

The Mayor and Council of the City of Gretna met this day Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., in regular session the following members were present: **Mayor Belinda C. Constant; Councilmen Milton L. Crosby, Michael A. Hinyub, Mark K. Miller and Jackie J. Berthelot.**

Absent: Wayne A. Rau, Councilman-at-Large

Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Crosby offered a prayer upon the opening of the meeting; thereafter the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Notice of the Meeting

Notice of the scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting was appropriately advertised in the Times-Picayune (Official Journal) on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 and posted on the bulletin board at the main entrance of Gretna City Hall, 740 2nd Street, Gretna, Louisiana.

Agenda amended.

On motion by **Councilman Berthelot** and seconded by **Councilman Crosby**, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to amend the Agenda to remove Item 4-A. Proclamation under Presentations; to add under same Ole Man River Half Marathon 5-K and to add under other Matters: Occupational License hearing for 1124 Huey P. Long Avenue, and the same were unanimously approved.

Opening Remarks by the Mayor.

Mayor Constant reminded of the Lundi Gras celebration for 2017; said was approved at the January 11, 2017 Council regular meeting; will be discussed under other matters tonight.

Coyote concerns: Mayor Constant announced there will be a public meeting (Councilman Hinyub/Council District 2) regarding coyotes concern, on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 740 2nd Street, Gretna City Hall, Council Chambers 2nd floor Miss Robin Beaulieu, Director of Jefferson Parish Animal Control will be in attendance to give insights and answer questions regarding same.

Councilman Hinyub stated receiving a couple of concerns regarding potential coyotes sighting in the area. He talked to Miss Beaulie and Mr. Lee who did a presentation for the City of Gretna years back. This will be an information and educational meeting. He asked everyone to attend the meeting if they have any concerns.

Mayor Constant thanked Miss Melissa Martin, Entergy Customer Representative for her assistance with the power at the ferry landing. Prayers go to the victims of the tornadoes that hit the New Orleans areas yesterday.



Presentations:

Recognition of New Businesses:

Deb's Sno World (517 Lafayette Street) Debra Terrebonne, Owner

Councilman Hinyub (District 2) read aloud and presented the *Certificate of Appreciation* acknowledging and welcoming the **Deb's Sno World (517 Lafayette Street)** as a new business to the City of Gretna. Miss Terrebonne briefed on the activities and type of sales of the new business, and thanked the City of Gretna for recognizing and welcoming her business into the community.



Event Request from the floor:

Mayor Constant deferred to March 8, 2017 meeting. Applicants should be present.
36th Annual Ole Man River Half Marathon and 5-K; Saturday, December 16, 2017 - 8:00 AM
(Corner of 2nd Street and Huey P. Long Avenue.)



City Clerk read aloud in its entirety all items on the February 8, 2017 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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Approval of Meeting Minutes:

For the January 11, 2017 regular meeting minutes.

Adoption of Ordinance(s) by Consent:

ORDINANCE NO. 4760

An ordinance adopting the Amended Budget for the City of Gretna, Louisiana for the Fiscal Year of April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

WHEREAS, the Budget for the Fiscal Year of April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017 was adopted by Ordinance No. 4710 on March 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the Budget for the Fiscal Year of April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017 are presented for approval in the attached documentation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council, acting as legislative authority for the City of Gretna, that:

The Amended Budget for the City of Gretna, Louisiana for the Fiscal Year of April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017 is hereby adopted.

Provided that a majority of the City Council of the City of Gretna have voted in favor of this ordinance, this ordinance shall have the full force and effect of law at midnight on the tenth day following the Clerk's presentment of same to the Mayor, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:406(c)(2) unless the Mayor returns same, unsigned, to the Clerk during that ten-day period.

ORDINANCE NO. 4761

An ordinance as amended approving the resubdivision of Lots 1-C and 1-D, Section B, Farm Block A, Oakdale Subdivision, City of Gretna, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana INTO Lots 1-C1, 1-C2 and 1-D1, Section B, Farm Block A, Oakdale Subdivision, as per the plan of survey and resubdivision by Tildon J. Dufrene, Jr. of Dufrene Surveying and Engineering Inc., dated August 15, 2016. Municipal Address: #1 Westbank Expressway (Annexed) bounded by Whitney Avenue, Westbank Expressway and Donner Canal.)

