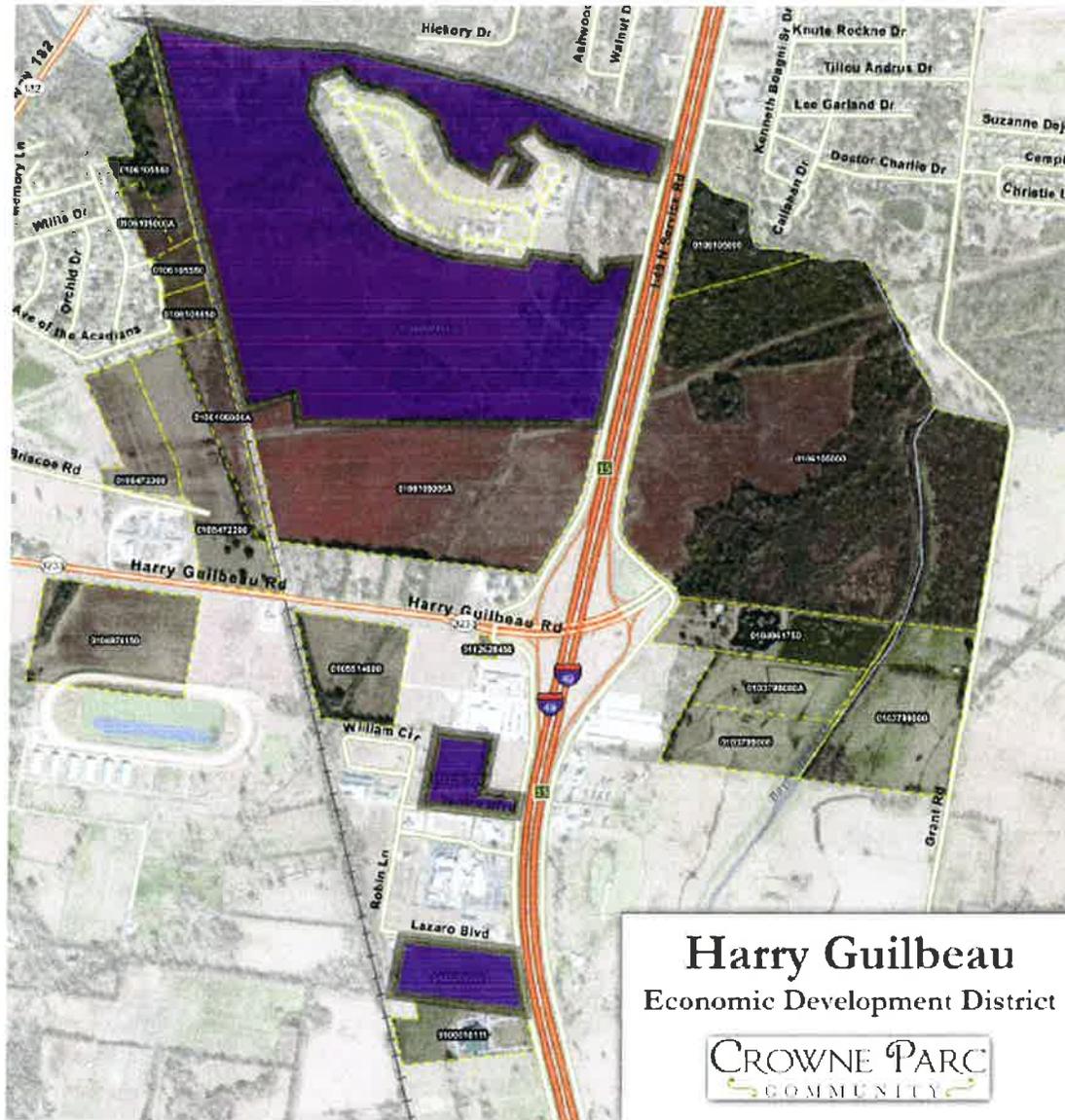
Mayor

EXHIBIT A
to Creation Ordinance

DESCRIPTION OF AREAS OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS
THAT ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED
HARRY GUILBEAU AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

<u>Parcel ID#</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>In City*</u>
106008950	Clos Du Bois (large shaded parcel on map)	214.474	Yes
102251000	Med Land (two smaller shaded parcels on map)	13.412	Yes

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Harry Guilbeau
Economic Development District

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COMMUNITY

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CREATION OF A JOINT COMMISSION TO BE KNOWN AS THE "ST. LANDRY PARISH EVENTS CENTER COMMISSION," AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT COMMISSION AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, THE HARRY GUILBEAU AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA, THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS AND THE ST. LANDRY PARISH ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

The following resolution was offered by Aldermen Louis Butler, Jr., and Blair Briggs and seconded by Aldermen Joseph Charles and Reginald Tatum:

RESOLUTION NO. 14 OF 2014

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CREATION OF A JOINT COMMISSION TO BE KNOWN AS THE "ST. LANDRY PARISH EVENTS CENTER COMMISSION," AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT COMMISSION AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, THE HARRY GUILBEAU AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA, THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS AND THE ST. LANDRY PARISH ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 20 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 provides that a political subdivision may exercise and perform any authorized power and function, including financing, jointly or in cooperation with one or more political subdivisions, either within or without the state, or with the United States or its agencies; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 provides that the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual; and

