

The Mayor and Council of the City of Gretna met this day Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 5:32 p.m., in regular session the following members were present: **Mayor Belinda C. Constant; Wayne A. Rau, Councilmen Milton L. Crosby, Michael A. Hinyub, Mark K. Miller and Jackie J. Berthelot.**

Absent: None

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, April 5, 2017 and posted on the bulletin board at the main entrance of Gretna City Hall, 740 2nd Street, Gretna, Louisiana.



Opening Remarks by the Mayor.

Mayor Constant announced the following: Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana, plans to adopt resolutions setting its ad valorem tax millages for Year 2017 at a special meeting of said City Council on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 5:30 PM at the Gretna City Hall, 2nd floor Council Chambers, located at 740 2nd Street, Gretna, LA 70053.



4. Presentations:

A. Recognition "Kid's Artwork" (Kid's Activity table at Gretna Farmers Market) - Mayor Constant
This matter was deferred to the May 10, 2017 Council Regular meeting.

B. Recognition "Campus of the Month"-William Hart Elementary School (2001 Hancock Street)

Mayor Constant made presentation to Ms. Kathleen Grisoli, Pre-K Teacher representative for the school of a Certificate of Recognition to the William Hart Elementary School for being selected as "Campus of the Month" by the Jefferson Parish School System.

Ms. Grisoli briefly informed that the William Hart Elementary School was finally awarded with a new playground in 2017 by the NBA Cares and KaBOOM!

C. Recognition - Westbank Gymnastics

Mrs. Amie Hebert, Superintendent for Department of Receptions stated that the girls at Westbank Gymnastics were athletes, they compete and work very hard and it is only right for the city to recognize their talent, dedication and hard work.

Mrs. Cori Tamborella, owner provided a brief synopsis on the activities that take place at Westbank Gymnastics. The Level 6 came out First Place Team at the State Level.

Agenda amended.

On motion by **Councilman Rau** and seconded by **Councilman Crosby**, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to amend the agenda to add a presentation, recognition-Gretna Police Department; add a category Consideration and Adoption of Resolution(s) to add A resolution authorizing and directing Mayor Belinda C. Constant to execute for and on behalf of the City of Gretna, Louisiana, Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$82,947.00 for the Hancock Street Canal Improvements, Phase 1 (Kepler – Virgil Street) project, designated as State Project No. 50-MB5-12-03; to add an Executive Session for potential litigation, and to add event request from Elfrid Payton Foundation Charity Kickball Tournament for approval, and the same were unanimously approved.



Recognition - Gretna Police Department

Chief Lawson briefly stated the department was presented on the steps of the government building with a Proclamation by the NAACP congratulating the department in the investigative work that their detectives had done in a homicide case and the willingness to work with the community. It was certainly a surprise and nice honor for their personnel to be recognized.

Mayor Constant read in full a proclamation and presented same to Arthur S. Lawson, Jr. Chief of Police – Gretna Police Department.

D. "National Travel and Tourism Week 2017" (May 7 - 13)

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Miss Violet Peters and Lydia Folse, Chairwoman of the Jefferson Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. (JCVB) were in attendance to showcase Travel and Tourism Week. The City of Gretna has been a great partner in supporting tourism. Provided a brief presentation on the economic impact of tourist travel. Louisiana enjoys 45.1 million to Louisiana stated in 2016 and spent \$16.3 Billion, which meant billion dollars in tax revenue to the State of Louisiana. Providing all the amenities the City of Gretna has to offer to tourist. Thanked everyone in the city for their partnership and support through their collaborative efforts.

Mrs. Lydia Folse thanked all for allowing Violet Peters make her presentation on behalf of the Jefferson Convention and Visitors Bureau. Highlighted on the importance of preserving tourism, there are number of house bills in this Legislative Session that would eliminate some of special funds that are being appropriated to Gretna Tourism, Grand Isle, City of Kenner, Alario Center funding is at stake. In an effort to avoid these eliminations, we need unity. Unite as a Council to pass resolution asking the elected representatives to oppose these bills. One is House Bill 599, which would tack on a \$5.00 flat rate per night, putting smaller communities at a disadvantage. The bill of concern is House Bill 613, would repeal the dedications of state sales and use taxes on hotel rooms into special treasury funds. Encouraged all to write to our representative supporting opposition of those bills.

Mayor Constant read the proclamation and presented the same to Miss Violet Peters and Lydia Folse, Chairwoman of the Jefferson Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc.

On motion by **Councilman Rau** and seconded by **Councilman Crosby**, the following resolution was read and adopted section by section and then as a whole by the following vote:

Yeas: **Councilmen Rau, Crosby, Hinyub, Miller and Berthelot**
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-016

A resolution recognizing May 7 through May 13 2017 as “National Travel & Tourism Week” and to encourage residents and businesses within the City of Gretna to observe and support the week with appropriate activities.

WHEREAS, in 1983 the United States Congress passed a joint resolution designating the first full week of May to be recognized as National Travel and Tourism Week; and

WHEREAS, National Travel & Tourism Week champions the power of travel and is celebrated in numerous cities across the country; and

WHEREAS, National Travel & Tourism Week provides the opportunities to learn more about how the travel and tourism industry contributes to the City of Gretna’s economy, business development, employment and overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, wearing red during National Travel & Tourism Week has been a signature that signaled unity among travel and tourism workers and supporters for at least two decades.

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

The week of May 7 through May 13 2017, is hereby recognized and designated as National Travel & Tourism Week within the City of Gretna, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

Residents and businesses within the City of Gretna are encouraged to observe and support the week with appropriate activities within the community.

Mr. Ronnie Gauthreaux, Tourism Coordinator informed that Saturday, of April 15, 2017 will be the First Easter Egg Hunt for Bellevue Park and everyone is invited to participate. The Food Truck Festival event will be on Saturday, April 15, 2017 and in the subsequent week on Saturday night, will have the Movie Nights. Gearing towards the older crowd with beach blanket bingo and in the following Saturday night will feature Blue Hawaii with Elvis Presley. Everyone is invited to see the Antique Cars and enjoy movie night.



The City Council recessed into Executive Session at 6:05 PM relative to potential litigation.