WHEREAS, Gretna Land Development, Ltd., is the owner of Lots 1-C and 1-D, Section B, Farm Block A, Oakdale Subdivision, City of Gretna, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid owner has resubdivided Lots 1-C and 1-D, Section B, Farm Block A, Oakdale Subdivision, City of Gretna, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, INTO Lots 1-C1, 1-C2 and 1-D1, Section B, Farm Block A, Oakdale Subdivision, as per the plan of survey and resubdivision of Tildon J. Dufrene, Jr. of Dufrene Surveying and Engineering Inc., August 15, 2016 and desires approval of same, all in accordance with ordinances relative to same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Gretna, acting as legislative authority for said City, that:

SECTION I: The plan of resubdivision of Lots 1-C and 1-D, Section B, Farm Block A, Oakdale Subdivision, City of Gretna, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid owner has resubdivided Lots 1-C and 1-D, Section B, Farm Block A, Oakdale Subdivision, City of Gretna, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, INTO Lots 1-C1, 1-C2 and 1-D1, Section B, Farm Block A, Oakdale Subdivision, as per the plan of survey and resubdivision of Tildon J. Dufrene, Jr. of Dufrene Surveying and Engineering Inc., August 15, 2016, be and the same is hereby approved.

SECTION II: The Mayor of the City of Gretna be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign and execute all acts, plans and documents necessary and proper in the premises to give full force and effect to this ordinance.

Provided that a majority of the City of Gretna Council have voted in favor of this ordinance, this ordinance shall have the full force and effect of law at midnight on the tenth day following the Clerk's presentment of the same to the Mayor, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:406(c)(2) unless the Mayor returns the same, unsigned, to the Clerk during that ten-day period.

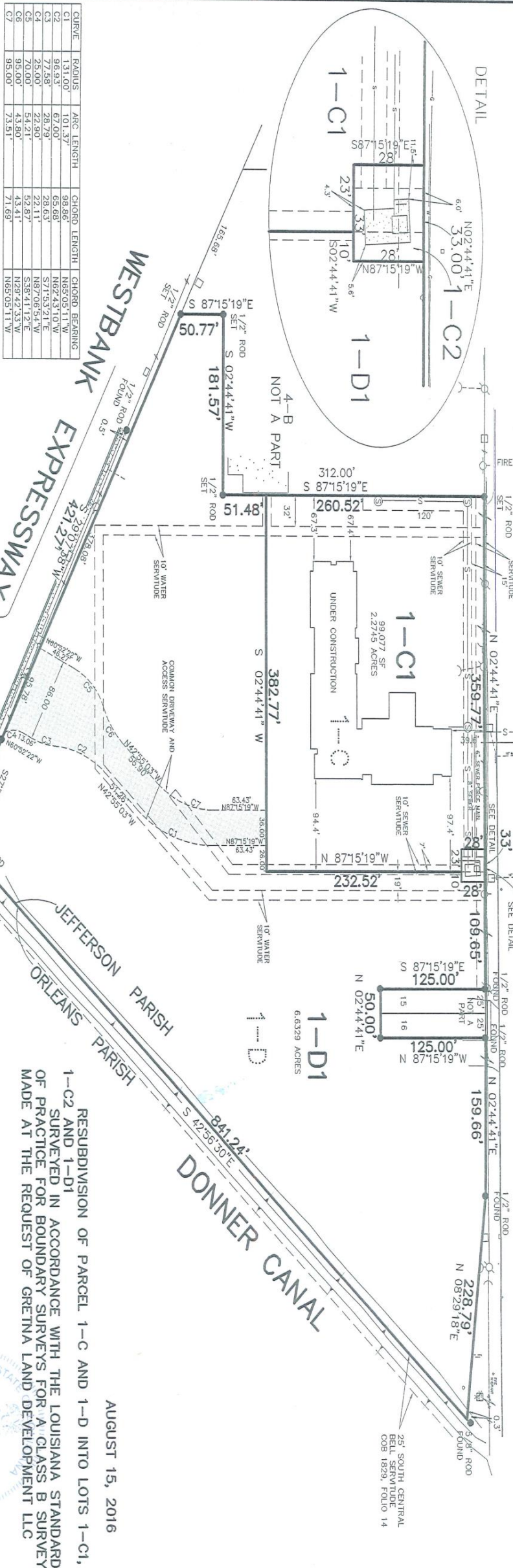
OAKDALE SUBDIVISION,
SECTION B, FARM BLOCK A
CITY OF GRETTA
JEFFERSON PARISH, LOUISIANA

WHITNEY AVENUE

Approved by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Gretna.
Date: Feb. 8, 2017
Ordinance No. 4761
Willow Dr. property
City Engineer
Burk-Kleinpefer, Inc.

/s/ BELINDA C. CONSTANT
Mayor
/s/ WILLIAM S. BANE
City Engineer
Burk-Kleinpefer, Inc.

/s/ Norma J. CRUZ
CITY CLERK
A TRUE COPY: /s/ Norma J. CRUZ
CITY CLERK



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C1	131.00'	101.37'	93.86'	N65°05'11"W
C2	96.93'	67.00'	65.68'	N62°43'10"W
C3	77.58'	28.79'	28.63'	S71°53'21"E
C4	25.00'	22.30'	22.11'	N87°06'54"W
C5	70.00'	54.21'	52.87'	S38°41'12"E
C6	95.00'	43.80'	43.41'	N29°42'33"W
C7	95.00'	73.51'	71.69'	N65°05'11"W



REFERENCE:
RESUBDIVISION PLAN BY PUREPNE SURVEYING &
ENGINEERING INC. DATED JAN 29, 2014

BEARINGS ARE BASED ON THE LOUISIANA COORDINATE
SYSTEM OF 1983, SOUTH ZONE, BY GPS OBSERVATIONS.

THE SERVITUDES AND RESTRICTIONS SHOWN ON THIS SURVEY ARE LIMITED
TO THOSE SET FORTH IN THE DESCRIPTIVE FURNISHED US AND THERE IS
NO REPRESENTATION THAT ALL APPLICABLE SERVITUDES AND RESTRICTIONS
ARE SHOWN HEREON. THE SURVEYOR HAS MADE NO TITLE SEARCH OR
PUBLIC RECORD SEARCH IN COMPILING THE DATA FOR THIS SURVEY.

**DUFRENE SURVEYING
& ENGINEERING INC.**
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RESUBDIVISION OF PARCEL 1-C AND 1-D INTO LOTS 1-C1,
1-C2 AND 1-D1
SURVEYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOUISIANA STANDARDS
OF PRACTICE FOR BOUNDARY SURVEYS FOR A CLASS B SURVEY,
MADE AT THE REQUEST OF GRETTA LAND DEVELOPMENT LLC

AUGUST 15, 2016

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ORDINANCE NO. 4762

An ordinance amending the Gretna Code of Ordinances, Chapter 58.-Zoning and Subdivisions; Article III.-Zoning Districts, Division 1.–Generally; particularly amending by adding a paragraph to Sections 58-108, 58-116, 58-117, 58-118 and 58-119.

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna has an interest in the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the City of Gretna; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna has an obligation to provide its citizens with ordinances that clearly describe permitted activities in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council, acting as legislative authority for the City of Gretna, that:

The Gretna Code of Ordinances Chapter 58 -Zoning and Subdivisions; Article III.-Zoning Districts, Division 1.–Generally; particularly amending by adding a paragraph to Sections 58-108, 58-116, 58-117, 58-118 and 58-119 are hereby amended to read:

Sec. 58-108. - Single-family residential district, R-1

(C) Conditional uses.

(1) Bed and breakfast shall be a conditional use in the BC-2 district in a Historic District with the following criteria:

i. The bed and breakfast shall preserve and compliment the residential character and integrity of the surrounding neighborhood through the following standards:

1. Minimum outward modification of the structure may be allowed only if such changes are compatible with the character of the neighborhood;
2. The exterior appearance of the structure shall not be altered from its single-family character and, with the exception of permitted signs, shall exhibit no outward indication of the business;
3. If more than one (1) principal building exists on a lot, or two (2) or more contiguous lots have been historically acquired together and the second building was originally constructed and has been used for habitable space at least five (5) years prior to the establishment of the bed and breakfast, it may be included in the operation of the bed and breakfast.
4. The bed and breakfast shall be found and determined by the city council to preserve the quality and not injure the value of the surrounding neighborhood.

Sec. 58-116. - General offices, GO-1

(C) Conditional uses.

(1) Bed and breakfast shall be a conditional use in the BC-2 district in a Historic District with the following criteria:

(7) The bed and breakfast shall preserve and compliment the residential character and integrity of the surrounding neighborhood through the following standards:

- a. Minimum outward modification of the structure may be allowed only if such changes are compatible with the character of the neighborhood;
- b. The exterior appearance of the structure shall not be altered from its single-family character and, with the exception of permitted signs, shall exhibit no outward indication of the business;
- c. If more than one (1) principal building exists on a lot, or two (2) or more contiguous lots have been historically acquired together and the second building was originally constructed and has been used for habitable space at least five (5) years prior to the establishment of the bed and breakfast, it may be included in the operation of the bed and breakfast.
- d. The bed and breakfast shall be found and determined by the city council to preserve the quality and not injure the value of the surrounding neighborhood.

Sec. 58-117. - Business Core District, BC-1

(C) Conditional uses.

(1) Bed and breakfast shall be a conditional use in the BC-2 district in a Historic District with the following criteria:

g. The bed and breakfast shall preserve and compliment the residential character and integrity of the surrounding neighborhood through the following standards:

1. Minimum outward modification of the structure may be allowed only if such changes are compatible with the character of the neighborhood;
2. The exterior appearance of the structure shall not be altered from its single-family character and, with the exception of permitted signs, shall exhibit no outward indication of the business;
3. If more than one (1) principal building exists on a lot, or two (2) or more contiguous lots have been historically acquired together and the second building was originally constructed and has been used for habitable space at least five (5) years prior to the establishment of the bed and breakfast, it may be included in the operation of the bed and breakfast.
4. The bed and breakfast shall be found and determined by the city council to preserve the quality and not injure the value of the surrounding neighborhood.

Sec. 58-118. - Business core district, BC-2

(C) Conditional uses.

(1) Bed and breakfast shall be a conditional use in the BC-2 district in a Historic District with the following criteria:

g. The bed and breakfast shall preserve and compliment the residential character and integrity of the surrounding neighborhood through the following standards:

1. Minimum outward modification of the structure may be allowed only if such changes are compatible with the character of the neighborhood;
2. The exterior appearance of the structure shall not be altered from its single-family character and, with the exception of permitted signs, shall exhibit no outward indication of the business;
3. If more than one (1) principal building exists on a lot, or two (2) or more contiguous lots have been historically acquired together and the second building was originally constructed and has been used for habitable space at least five (5) years prior to the establishment of the bed and breakfast, it may be included in the operation of the bed and breakfast.
4. The bed and breakfast shall be found and determined by the city council to preserve the quality and not injure the value of the surrounding neighborhood.

Sec. 58-119. - Neighborhood commercial district, C-1.

(C) Conditional uses.

(1) Bed and breakfast shall be a conditional use in the BC-2 district in a Historic District with the following criteria:

(7) The bed and breakfast shall preserve and compliment the residential character and integrity of the surrounding neighborhood through the following standards:

- a. Minimum outward modification of the structure may be allowed only if such changes are compatible with the character of the neighborhood;
- b. The exterior appearance of the structure shall not be altered from its single-family character and, with the exception of permitted signs, shall exhibit no outward indication of the business;
- c. If more than one (1) principal building exists on a lot, or two (2) or more contiguous lots have been historically acquired together and the second building was originally constructed and has been used for habitable space at least five (5) years prior to the establishment of the bed and breakfast, it may be included in the operation of the bed and breakfast.
- .d The bed and breakfast shall be found and determined by the city council to preserve the quality and not injure the value of the surrounding neighborhood.

Provided that a majority of the City Council of the City of Gretna have voted in favor of this ordinance, this ordinance shall have the full force and effect of law at midnight on the tenth day following the Clerk's presentment of same to the Mayor, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:406(c)(2) unless the Mayor returns same, unsigned, to the Clerk during that ten-day period.

ORDINANCE NO. 4763

**An ordinance amending the Gretna Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12. –
Businesses; particularly amending Section 12-3. - Permits to sell fireworks.**

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna has interest in the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna has the need from time to time make amendments for enforcement procedures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Gretna City Council, acting as legislative authority for said city that:

The Gretna Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12. –Businesses; particularly amending Section 12-3.- Permits to sell fireworks, is hereby amended to read:

Sec. 12-3. - Permits to sell fireworks.

Applications for fireworks permits/licenses shall be available from the city between January 2 and April 1 of each year. No application shall be accepted nor shall any fireworks permit /license be issued after April 1. Any permit/license that is not purchased by April 1 shall be deemed abandoned by the owner/managers and become available for purchase by any person qualified to hold a permit/license under the provisions of this code on January 2 of the subsequent year. Should April 1 fall on a city holiday or weekend these deadlines and restrictions will be applied on the next business day of the city.

Provided that a majority of the City of Gretna Council have voted in favor of this ordinance, this ordinance shall have the full force and effect of law at midnight on the tenth day following the Clerk's presentment of the same to the Mayor, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:406(c)(2) unless the Mayor returns the same, unsigned, to the Clerk during that ten-day period.

Adoption of Resolution(s) by Consent:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-003

A resolution to accompany the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Environmental Audit Report sent to the State of Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna has an interest in the health, welfare and safety of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna wishes to comply with the provisions established by the State of Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, acting as legislative authority for the City of Gretna, that:

The required Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Environmental Audit Report has been reviewed and corrective action is planned to address all deficiencies listed within the document.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-004

A resolution as amended, expressing support and authorizing Mayor Belinda C. Constant to submit on behalf of the City of Gretna, a grant application to the Parish of Jefferson Department of Community Development for the 2017 Community Development Block Grant Program for roadway improvements in the City of Gretna, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna has an interest in the health, welfare and safety of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is the interest of the City of Gretna to promote the economic development and quality of life aspects of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) provides funds to to assist local governments with funding for needed infrastructure and long-term capital improvements in rural areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Gretna, Louisiana, acting as governing authority of said that:

The City of Gretna hereby expresses supports and authorizes Mayor Belinda C. Constant to submit on behalf of the City of Gretna, a grant application to the Parish of Jefferson Department of Community Development for the 2017 Community Development Block Grant Program for roadway improvements in the City of Gretna, Louisiana.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-005

A resolution authorizing and directing Mayor Belinda C. Constant to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement on behalf of the City of Gretna “GRETNA” with the Parish of Jefferson “PARISH” for funding for the purchase and installation of street signs in the City of Gretna, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Article VII, Sec. 14(c) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 provides that for a public purpose, the State and its political subdivisions may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation or individuals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna, is a constitutionally and statutorily created political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, with the constitutional and statutory authority to contract, including entering into intergovernmental agreements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna and the Parish of Jefferson are authorized to enter into this Intergovernmental Agreement pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1324, which permits any parish, municipality or political subdivision of the state, or any combination thereof, to make agreements between or among themselves for roadway safety improvement; and

WHEREAS, the public purpose of this agreement is to facilitate the installation of street signs in the City of Gretna thereby increasing roadway safety for all citizens of Jefferson Parish at a cost not to exceed seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000); and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Jefferson Parish will benefit from the efforts of these parties working to assist in the completion of this project; at a cost not to exceed seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Gretna, Louisiana, acting as governing authority of said City that:

Mayor Belinda C. Constant is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement on behalf of the City of Gretna “GRETNA” with the Parish of Jefferson “PARISH” for funding for the purchase and installation of street signs in the City of Gretna, Louisiana, at a cost not to exceed seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-006

A resolution authorizing and directing Mayor Belinda C. Constant to renew the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO) to provide the City of Gretna with enhanced economic development services; said CEA is for a period of four (4) years and to authorize the payments for said services.

WHEREAS, it is the interest of the City of Gretna to promote the economic development and quality of life aspects of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna has approved an annual budget of \$25,000 to fund the delivery of enhanced economic development services for the City of Gretna; and

WHEREAS, the payment to JEDCO for economic development services for the City of Gretna is funded through the Mayor’s Fund; and

WHEREAS, City of Gretna requests JEDCO’s assistance to provide enhanced economic development services, specific to retention and creation of quality jobs, entrepreneurship and investment in the City of Gretna; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna and JEDCO have agreed to scope of services that will be instrumental in carrying out a strategic and prolonged economic development programs in the City of Gretna; and

WHEREAS, JEDCO’s mission is to proactively influence the economy through the retention and creation of quality jobs, entrepreneurship and investment in the City of Gretna, seeing the Parish of Jefferson grow concurrently.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Gretna, Louisiana, acting as governing authority of said City that:

Mayor Belinda C. Constant is hereby authorized and directed Mayor Belinda C. Constant on behalf of the City of Gretna to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO); said agreement is for a period of four (4) years, to provide enhanced economic development services for the City of Gretna; and to authorize payments for said services.

On motion by **Councilman Hinyub** and seconded by **Councilman Miller, IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve and adopt all the items read aloud from the Consent Agenda for the February 8, 2017 Council Regular meeting, by the following vote:

Yeas: **Councilmen Hinyub, Miller, Crosby and Berthelot**

Nays: None

Absent: Councilman-at-Large Rau

Abstain: None

There were no comments from the public and/or City Council.

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REPORTS:

Police Department: None

City Engineer (Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc.)

Mr. David Boyd, City Engineer provided a written monthly Project Status report dated January 11, 2017; gave a brief overview of each of the projects included in the report. The report was distributed and e-mailed to each council member, and on file in the office of the City Clerk.

The ground breaking for the 4th Street Extension Project will be on March 8, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the intersection of Richard and Fourth Streets.

Councilman Crosby commented having questions relative to the Hancock Street Canal Improvements Project, but it was explained to him thoroughly, and was satisfied.

Departmental Reports distribution:

Monthly reports dated February 8, 2017 were uploaded to Novus agenda. Received reports from Public Works Department, Historic District Commission, Building Department and Code Enforcement. Said reports are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Council District Reports:

Councilman Crosby (District 1) – Councilman Crosby informed he has been receiving rave review about Hancock Street. The works was so beautifully done and appreciate everything done; it is looking good.

Mr. Matthew Martinec informed that William Hart Elementary School on Hancock Street was awarded by NBA Cares for the NBA All-Star 2017 (February 2017) playoffs game with a brand new playground, landscaping and beautification treatments. All NBA players and executives will be doing the build for the playground.

Mayor Constant acknowledges the drainage issue on Hancock Street; the city administration is working with the engineers to rectify that issue.

Councilman Hinyub (District 2) – Councilman Hinyub stated the 4th Street Extension will be good for McDonoghville and Downtown Gretna.

Councilman Hinyub congratulated everyone involved in the logistics of the Soup Cook Off event at the Gretna Market this past weekend (February 4, 2017); there was great turn out and believed it to be a positive event for Downtown Gretna. Excellent event and hats off!!

Councilman Miller (District 3) – Councilman Miller congratulated Mayor Constant and the Council members for winning the 2017 re-election unopposed. It is a great testament to the work all have done and done. The camaraderie among all makes the city shine and looks forward to working with everyone for the next four years.

Councilman Berthelot (District 4) – Councilman Berthelot acknowledged the Race Trac Gas station (Belle Chasse Highway and 17th Street) improvements; have done great interior improvements to the facility.

Councilman Berthelot acknowledged Westbank natives brothers, Vance Joseph as the new head football coach of the Denver Broncos and his brother Mickey Vance as the new wide receiver coach for Louisiana State University (LSU). Congratulations to Vance and Mickey Joseph. The Joseph Family has represented themselves very well over the years.

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Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO) – Miss Lacy Bordelon

Miss Lacy Bordelon of the Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO) provided a brief synopsis on the highlighting the economic development services provided by the agency. Over the time JEDCO has met with many businesses in Gretna. JEDCO receives excellent reviews of Gretna city government for being responsive, business friendly, permitting are easy to maneuver. Gretna has a lot of positives to give to businesses and to attract businesses to the community. JEDCO educates businesses on the tax incentives programs available to aid in expansions and even finance some establishments. Provide guidance to city officials concerning businesses attraction efforts. Provide demographic data and quality of life information, incentive and financial resources for prospective businesses. Look forward to continue operating under the agreement for the next four year term. Brochures available at Gretna City Hall.

Consumer Price Index (CPI)– Mrs. Raylyn Stevens, Finance Director

Mrs. Stevens provided the following information on the CPI. Once a year in the month of February when the new cost of living price index is out it impacts the water and sewer charges. Last year (2016) it increased by 3.07%; this year (2017) it increased by 3.03%. For a minimum residential bill it would increase about \$.82 and for a minimum commercial bill it will increase by \$1.30.

Introduction of Ordinances:

- A. An ordinance accepting the dedication to the City of Gretna, Louisiana of the property located in Oakdale Subdivision, Section B, Farm Block A, City of Gretna, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana; on Whitney Avenue, being 33 feet by 28 feet with a 33-foot frontage on Whitney Avenue and described as proposed Lot 1-C2 on the survey made by Dufrene Surveying and Engineering Inc., (Tildon J. Dufrene, Jr.), dated August 15, 2016.
Requested by: Administration **Sponsor: Councilman Crosby**
- B. An ordinance amending the Gretna Code of Ordinances An ordinance amending the Gretna Code of Ordinances, Chapter 58 -Zoning and Subdivisions; Article II. –Administration and enforcement; Division 2. –Amendments, exceptions and variances; more particularly amending Section 58-60.- Fees.
Requested by: Administration **Sponsor: Councilman Hinyub**
- C. An ordinance declaring vehicles surplus property, and no longer needed for public purposes and to authorize sale of said property at a public auction. (1)
Requested by: Administration **Sponsor: Councilman Hinyub**
- D. An ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. 4146 adopted by the City Council on May 12, 2010; and to establish the new fees for certain reproduction charges to offset increased cost over the past years.
Requested by: Administration **Sponsor: Councilman Hinyub**
- E. An ordinance amending the Gretna Code of Ordinances, Chapter 58 -Zoning and Subdivisions; Article II.–Administration and enforcement; Division 2.–Amendments, exceptions and variances; particularly to amend Section 58-70.-Site plan review process, paragraph (3).
Requested by: Administration **Sponsor: Councilman Hinyub**

Above ordinances will be considered for adoption at the March 8, 2017 Council Regular meeting.

Citizens Addressing the Mayor and City Council:

For the record two citizens signed the sheet to address the Mayor and City Council. Miss Dale Sutherland and State Representative Joseph Marino.

Miss Dale Sutherland signed in relative to the Occupational License hearing for the proposed business at 1124 Huey P. Long Avenue for consideration under Other Matters forthcoming.

State Representative Joseph Marino recognized and congratulated Councilman Crosby on his 84th birthday this past Sunday, February 5th. Representative Marino requested the return of his plaque.

Other Matters:

3rd Annual 5-K Race - Sunday, April 2, 2017 - 5:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

West Jefferson High School AFJROTC Wing LA-063, Applicant

Race to begin at the Gretna Ferry Terminal - Solely on the levee (Same as 2016 logistics plans)

Sergeant Cindy Richards and Mr. Teddy Marshall, West Jefferson High School ROTC representatives were in attendance of this meeting.

Mr. Teddy Marshall corrected the date of the event to Sunday, April 2, 2017; thanked everyone for their support, briefed on highlights of the 2016 event, it grew and was successful. For the 2017 event, they have contracted a promoter to help grow the event even more. It is an event that would bring people to Gretna and see how beautiful Gretna is. He understood the obstacles experienced with past events. At this time, he is requesting from the City Council approval on the proposed event. This race will take place at the ferry landing and stay on top of the levee only, no city streets to be used.

Mayor Constant explained this event request will be approved conditionally, until all the paperwork is received by the city administration. City administration will take recommendations from the Gretna Police Department as well pertaining to same.

On motion by **Councilman Crosby** and seconded by **Councilman Hinyub**, the event request for West Jefferson High School AFJROTC Wing LA-063, 3rd Annual 5-K Race for Sunday, April 2, 2017 - 5:00 AM - 2:00 PM was approved contingent upon all required paperwork is received and in order, and the same was approved by the following vote:

Yeas: **Councilmen Crosby, Hinyub, Miller and Berthelot**

Nays: None

Absent: Councilman-at-Large Rau

There were no comments from the public and/or City Council.



**Second Line Parade "Lundi Gras Celebration" - (From Gretna Market to First Street)
For Monday, February 27, 2017**

Mayor Constant explained that the only reason why it was placed on the agenda, was for informational purposes only and to ensure the Gretna Police Department was aware. Already been approved at the January 11, 2017 meeting and funds properly appropriated from the Council members.

On motion by **Councilman Berthelot** and seconded by **Councilman Hinyub**, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the Second Line Parade "Lundi Gras Celebration" (from Gretna Market to First Street), and the same was approved by the following vote:

Yeas: **Councilmen Berthelot, Hinyub, Crosby and Miller**

Nays: None

Absent: Councilman-at-Large Rau

Mardi Gras Day - February 28, 2017

Again, Mayor Constant informed that this matter was placed on the agenda for informational purposes only, explaining that a group of residents approached her at the Gretna Farmers Market regarding the possibility to be able to picnic Mardi Gras Day under the Gretna Market. Is not an organized group, is a group of citizens wanting to congregate under the market on Mardi Gras Day; it will not be sponsored or supported by the city.

Mayor Constant announced that the Valentine's Day Weddings at the Gretna Green Blacksmith Shop (209 Lafayette Street, Gretna, LA 70053 are happening at the Gretna Historical Society on Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

Occupational License hearing:

Proposed business at 1124 Huey P. Long Avenue (pet grooming salon) "Bonejour Pet Spa"

Mrs. Azalea M. Roussell, Planning and Zoning Official provided the following report on this matter:

Two years ago, there was an influx of inquiries regarding veterinary clinics within the City of Gretna. One of the city's highest commercial district, which is C-2, such uses are permitted in certain commercial districts, however there is a distance requirement of 100 feet from a residential area. In one particular case in District 2, someone was interested in locating in that commercial district and was denied based upon the proximity of the clinic next to a residential district, and which the business itself would be boarding animals overnight, and that is the rationale for the distance requirement being in place from a residential district.

However, since that time, the particular location that we are looking at now is 1124 Huey P. Long Avenue, and about a year ago a couple of people were interested in placing pet services there, which included boarding as well. That particular property is zone GO-1 General office with such permitted uses as beauty and barber shops; medical clinics; dental, chiropractic, single and duplex are permitted use in that district, however the occupational license application being reviewed tonight, when it was initially submitted it included daycare which was not an overnight boarding business for animals but they would be housed there during business hours. In an abundance of caution, we are requesting the city council to ponder on this because the zoning district under permitted uses does not identify what doggie spa is (animal bathed, groomed).

After much discussion with the applicant; the applicant stated not providing services for keeping the animals on premises during business; would not provide any type of boarding, so the services would only be for pet grooming, which the city's code is silent on and that is the reason why this matter is before the Council members for consideration as a possible conditional use in that zoning classification. Contacted the property owner, as well the applicant and a complainant from which the city received complaint from regarding an advertisement that the proposed business was advertising over the Internet, which included boarding. Now we are here to address the concern before the Council members, the city attorney and to hear from the applicants.

Miss Dale Sutherland, Applicant stated considering opening a high end grooming salon in the City of Gretna on Huey P. Long Avenue. Explained on past managing experiences in this type of business and on accomplishments in animal population control, and volunteerism at the local animal shelter. Since then has worked in the New Orleans Metro area and now would like to open a high end grooming salon, which would benefit Gretna from the influx of clients. Stated that curb appeal is extremely important; pretty front garden; polished and sheik interior with French Bonjour theme. Loves living in Gretna and knows Bonejour Spa would be a wonderful addition to this community. Miss Sutherland stated she procured signed petitions from adjacent neighbors.