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WHEREAS, Sub-Part A, Part VII, Chapter 2 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:1321, *et seq.*) (the "Local Services Law") provides that political subdivisions may engage jointly in the construction, acquisition or improvement of any public project or improvement, the promotion and maintenance of any undertaking or the exercise of any power, provided at least one of the participants is authorized under a provision of general or special law to perform such activity or exercise such power as may be necessary for completion of the undertaking; and

WHEREAS, Part II of the Cooperative Economic Development Law (La. R.S. 33:9038.31 through 9038.42) provides that local governmental subdivisions (including municipalities, public corporations and other public entities) may cooperate or engage in cooperative endeavors providing for cooperative financing of economic development projects with other local governmental subdivisions or with any other private or public entity or person, for the purpose of aiding in cooperative development, all as defined in the Cooperative Economic Development Law; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:1332 provides that any parishes or municipalities concluding an agreement under the provisions The Local Services Law may create by resolutions duly adopted by the governing bodies thereof a joint commission as an agency and instrumentality of such parishes or municipalities to administer the terms of such agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), the City of Opelousas, State of Louisiana (the "City"), the Harry Guilbeau Area Economic Development District, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana (the "District") and the St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District ("SLED"), have determined or will determine that it is in the best interest of each of such entities to engage jointly in the construction, acquisition or improvement of public projects or improvements within the Parish, and the promotion and maintenance of such public projects or improvements, and to provide for the joint use of funds, facilities, personnel or property or any combination thereof necessary to accomplish the purposes of this agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Parish, the City, and SLED specifically wish to engage jointly the construction, acquisition, improvement, operation and maintenance of a facility to be known as the "St. Landry Parish Events Center," and should the demand therefor exist then to further engage jointly in the construction, acquisition, improvement, operation and maintenance of other economic development projects within the Parish; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish the foregoing goals, the Parish, the City, the District and SLED proposed to avail themselves of the foregoing statutory and constitutional authorities, and in particular Section 1332 of The Local Services Law, to create and establish a joint commission to be known as the "St. Landry Parish Events Center Commission" (the "Commission"), and to endow the Commission with those powers given to joint commissions generally under The Local Services Law and as may be further set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Opelousas, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the City of Opelousas, State of Louisiana, that:

Creation of Joint Commission. Pursuant to The Local Services Law, and particularly La. R.S. 33:1332, the City, the Parish, the District and SLED shall establish a joint commission to be known as the "St. Landry Parish Events Center Commission," the primary object and purpose of promoting and encouraging the development of economic and industrial opportunities, through the construction of an events center in the Parish, and for the purpose of stimulating the economy of the Parish through renewed commerce and industry, and for the utilization and development of natural and human resources of the Parish by providing job opportunities.

Authorization of City Officers. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute for and on behalf of the City a Joint Commission Agreement substantially in the form and to contain substantially the terms and provisions as set forth in Exhibit A hereto, and said officers are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all other things necessary and incidental to carry out the intent and provisions of this resolution.

Approval of Special Counsel Contract. It is recognized that pursuant to La. R.S. 33:1324, any parish, municipality or political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, or any combination thereof, may make agreements between or among themselves to engage jointly in any undertaking or the exercise of any power, provided that at least one of the participants to the agreement is authorized under a provision of general or special law to perform such activity or exercise such power as may be necessary for completion of the undertaking, and that such arrangements may provide for the joint use of funds necessary to accomplish the purposes of the agreement. In this regard, this Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of professional consultants to provide consultation, guidance, advice and recommendations and help develop the strategies necessary to pursue the development of the Event Center (the "Professional Consultant's Role") and to provide legal services of a traditional nature related thereto (the "Special Counsel Role"). To provide such services, the City recognizes that the Parish has employed or will employ Adams and Reese LLP, of New Orleans, Louisiana, as professional consultants and special counsel in connection with such matters and in connection with the creation of the District, the levy of additional sales and use taxes and hotel occupancy taxes in the District, and in connection with the creation of the St. Landry Parish Events Center Commission. This governing authority further acknowledges and waives any actual or potential conflict of interest that may arise by virtue of Adams and Reese LLP representing the Parish in this matter.

This governing authority acknowledges that Adams and Reese LLP is being engaged by the Parish, that the Parish is the firm's client in this matter, and that the City is not the firm's client in this matter notwithstanding the fact that the City will agree to reimburse the Parish for one-half of the professional consulting fees and legal fees incurred by Adams and Reese LLP in relation to this matter.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINING: None

And the resolution was declared adopted, on this, the 14th day of October, 2014.

City Clerk

Mayor

At this time, Mayor Cravins called a five-minute break for the presenters of the previous two Resolutions to gather their belongings and exit the meeting prior to the next item. During the break, Alderman Blair Briggs had to leave early.