The City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 6:20 PM regarding potential litigation.



E. "Building Safety Month" May 2017

Ms. Danika Gorrondona, Building Official stated the **"Building Safety Month"** is internationally recognized by 57,000 ICC members to make the month **"Building Safety Month"** to encourage people to follow building codes for their safety, measures and the quality of life, that, is a result of having these safeguarded measures for our city, our state, our nation and across the world.

On motion by **Councilman Rau** and seconded by **Councilman Crosby**, the following resolution was read and adopted section by section and then as a whole by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-017

A resolution recognizing the month of May 2017 as "Building Safety Month" and to encourage all citizens to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Month activities.

WHEREAS, our City is committed to recognizing our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings and infrastructure that serve our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, our confidence in the structural integrity in buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers and others in the construction industry—working year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a U.S. based organization, that brings together local, state and federal officials that are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship and play; and

WHEREAS, our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the Inter-national Codes, developed by a national, voluntary consensus codes and standards developing organization, our government is able to avoid the high cost and complexity of developing and maintaining these codes, which are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation; these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters (I.e. hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquake); and

WHEREAS, "Building Safety Month" is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure safe, efficient and livable buildings; and

WHEREAS, "Code Officials—Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth" the theme for Building Safety Month 2017, encourages all citizens to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2017 encourages appropriate steps to take in ensuring the places we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe, recognizing that countless lives have been saved due to implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

WHEREAS, yearly, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

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

The City of Gretna, Louisiana does hereby proclaim the month of May 2017 as "Building Safety Month" and encourages all citizens to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Month activities.

Councilman Hinyub added he was bias because he is a member of International Code Council (ICC) and certified through ICC. and licensed as a general contractor. At times the code gives people heartburn that are doing work in the city, parish and state; but this is why we enjoy the quality of life in Gretna, parish and throughout the State. Commended Miss Gorrondona and her staff in doing a fine job in enforcement.



F. Recognition of New Businesses:

Unique’s Catering and Events (2007 ClaireAvenue) Mr. Voncedric L. Dixon, Sr., Owner

Councilman Miller (District 3) read aloud and presented the *Certificate of Appreciation* acknowledging and welcoming **Unique’s Catering and Events (2007 ClaireAvenue)** as a new business to the City of Gretna. Mr. Dixon briefed on the activities and services of the new business, and thanked the City of Gretna for recognizing and welcoming his business into the community.

Gretna Used Car Outlet (701 Westbank Expressway) Mr. Robert J. Hale, Owner

Councilman Hinyub (District 2) read aloud and presented the *Certificate of Appreciation* acknowledging and welcoming Gretna Used Car Outlet (701 Westbank Expressway) as a new business to the City of Gretna. Mr. Hale briefed on the activities and services of the new business, and thanked the City of Gretna for recognizing and welcoming his business into the community.



G. Employee of the Quarter

Mr. Rondell Johnson, a Public Utilities’ employee was the recipient of the “Employee of the Quarter” recognition.

Mayor Constant expressed gratitude to Mr. Rondell Johnson’s dedication, hard work, loyalty and years of service to the City of Gretna. He consistently exceeds and excels his job duties and responsibilities to the City of Gretna and very proud to have him as part of our team.

Mr. Mike Baudoin stated the City of Gretna was fortunate to have Mr. Johnson because he has 30 years plus experience. He does an exceptional job and is very smart and innovative.



5. Variance Request(s):

A. 2025-2029 LeBouef Street (Vacant Land) - Paul M. Galaforo, Jr., Applicant
Variance for front yard 10' setback. (District 1)

Mrs. Azalea Roussell, Planning and Zoning Official provided a variance report as follows:

Factual Background

Municipal Address: 2025 & 2029 Le Boeuf Street-Vacant lots (Corner of Chilo Street)

Legal Description: Lots 9-A and 15-A, Square 41, Oakdale Subdivision

Applicant: Paul Galaforo, Jr.

Council District: 1

Historic District: N/A

Mrs. Azalea M. Roussell, Planning and Zoning Official provided the zoning reports as follows:

The subject properties consist of two (2) vacant lots zoned Two-Family Residential District (R-2). The applicant is proposing to construction two (2) two-family residential dwellings with parking in the rear on each lot of record.

The construction plans indicate that each structure’s front building line will be setback 10’ from the front property line in lieu of the 20’ required for the zoning district.

The applicant is requesting variances to Gretna Code of Ordinances, Section 58-122. Two-Family Residential District (R-2):

- (d) Area regulations.
 - (1) Yard.
 - a. Front yard.

1. There shall be a **front yard having a depth of not less than 20 feet**, except where the average depth of the front yards of improved lots within 100 feet of either side of the lot in question is less than the minimum required front yard. In this case, the front yard dimension may be the average depth of the adjacent front yards, but no front yard shall be less than ten feet.

Section Approval Standards.

(a) General. In the consideration of all appeals and all proposed variances and/or exceptions, under the terms of this chapter, the city council shall not grant approval unless it makes a finding, based upon the evidence presented to it, that each case shall indicate all of the following:

(1) The approval, if granted, will not cause any diminution or depreciation of property values of any surrounding property or will not alter the essential character of the locality.

(2) The approval, if granted, will tend to preserve and advance the prosperity and general welfare of the neighborhood and community.

(3) The approval, if granted, will not be detrimental to the public welfare or seriously affect or be injurious to other property in which the property is located, in that it will not: impair an adequate supply of light and air; or increase substantially the congestions in the public streets, create a traffic hazard, or permit inadequate parking; or increase the danger of fire; or substantially affect or overburden existing drainage or sewerage systems; or otherwise endanger the public safety; or cause serious annoyance or injury to occupants or adjoining premises by reason of emission of odors, fumes, gases, dust, smoke, noise, vibration, light or glare, or other nuisances.

(4) A physical hardship with special conditions and circumstances exists which are peculiar to the land, structure, or building involved and which are not applicable to other lands, structures, or building in the same zoning district; and the special conditions and circumstances do not result from the intentional actions of the applicant or any person who may have or had interest in the property; and the strict adherence to the regulation for the property would result in a demonstrable hardship upon the owner as distinguished from mere inconvenience.

(5) Literal interpretation of the provisions of this chapter would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district under the terms of this chapter; and granting the variance requested will generally not confer on the applicant any special privilege which is denied by this chapter to other lands, structures, or buildings in the same district similarly situated; and the purpose of the variance is not based exclusively upon a desire to serve the convenience or profit of the property owner or other interested party.

Applicant’s Hardship

The applicant submitted a hardship letter asking that this variance be granted based upon the contents of their letter. (Attached)

Analysis

The applicant has provided the City with a Predial Servitude of Passage for Lots 9 A and 15 A to accommodate vehicular use traversing both properties to access the required off street parking proposed in the rear yards. In addition, the street scape setbacks along LeBouef Street vary, with most structures not meeting the current required 20’ front yard setback for zoning. The requested 10 front yard setbacks would be in conformity with the neighborhood norm.

The property was posted with a “Variance Applied For” sign on March 30, 2017. My office received two telephone inquiries regarding the posting. One was informational in nature and the other supported the request.

Recommendation

These particular cases satisfy all of the above listed approval standards that must be met for a variance to be granted. Approval is recommended.

In addition, Mrs. Roussell reported she received two inquiries; one supported the variance; the other inquiry expressed the concern regarding Section 8 placed at that location. She advised them that the City of Gretna could not regulate that situation.

On motion by **Councilman Crosby** and seconded by **Councilman Miller**, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations and to approve the variance request for the property located at **2025-2029 LeBouef Street**, for front yard 10' setback, by the following vote:

Yeas: **Councilmen Crosby, Miller, Rau, Hinyub and Berthelot**
Nays: None
Absent: None

Mr. Paul Galaforo, Applicant stated these properties will mirror the new properties at Fried Street, rear of the GPD complex; and will have rear parking for ingress and egress from LeBouef Street to Chilo Street.

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

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B. 736 Newton Street – Leopold DeJesus, Applicant
Side yards variance on a corner lot. (District 2)

Mrs. Azalea Roussell, Planning and Zoning Official provided the variance report as follows:

Factual Background

Municipal Address: 736 Newton (Corner of 8th Street)

Legal Description: Lot 1A, Square 28, Village of Mechanickham Subdivision

Applicant: Mr. Leopold L. De Jesus

Council District: 2

Historic District: Mechanickham-Gretna

The subject property is a vacant lot located within the Mechanickham Historic District and zoned Single Family Residential District, (R-1). The applicant is proposing to build a two-story single family dwelling. The construction plans pinpoint the southern side yard at 5’6” in lieu of the 10’ required for a corner lot in said zoning district. In addition, the construction documents place pool and air condition equipment within the required 5’ northern side yard.

Construction documents were reviewed and received Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic District Commission.

The applicant is requesting variances to Gretna Code of Ordinances, Section 58-108-Single Family Residential District (R-1):

e) Area regulations.

(1) Yard.

b. Side yard.

1. There shall be two side yards, one on each side of the building. In no case shall either side yard be **less than five feet.**
2. On corner lots, the **side yard for the main structure shall not be less than ten feet.** On existing substandard lots, the side yard for the main structure shall not be less than five feet.

Section 102- 60 Approval Standards.

(a) General. In the consideration of all appeals and all proposed variances and/or exceptions, under the terms of this chapter, the city council shall not grant approval unless it makes a finding, based upon the evidence presented to it, that each case shall indicate all of the following:

(1) The approval, if granted, will not cause any diminution or depreciation of property values of any surrounding property or will not alter the essential character of the locality.

(2) The approval, if granted, will tend to preserve and advance the prosperity and general welfare of the neighborhood and community.

(3) The approval, if granted, will not be detrimental to the public welfare or seriously affect or be injurious to other property in which the property is located, in that it will not: impair an adequate supply of light and air; or increase substantially the congestions in the public streets, create a traffic hazard, or permit inadequate parking; or increase the danger of fire; or substantially affect or overburden existing drainage or sewerage systems; or otherwise endanger the public safety; or cause serious annoyance or injury to occupants or adjoining premises by reason of emission of odors, fumes, gases, dust, smoke, noise, vibration, light or glare, or other nuisances.

(4) A physical hardship with special conditions and circumstances exists which are peculiar to the land, structure, or building involved and which are not applicable to other lands, structures, or building in the same zoning district; and the special conditions and circumstances do not result from the intentional actions of the applicant or any person who may have or had interest in the property; and the strict adherence to the regulation for the property would result in a demonstrable hardship upon the owner as distinguished from mere inconvenience.

(5) Literal interpretation of the provisions of this chapter would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district under the terms of this chapter; and granting the variance requested will generally not confer on the applicant any special privilege which is denied by this chapter to other lands, structures, or buildings in the same district similarly situated; and the purpose of the variance is not based exclusively upon a desire to serve the convenience or profit of the property owner or other interested party.

Applicant’s Hardship

The applicant submitted a hardship letter asking that the variances be granted based upon the contents of their letter. (Attached)

Analysis

The applicant submitted a letter of no objection from the adjacent property owner where the mechanical equipment is proposed to be located. The City Council has previously granted variances for such equipment to be located within required side yards within residential districts.

The proposed side yards setbacks are consistent with the neighborhood norm for the Historic District and other areas of the city having standard lots of record.

The property was posted with a “Variance Applied For” sign since April 5, 2017. My office received two (2) inquiries regarding the posting, both were informational in nature.

Recommendation

This particular case satisfies all of the above listed Approval Standards that must be met for a variance to be granted, and is recommended for approval.

On motion by **Councilman Hinyub** and seconded by **Councilman Rau**, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation and to approve the variance request for **736 Newton Street** Side yards setback variance on a corner lot, by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Leopold DeJesus, Applicant stated that with regards to the setbacks, just trying to keep within neighborhood norm. Have built several projects with same concerns. The equipment setback was of the most concern; had limited options of the placement of the condenser equipment and pool with back patio. Second option was placement of the equipment on the roof; but roof platforms have an adopted a more commercial requirements (E.g. railings, ladders, etc.) becoming more unsightly and will be visible from Huey P. Long Avenue. Visited the next door neighbor; and had no objection. Obtained signed letter of no objection from the adjacent neighbor.

Councilman Hinyub stated he reviewed the plans and elevations and did agree with Mr. DeJesus that placing the unit on the roof does make these properties more unsightly and it is a better fit where the units will be placed more appropriately.

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

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C. 78 Willow Drive - Megan Marks, Owner and Ray Burlette, Applicant
Variance for side yard for carport cover. (District 2)

Mrs. Azalea Roussell, Planning and Zoning Official provided the variance report as follows:

Factual Background

Municipal Address: 78 Willow Drive

Legal Description: Lot 15, Square 22, Garden Park Subdivision

Owner: Meagan Marks

Applicant: Ray Burlette -Contractor

Council District: 2

Historic District: N/A

The subject property is zoned Single Family Residential District, (R-1). Situated on said property is a single family dwelling with an existing driveway.

The applicant is requesting to install a wooden carport over the existing driveway. The carport will be attached to the side building line and extend 1’ from the side yard lot line.

A variance is being requested to Gretna Code of Ordinances, **Section 102-121(b) - Projections into open areas and supplementary bulk regulations.**

(b) A carport or canopy may project in a portion of a required side yard provided that part of the projection of such carport or canopy is unenclosed on the side nearest the front property line and on the side nearest the side lot line. **This projection must be no closer than three feet from the nearest side lot line** and may not extend more than 40 feet in length or more than 13 feet in height.

Section 102- 60 Approval Standards.

(a) **General.** In the consideration of all appeals and all proposed variances and/or exceptions, under the terms of this chapter, the city council shall not grant approval unless it makes a finding, based upon the evidence presented to it, that each case shall indicate all of the following:

(1) The approval, if granted, will not cause any diminution or depreciation of property values of any surrounding property or will not alter the essential character of the locality.

(2) The approval, if granted, will tend to preserve and advance the prosperity and general welfare of the neighborhood and community.

(3) The approval, if granted, will not be detrimental to the public welfare or seriously affect or be injurious to other property in which the property is located, in that it will not: impair an adequate supply of light and air; or increase substantially the congestions in the public streets, create a traffic hazard, or permit inadequate parking; or increase the danger of fire; or substantially affect or overburden existing drainage or sewerage systems; or otherwise endanger the public safety; or cause serious annoyance or injury to occupants or adjoining premises by reason of emission of odors, fumes, gases, dust, smoke, noise, vibration, light or glare, or other nuisances.

(4) A physical hardship with special conditions and circumstances exists which are peculiar to the land, structure, or building involved and which are not applicable to other lands, structures, or building in the same zoning district; and the special conditions and circumstances do not result from the intentional actions of the applicant or any person who may have or had interest in the property; and the strict adherence to the regulation for the property would result in a demonstrable hardship upon the owner as distinguished from mere inconvenience.

(5) Literal interpretation of the provisions of this chapter would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district under the terms of this chapter; and granting the variance requested will generally not confer on the applicant any special privilege which is denied by this chapter to other lands, structures, or buildings in the same district similarly situated; and the purpose of the variance is not based exclusively upon a desire to serve the convenience or profit of the property owner or other interested party.

Applicant’s Hardship

The applicant submitted a hardship letter asking that this variance be granted based upon the contents of his letter. (Attached)

Analysis

The subject property consist of a standard lot of record. The applicant proposes to install a drain line from the rear yard all the way to the front yard and install gutters to maintain the storm water runoff onto said property. A precedent has been set by the Council which allows canopies/awnings to extend over existing driveways all the way to side lot lines.

The property was posted with a “Variance Applied For” sign on March 30, 2017. My office received one telephone regarding posting being informational in nature.

Recommendation

This particular case satisfies all of the above-listed approval standards that must be met for a variance to be granted. The recommendation is for approval, contingent upon the property owner installing gutters onto the carport to retain storm water runoff onto their property.

On motion by **Councilman Hinyub** and seconded by **Councilman Rau**, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation and to approve the variance request for **8 Willow Drive** variance for front yard 10' setback, by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Ray Burlette, Applicant stated that Mrs. Azalea Roussell, Planning and Zoning Official had been very cooperative; however he questioned the type of material mentioned, it is not canvass; it will be a wooden carport.

Councilman Hinyub stated he spoke with Mr. Burlette, and it is his understanding that the awnings will have gutters, downspouts that will be tied into the sub-service drainage; the water will be contained.

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



6. Site Plan Review request:

A. **72 Westbank Expressway** - Eco-Site, Inc., Applicant.

For 90' Monopole Wireless Telecommunications Tower (District 1)

The above site plan review request was deferred at the request of the Council District representative.

**B. #5 Westbank Expressway - Marco Outdoor Advertising, Applicant
Billboard sign LED. (District 1)**

The above site plan review request was deferred at the request of the applicant.



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

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 8, 2017 Council Regular meeting.

B. Event Request(s):

- (1) 7th Annual Crawfish Cook Off, Saturday, May 20, 2017 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Mel Ott Recreation Center parking lot.
- (2) Bridgeman 104 Duathlon 2017 - Sunday, June 4, 2017 - 5:00 AM-12:00 Noon (Farmers Market and Huey P. Long Avenue)

C. Alcoholic Beverage Permit Application(s):

- (1) Krazy Al's Kajun Cookin Restaurant, 423 10th Street (Change of ownership) Alvin Kinler, Applicant (District 2)

D. Adoption of Ordinance(s) by Consent:

ORDINANCE NO. 4771

**An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lots 28 and 29, Square 10, Suburban Park Subdivision, City of Gretna, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana INTO Lot 28A, Square 10, Suburban Park Subdivision, per the plan of survey and resubdivision of Dufrene Surveying & Engineering Inc., dated December 28, 2016.
Municipal Address: 1004 Isbell Street**

WHEREAS, David F. Paz and Mirna V. Paz are the owners of record of Lots 28 and 29, Square 10, Suburban Park Subdivision, City of Gretna, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid owners have resubdivided Lots 28 and 29, Square 10, Suburban Park Subdivision, City of Gretna, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana **INTO Lot 28A, Square 10,** Suburban Park Subdivision, as per the plan of survey and resubdivision of Dufrene Surveying & Engineering Inc., dated December 28, 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 28 and 29, Square 10, Suburban Park Subdivision, City of Gretna, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana **INTO Lot 28A, Square 10,** Suburban Park Subdivision, as per the plan of survey and resubdivision of Dufrene Surveying & Engineering Inc., dated December 28, 2016, be and the same is hereby approved.

SECTION II: The mayor of the City of Gretna 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.

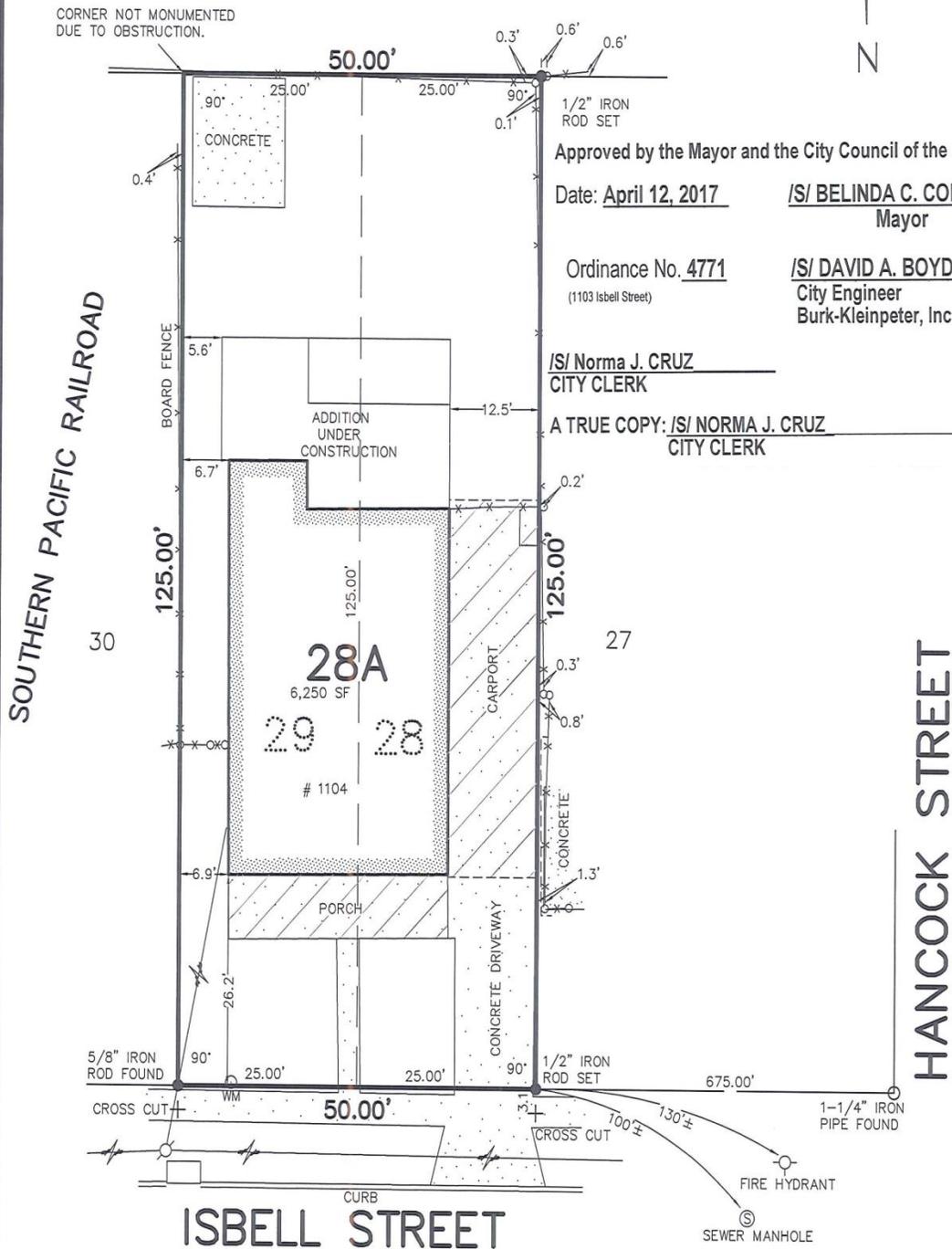
Provided that a majority of the City of Gretna Council have voted in favor of this ordinance, this ordinance shall have the full force and effect of law at midnight on the tenth day following the Clerk's presentment of the same to the Mayor, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:406(c)(2)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

**SQUARE 10
SUBURBAN PARK SUBDIVISION
CITY OF GRETNA
JEFFERSON PARISH, LA.**

BURMASTER STREET (SIDE)

THE SERVITUDES AND RESTRICTIONS SHOWN ON THIS SURVEY ARE LIMITED TO THOSE SET FORTH IN THE DESCRIPTION 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.

REFERENCE: SURVEY OF LOTS 30 & 31
SQUARE 10 BY HOTARD & WEBB, CIVIL ENGINEERS
DATED APRIL 2, 1951.



Approved by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Gretna.

Date: April 12, 2017

/S/ BELINDA C. CONSTANT
Mayor

Ordinance No. 4771
(1103 Isbell Street)

/S/ DAVID A. BOYD
City Engineer
Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc.

/S/ Norma J. CRUZ
CITY CLERK

A TRUE COPY: /S/ NORMA J. CRUZ
CITY CLERK

DECEMBER 28, 2016
RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 28 AND 29
INTO LOT 28A
SURVEYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOUISIANA
STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR BOUNDARY SURVEYS FOR A
CLASS C SURVEY, MADE AT THE REQUEST OF
DAVID PAZ.



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SCALE: 1" = 20'

Tildon J. Dufrene, Jr.

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Resubdivision report - Mr. David Boyd, City Engineer from Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc. provided the following resubdivision report: This re-subdivision request was introduced at the March 8, 2017 Mayor and Council regular meeting. Have reviewed the subject re-subdivision request and offer the following observations:

Existing Conditions

The existing properties consist of Lots 28 and 29, Square 10, Suburban Park Subdivision. These lots share a home. The property is defined by Isbell Street to the north, Hancock Street to the west, Southern Pacific Railroad to the east and Burmaster Street to the south.

Proposed Re-subdivision

It is proposed to combine the property from Lots 28 & 29 Square 10 Suburban Park Subdivision into Lot 28A Square 10 Suburban Park Subdivision. Because the property is located in the middle of two lots and the owner plans to add a rear master bedroom the re-subdivision is requested.

Comments

The re-subdivision of the lots is requested to convert the two lots into 1 lot zoned R-1 Single Family Residential District. The re-subdivision meets the 4125 square foot minimum (6250 square feet) as well as side, front and rear yard requirements. The re-subdivision meets the requirements set forth in the zoning ordinance and is recommended for approval.



E. Adoption of Resolution(s) by Consent:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-018

A resolution declaring the month of April 2017 “FAIR HOUSING MONTH” in the City of Gretna, Louisiana; and as a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery funds, Sub-Grantees must agree to administer all programs and activities related to housing and community development to affirmatively further the policies of the Fair Housing Act.

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 49th anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans, both individually and collectively, to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists. This law guarantees for each citizen that critical, personal element of freedom of choice-selection of the home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law was adopted by the State of Louisiana; and implementation of that law requires the positive commitment, involvement and support of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen will ultimately, diminish the rights and limit the options of all; and

WHEREAS, the State requires Grantees to take actions to affirmatively further fair housing in compliance with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 amended in 1988 by the Fair Housing Amendments Act.

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

The month of April 2017 is hereby declared “FAIR HOUSING MONTH” in the City of Gretna, Louisiana; and as a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery funds, Sub-Grantees hereby agree to administer all programs and activities related to housing and community development to affirmatively further the policies of the Fair Housing Act.



RESOLUTION NO. 2017-019

A resolution authorizing the City of Gretna, Louisiana to prepare and submit a pre-application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for assistance in the implementation of a project for the purpose of reducing existing flood damages; providing for the necessary documentation of said flood damages; and providing for other related matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna, Louisiana, in and around the 25th Street Canal has been adversely affected by damages from flood waters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna, Louisiana desires to apply for State matching funds pursuant to L.A. R.S. 38:90.1 et. seq., as amended, to implement a project to reduce said flood damages, and that (sponsoring authority) is fully aware of its obligations under said Statute; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna, Louisiana is a political body duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana and is eligible to apply for funds under said Statute.

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

Section 1. That the City of Gretna, Louisiana acknowledges that upon approval of the pre-application a formal application will be prepared and submitted to the Statewide Flood Control Program.

Section 2. That at the appropriate time and upon approval of funding assistance and prior to commencement of work on the project the City of Gretna, Louisiana agrees to execute a Statement of Sponsorship pursuant to said Statute.

Section 3. That Matthew Martinec, Special Projects Coordinator is hereby designated Authorized Representative for City of Gretna, Louisiana to effect the preparation of the pre-application and application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for funding assistance of a flood control project.

Section 4. That said Authorized Representative’s responsibilities shall pertain to technical matters only and shall not include any official act on behalf of the City of Gretna, Louisiana.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2017-020

A resolution authorizing Mayor Belinda C. Constant to advertise for Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for a consultant to auction and sell adjudicated properties within the City of Gretna, Louisiana pursuant to State law.

WHEREAS, there is a general concern for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Gretna; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna is desirous of improving economic development and subsequent quality of life for citizens of Gretna; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna seeks to control the number of abandoned properties and to slow urban blight by placing abandoned adjudicated properties back into the stream of commerce; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna has acquired an inventory of both five year and three year adjudicated properties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna has received interest from several consultants seeking to assist the City of Gretna with the auction and sale of said adjudicated properties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna believes that seeking requests for proposals from qualified firms to operate the City’s Adjudicated Properties Program is not only fiscally responsible but will result in getting the most out of each dollar of public money spent; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna wishes to continue and expand on the city’s current and ongoing adjudicated property efforts.

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

Mayor Belinda C. Constant of the City of Gretna, Louisiana is hereby authorized to advertise for Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for a consultant to auction and sell adjudicated properties within the City of Gretna, Louisiana pursuant to State law.

On motion by **Councilman Rau** and seconded by **Councilman Berthelot**, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve and adopt all the items read aloud from the [Consent Agenda for the April 12, 2017 Council Regular meeting](#), by the following vote:

- Yeas: **Councilmen Rau, Berthelot, Crosby, Hinyub and Miller**
- Nays: None
- Absent: None
- Abstained: None

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



Event Request: (FLOOR)

Elfrid Payton Foundation Charity Kickball Tournament, June 24, 2017 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Miss Katria Leak, a representative for the **Elfrid Payton Foundation** provided a brief synopsis of the organization. Established by Gretna, Louisiana native, Elfrid Payton, Jr. --current NBA Orland Magic Basketball player. Present tonight were his parents, Mr. Elfrid Payton, Sr. and Mrs. Danielle Payton, Executive Director. The foundation’s mission is to invest resources for athletes’ children in Gretna and Orlando areas, focusing on arts, cultural health and literacy. The past two years the foundation has been instrumental in formulating programs that impacts local youth. Last year, Elfrid and the foundation surprised Gretna Middle School students, providing the entire school with backpacks and school supplies. Has provided free basketball clinics to over 300 at risk youth, who had an opportunity to learn basketball fundamentals, receive Nike gear giveaways and food. Recently implemented a 10-week Arts and Cultural Program, where students were introduced to creative of the arts through music, canvass painting, poetry and dance. The program ended with a program where the children showcased their talent; and as a result Elfrid Payton was awarded the NBA National February Community Assist Award.

In order to continue the growth of the foundation and expansion of the arts program here in Gretna, they are hosting their first “Charity Kickball Tournament” Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM with 8-10 teams competing. The tournament will offer music, fun, food and kickball; so therefore they are requesting the city to grant them use of the JB Spencer Park to host the “Charity Kickball Tournament”.

Mayor Constant stated she wanted to afford the organization to come and speak about the event and the goal and that logistic discussion need to happen with the Gretna Police Department.

Chief Lawson stated the GPD will do whatever it can to help make this event a success.

Mayor Constant stated to the Elfrid Payton parents, that the City of Gretna was proud of their son and his willingness to give back to the community and cannot thank him enough for that.

Mr. Elfrid Payton, Sr. addressed the Mayor and City Council thanking all for considering this event. He stated he is a Gretna native and a member of a local church and it is an honor to be able to give back to Gretna where their roots are and will continue to do so.

Councilman Miller stated that Elfrid Jr. was one of the children on the recreation team when he was superintendent and was one of the best kid; always a joy to be around. Congratulated the parents for the good job they did in raising him.

On motion by **Councilman Crosby** and seconded by **Councilman Miller**, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to do a preliminary approve of the Event request by Elfrid Payton Foundation Charity Kickball Tournament on June 24, 2017 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, contingent upon logistics discussions and approval by the Police Department relative to safety for everyone; must meet all the permitting requirements of the event application, and the same was approved by the following vote:

- Yeas: Councilmen Crosby, Miller, Rau, Hinyub and Berthelot
- Nays: None
- Absent: None
- Abstained: None

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



8. Consideration and Adoption of Ordinances(s):

On motion by **Councilman Hinyub** and seconded by **Councilman Rau**, the following ordinance was read and adopted section by section and then as a whole by the following vote:

- Yeas: **Councilmen Hinyub, Rau, Crosby, Miller and Berthelot**
- Nays: None
- Absent: None
- Abstain: None

ORDINANCE NO. 4772

An ordinance to amend the Gretna Code of Ordinances, Chapter 32. –Historic Preservation; more particularly amending Section 32-7. –Procedures for application of certificate of appropriateness, by adding paragraph (k) and sub-paragraph (1).

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna has an interest in the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the City of Gretna, Louisiana; 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 32. –Historic Preservation; more particularly amending Section 32-7. –Procedures for application of certificate of appropriateness, by adding paragraph (k) and sub-paragraph (1), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 32-7. - Procedures for application of certificate of appropriateness

(k) A certificate of appropriateness will expire one year from the date of approval or on the date that the related building permit expires, whichever is sooner. An expired certificate of appropriateness may be renewed upon approval of the commission at no charge to the property owner.

(l) A certificate of appropriateness is nontransferable and a new owner of a property must appear before the commission to have a certificate issued in their name.

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.

Councilman Hinyub stated that this ordinance was to close gaps in the ordinance as it related to the Historic District Commission. One being that the certificate of appropriateness would have an expiration date (concurrent with the building permit) and the certificate of appropriateness were non-transferable.

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



On motion by **Councilman Hinyub** and seconded by **Councilman Rau**, the following ordinance was read and adopted section by section and then as a whole by the following vote:

Yeas: **Councilmen Hinyub, Rau, Crosby, Miller and Berthelot**
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

ORDINANCE NO. 4773

**An ordinance amending City of Gretna Ordinance No. 1945, adopted by the City Council on the 12th day of July 1989, more particularly amending the zoning classification of Lots 4, 5, 6 and 7, Square 19, New Mechanickham Subdivision, Gretna, Louisiana from Single-family residential (R-1) to Neighborhood commercial (C-1); and directing, authorizing and empowering the Zoning Official to alter and amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Gretna.
Municipal Address: 711 Derbigny Street**

WHEREAS, Shirley F. Funches is the owner of the property comprised of Lots 4, 5, 6 and 7, Square 19, New Mechanickham Subdivision, City of Gretna, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, it is noted Lots 4, 5, 6 and (Front Portion only) of Lot 7, Square 19, New Mechanickham Subdivision, are designated on the City of Gretna official zoning map as Neighborhood commercial (C-1), which said Map forms a part of Ordinance 1945, adopted by the Planning Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, at this time, the owner requests that Lot 7 (Rear Portion only) be rezoned to Neighborhood commercial (C-1); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Advisory Board was disbanded by the City Council, and the duties of the Planning Advisory Board were allocated to the Planning and Zoning Official and the Council of the City of Gretna, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Official of the City of Gretna, Louisiana has cause to duly advertise as prescribed by law, a public hearing in connection with the zoning reclassification of Lots 4, 5, 6 and 7, Square 19, New Mechanickham Subdivision, City of Gretna, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the City Council, in accordance with law.

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 zoning classification of Lot 7 (Rear Portion only), Square 19, New Mechanickham Subdivision, Gretna, Louisiana, be and it is hereby amended and changes from Single-family residential (R-1) to **Neighborhood commercial (C-1)**.

SECTION II. The Gretna City Council, hereby directs, authorizes and empowers the Planning and Zoning Official of the City of Gretna, Louisiana to alter and amend City of Gretna Ordinance 1945, more particularly to the Official Zoning Map thereof, to officially designate the entire property comprised of Lots 4, 5, 6 and 7, Square 19, New Mechanickham Subdivision as **Neighborhood commercial (C-1)**.

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

Provided that a majority of the City Council has 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.

Mrs. Azalea M. Roussell, Planning and Zoning Official provided a report on the above change of zoning request:

Rezoning: 711 Derbigny Street- Rear Portion of only lot 7- (R-1) to (C-1)

Municipal Address: 711 Derbigny Street

Legal Description: Lots 4,5,6,7, Square 19, New Mechanickham Subdivision

Applicant: Mrs. Shirley Fikes Funches

Current Zoning: Neighborhood Commercial (C-1) and Single Family Residential District (R-1)

Council District: 2

Historic District: Mechanickham

A commercial building housing a Daycare Center is located on said property which is zoned **Neighborhood Commercial (C-1) and Single Family Residential District (R-1)**.

The applicant is seeking to add an addition to the existing daycare business. She discovered that majority of her property is zoned commercial and one half of one lot was zoned residential.

The subject property is located within in a square containing mixed land uses and zoning classifications, The adjacent parcels are zoned Neighborhood Commercial District (C-1) in eastern portion of the square and the parcels within the western portion of the square are zoned Single Family Residential District (R-1).

In 1989 the City was overlaid with zoning. Based on research of the City's official zoning Map, the front portion of lot 7 was originally zoned C-1 and the rear half was zoned R-1.

Literal interpretation of the City's Zoning Map would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties within that square and consisting of multiple lots of record that are zoned C-1, lot 7 within that square has 2 zoning classifications.

The request to reclassify the rear portion of lot 7 to C-1 would be contiguous with the front portion of lot 7 and 3 other lot which makes up this property,

This rezoning application is recommended for approval.

Councilman Hinyub stated that this is a lot that was dissected by a zoning classification; the front part of the lot is one classification and the rear part is another classification and this applicant wishes to have all the lots to bear the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial classification.

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



Consideration and Adoption of Resolutions:

On motion by **Councilman Crosby** and seconded by **Councilman Rau**, the following resolution was read and adopted section by section and then as a whole by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-021

A resolution authorizing and directing Mayor Belinda C. Constant to execute for and on behalf of the City of Gretna, Louisiana, Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$82,947.00 for the Hancock Street Canal Improvements, Phase 1 (Kepler – Virgil Street) project, designated as State Project No. 50-MB5-12-03.

WHEREAS, unit price contracts are based upon quantity estimates derived from information available at the time of design; and

WHEREAS, it is expected the contract line items will underrun and overrun as needed to suit actual project site conditions, such as avoidance of unforeseen utility conflicts and actual roadway dimensions; and

WHEREAS, the actual quantities of bid items were adjusted according the field conditions in order to construct the project in order to meet its intended scope; and

WHEREAS, these actual quantity adjustments have resulted in an overrun of \$82,947.00; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant of Record, Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc. have reviewed this change order with the Department of Public Works and recommend that the additional work be incorporated into the contract.

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 execute on behalf of the City of Gretna, Louisiana, Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$82,947.00 for the Hancock Street Canal Improvements, Phase 1 (Kepler – Virgil Street) project, designated as State Project No. 50-MB5-12-03; and is hereby directed to have a copy of this resolution recorded with the Mortgage and Conveyance Office of Jefferson Parish, State of Louisiana, as originally filed on July 7, 2016, Instrument No. 11629649, Mortgage Book 4698, Page 94.

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



9. Historic District Commission appeal:

- A. **1112 Monroe Street** - Jack Bradley, Applicant
Denial - Installation of driveway strips and aprons. (District 1)

This matter was deferred to June 10, at the request of Councilman Crosby. Councilman Crosby stated applicant agreed to make requested changes, and the applicant will be out of town.



10. REPORTS:

A. Police Department: None



B. City Engineer (Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc.)

Mr. David Boyd, City Engineer provided a written monthly Project Status report dated April 12, 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.

Mr. Boyd gave a brief summary on each of the projects specified in the project status report below:

Hancock Street Canal Improvements - Completed

Gretna City Hall Electrical Upgrades - Completed

Gretna Police Department Paving Project - Completed

Gretna Police Headquarters Renovation

Project is currently being advertised for bid. Bid Opening scheduled for April 18.

Garden Park Subdivision Street Signage

Bid documents have been assembled for advertisement.

Gretna Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester Roof Removal and Sludge Disposal

As of 3/23/17 347.7 tons of sludge has been removed.

Precipitator #2 Rehabilitation, replacing the metal basin with fiberglass

Project awarded to ARD Mechanical Contractors Inc. for \$239,000. Pre-Construction meeting is being scheduled once contract documents have been assembled.

Stumpf Boulevard Sewer Force Main

Project awarded to Fleming Construction Company LLC for \$478,219. Pre-Construction Meeting is being scheduled once contract documents have been assembled.

4th Street Extension - Site work is underway.

Gretna Bike Path

The final comments from LADOTD have been completed including, the traffic study. We are now awaiting any final comments from DOTD.

Stumpf Blvd. at West Bank Expressway Road Failure-Drainage Project

Cost estimates to close in the canal and divert a portion of the flow directly to Whitney Canal via Dupas Street, Friedrichs Road or Hawkins Street have been prepared. Currently the city is in litigation with Command Construction and a permanent solution (filling in the canal with box culverts) will be presented at the March Council Meeting.

Downtown Gretna Lighting

Meetings have been held with the Mayor and Councilman Hinyub to discuss phasing in the new lighting along Huey P. Long Avenue. The lighting project will take place in 3 phases. Phase 1 will use the previously bought light poles and Luminaires from 6th Street to Third St. The farmers market area may require a different type off lighting i.e. canopy lights but they will be in the same spirit as the pre-bought lighting. Phase 2 will be between 3rd Street and First Street. We will use the pre-bought lighting where possible but additional arched lighting may be required sue to the width of the street in this area. The arched lighting will be in the same spirit as the pre-bought lighting. The plan is to roll this lighting work into the Downtown Drainage Project when funding becomes available. This lighting will be a separate pay item so as not to intermingle state funding for the Downtown Drainage. The final phase will be from 11th Street to the West Bank Expressway.

Gretna Kiosks at City Hall

Costs to design the Kiosk installation have been submitted to H3HC. Total project costs are in the process of being submitted to the City.

25th Street Canal Project Grant Writing-Engineering Design Request for Proposals

Project was awarded to Arcadis-BKI on March 29, 2017.

C. Departmental Reports distributed:

Monthly reports dated April 12, 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.



D. Council District Reports:

Councilman Crosby (District 1) - - Councilman Crosby emphasized that Hancock Street is looking and continues to get rave reviews about how beautiful the street looks.

Councilman Hinyub (District 2) - - Councilman Hinyub reminded everyone of this Saturday, April 15, 2017 Food Truck Festival event at the Gretna Market. There will be 13 trucks and looks forward to seeing everyone out this Saturday.

Councilman Miller (District 3) - - **Councilman Miller** informed that on Saturday, April 15, 2017 Bellevue Park will host its First Annual Easter Egg Hunt starting at 11:30 AM. He also informed that the City of Gretna ranked No. 7 in best dog parks.

Councilman Berthelot (District 4) - - **Councilman Berthelot** wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Councilman-at-Large Rau (Citywide) - - **Councilman Rau** wished everyone a safe and happy Easter. Reminded that April 18, 2017 is the C. W. Cox Award reception at La Maison Creole, Harvey, LA.

Mayor Constant reminded everyone that tomorrow April 13, will be the Cleanest City inspection. Wanted to acknowledge Mr. Danny Lasyone and the entire staff a Public Works Department for all they have been doing to get this city prepared to be judged tomorrow.