To speak on behalf of the proposed business, a friend of the applicant Miss Nancy Laurent owner of Fleur De Paws in New Orleans was present to speak on behalf and in favor of the proposed business and what it really entails in a pet grooming business. Has operated same type of business in other areas with no complaints or problems from the neighbors and was sure that Miss Sutherland would do the same with her proposed business. Explained on the practices, and the dos and don'ts of this type of business.

Councilman Hinyub (Council District 2), again asked for the record, that no overnight boarding will be happening at this business. Miss Sutherland confirmed with "no daycare, no overnight boarding".

Mrs. Azalea M. Roussell, Planning and Zoning Official requested from the Council that prior to their approval to include wording and language in the motion to go along with the motion because the application on hand is contrary to what is to be considered and approved.

On motion by **Councilman Hinyub** and seconded by **Councilman Miller**, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to grant the occupational license for the proposed pet grooming business at 1124 Huey P. Long Avenue, with the condition that a new occupational license application must be submitted to correctly identify the exact scope of operations of the business; in the event there are complaints against this business the status of the application may have to be revisited, same was approved by the following vote:

Yeas: **Councilmen Hinyub, Miller, Crosby and Berthelot**

Nays: None

Absent: Councilman-at-Large Rau

There were no further comments on this matter.

Statement by Mr. Mark Morgan, City Attorney

Mr. Mark Morgan stated he was directed as the City Attorney by the Council to form an independent ethics committee to review allegations raised in the media concerning a member of the Gretna Police Department. That independent committee was formed and was truly an independent committee because the only role he played was to provide access to materials and witnesses they wanted to interview to perform their work. The committee consisted of three members, the Honorable Walter Rothschild (retired Federal Prosecutor); a District Court Judge and an Appellate Court Judge. The second member H. Asher a Certified Public Accountant; third was Brooke Duncan III of Adams and Reese Law Firm. It was an intense process and a review of a great number of documents and a conduction of many interviews, the Ethics Committee has recently rendered its report and findings. Once the report was rendered, it was turned over to the Chief of Police because it was in fact as Gretna Police Department matter.

Arthur S. Lawson, Chief for the Gretna Police Department.

Chief Lawson stated that under the Lawrason Act, the full authority for this type of investigation falls under the Gretna Police Department and certainly could have been conducted by the department. However, because of the accusations of the media and for transparence reasons, he chose to solicit the Council and the Mayor in possibly forming a committee that would be comprised of knowledgeable people (unknown to him). Cooperated fully with the Independent Committee and now he is pleased to say that he is not surprise that this Independent Committee reached the unanimous determination that there was no violation of any laws, any ethics violations or rules or any departmental policies as to be applied to Deputy Chief Anthony Christiana and he was certainly exonerated of the accusations made. He thanked the Mayor and the City Council and the City Attorney for going through this process so that these allegations could be answered. He was glad that Deputy Chief Christiana was exonerated. Policies and Procedures will be reviewed in connection with the Fair Labor Standards Act and other things to review to make sure that everything is in order from this point forward.



The Council regular meeting for February 8, 2016 adjourned at 6:24 PM

At this time 6:24 PM, the Council meeting reopened in regular session to read into record the resubdivision report for the property located at #1 Westbank Expressway (Annexed) for a resubdivision request.

Mr. David E. Boyd, Engineer with Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc. provided a revised resubdivision report for #1 Westbank Expressway (Annexed)

This resubdivision request was introduced at the January 11, 2017 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting. We have reviewed the subject re-subdivision request and offer the following observations:

Existing Conditions

The existing properties consist of Lots 1-C (99,719.24 square feet) and 1-D (285,338.66 square feet), Square A, Oakdale Subdivision. These lots are vacant and defined by the Orleans-Jefferson Parish Line (Donner Canal) to the north, Whitney Avenue to the west, and Westbank Expressway to the east.

Proposed Resubdivision

It is proposed to re-subdivide the property from Lot 1-C into Lots 1-C1 (99,075.24 square feet) & 1-C2 (924 square feet); Lot 1-D into 1-D1 (285,058.66 square feet), Square A, Oakdale Subdivision. The purpose of this re-subdivision is to have Lot 1-C2 be used for a City of Gretna Sewer Station.

Comments

According to the City of Gretna’s zoning map, the lots are zoned C-2 General Commercial District. The minimum lot size in a C-2 district is 5,000 square feet. A waiver for the Sewer Station (924 square feet) will be needed.

The resubdivision of the lots is requested to convert the two lots into three (3) lots zoned C-2 General Commercial District. The resubdivision meets the requirements set forth in the zoning ordinance and is recommended for approval.

There were no comments on this report.



There was no further business to conduct and on motion by **Councilman Miller** and seconded by **Councilman Hinyub**, the Mayor and City Council Regular meeting for February 8, 2017 adjourned at 6:25 PM, and the same was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:

/S/ NORMA J. CRUZ

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