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BIDS

Accept Bids for Sewer Pump Parts (Bid #07-14). Pursuant to an advertisement in the Daily World for Bids for Sewer Pump Parts (Bid #07-14), three (3) bids were received:

<i>BIDDER NAME</i>	FAIRBANKS-MORSE	GORMAN-RUPP
FLUID PROCESS & PUMPS LLC	\$45,250.00	\$6,249.00
GRINER DRILLING SERVICE INC	\$33,915.00	\$6,931.00
WHOLESALE PUMP & SUPPLY	NO BID	\$4,885.00

On a motion by Aldermen Reginald Tatum and Joseph Charles, seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor and unanimously carried, it was resolved to take the bids under advisement and award to the lowest bidder meeting specifications.

Accept Bids for Mobile Concession Stand at South City Park (Bid #08-14). Pursuant to an advertisement in the Daily World for Bids for Mobile Concession Stand at South City Park (**Bid #08-14**), two (2) bids were received:

<i>BIDDER NAME</i>	<i>BID AMOUNT</i>
SANDRA DAVIS	\$200.00 per month
OLIVER THIERRY	\$200.00 per month

Mr. Oliver Thierry asked why the person who is bidding against him is able to continue bidding when they bid last time on the North Park and did not follow through with the contract that Mrs. Davis bid on. He stated that he outbid her on that bid but the Council threw out those bids because the bids were under the minimum bid. The Council re-bid at a higher rate. She won that second bid but she did not follow through with the contract. He wants to know how she can keep bidding. Mayor Cravins asked the City Clerk what would be the process in this case where the bids are the same. Mrs. Laviolette stated that the decision would be at the discretion of the Council. Mrs. Sandra Davis stated that the reason why the North City Park concession was not opened was because by the time they had finished everything the season had closed so it was no use to open it then. Mrs. Laviolette pointed out that it is not about the season, it's about the bid she placed for a 12-month period. Mrs. Davis stated that she thought she was free to do what she wanted—she didn't think there were restrictions on how many times she could bid. On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderman Joseph Charles, it was resolved to award the bid to Oliver & Alice Thierry for the Mobile Concession Stand at South City Park. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Blair Briggs (left early).

Accept Bids for North Park Pavillion. This item will be tabled in order to change some of the specifications because that part of the park is located in a flood zone so the area will have to be elevated.

CONSENTS

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum and seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and Alderman Joseph Charles, it was resolved to set Thursday, October 30, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. as the Date and Time for Trick or Treating within the corporate limits of the City of Opelousas.

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum and seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and Alderman Joseph Charles, it was resolved to grant authority to advertise for Bids for Offsite Fuel for Vehicles.

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum and seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and Alderman Joseph Charles, it was resolved to approve the change of hire date from 08/31/2014 to 09/02/2014 for the following Firefighters:
a) Jason White; b) Brett Romero.

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum and seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and Alderman Joseph Charles, it was resolved to accept the resignation of Police Officer First Class Jeremy Jennings and approve payment for one hundred twenty-five (125) hours of unused annual leave, effective 09/25/2014.

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum and seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and Alderman Joseph Charles, it was resolved to approve the recommendation by Chief Perry Gallow for suspension of Police Officer Robert Taylor for eight (8) hours without pay for violation of the Opelousas Police Policy and Procedures 14.3.9 (Unauthorized Use of Time. Tardiness—Do not fail to be prompt in reporting for duty or executing assigned task).

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On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum and seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and Alderman Joseph Charles, it was resolved to approve the recommendation by Chief Perry Gallow for suspension of Police Officer Derek Garrick for twelve (12) hours without pay for violation of the Opelousas Police Policy and Procedures 14.3.9 (Unauthorized Use of Time. Tardiness—Do not fail to be prompt in reporting for duty or executing assigned task).

A roll call vote of the Consents Section was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Blair Briggs (left early).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY, ALL CITY HALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2014. THE OPELOUSAS CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2014 AT 5:00 PM.

HOLY GHOST CREOLE FESTIVAL OPENS OCTOBER 31, 2014.

ALDERWOMAN JACQUELINE MARTIN ANNOUNCED THAT HER ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

MRS. MELANIE LEBOUF ANNOUNCED THAT THERE ARE TWO MUSIC AND MARKET EVENTS LEFT FOR THIS SEASON AND THE ANNUAL "TAKE BACK THE NIGHT" EVENT WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014.

Mr. Cedric Jackson stated that he was there about a judgment ruled by Judge Donald Hebert on May 2013. Mrs. Wanda Williams spoke regarding this matter. Alderman Julius Alsandor wanted it noted for the record that the parties involved wanted to discuss this matter publicly. Chief Gallow stated this matter involved the arrest of Mr. Jackson and seizure of money from him during his arrest. Judge Ellis Daigle ruled that the money was seized with probable cause and awarded to the Police Department. Any money that is seized is divided between the Police Department and the District Attorney's Office. The Police Department receives sixty percent and the District Attorney's office receives forty percent. Chief Gallow stated that he will speak to Mr. Charles Cravins in the District Attorney's office regarding this matter to see what percentage the Police Department is entitled to and then he will get with Mr. Jackson regarding the judgment ruling.

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum, seconded by Alderman Louis Butler, Jr., and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR