

PROCEEDING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 19, 2021.

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 5:30 P.M., Mayor Robert "Bob" Hardey presided with the following Council present:

Hayes	YES
Cryer	YES
Bergeron	YES
Racca	YES
Brown	YES

Absent were: None

Mr. Racca led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor David Brewer gave the Invocation.

CONSENT

A motion was made by Mr. Racca and seconded by Mr. Cryer to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approval of minutes taken from a Regular Meeting held on June 21, 2021.

BIDS

None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A motion was made by Mr. Bergeron and seconded by Mr. Cryer to approve holding a Public Hearing for the Adoption of Ordinance No. 994 creating the Westlake Opportunity Zone District. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing opened at 5:38 P.M.

Joseph A. Delafield, Attorney addressed the Mayor and Council.

Public Hearing closed at 5:41 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. Racca and seconded by Mr. Hayes to approve Adopting Ordinance No. 994. The motion carried unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE WESTLAKE OPPORTUNITY ZONE DISTRICT, STATE OF LOUISIANA FROM WHICH SALES TAX

INCREMENTS AND HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX INCREMENTS WILL BE DETERMINED AND USED TO FUND A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND AS AUTHORIZED BY PART II OF CHAPTER 27 TITLE 33 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950, AS AMENDED; DESIGNATING THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE DISTRICT; REQUIRING THE BASELINE SALES TAX AND HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX COLLECTION RATE IN THE DISTRICT TO BE CERTIFIED; DEFINING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF; AND PROVING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

A motion was made by Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mr. Cryer to approve upholding the Zoning Board's approval to change the zoning of 1600 Houston River Road from R-M Multi Family Residential to B-1 Commercial to put three (3) mobile homes on the property. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Racca and seconded by Mr. Cryer to discuss Introducing Ordinance No. 995. The motion carried unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1-2002 OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA, ANNEXING PROPERTY AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF WAYSIDE DRIVE AND WESTWOOD ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; DEFINING WITH CERTAINTY AND PRECISION THE TERRITORY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE SAID CITY OF WESTLAKE; AND DEFINING THE ENTIRE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE AS CHANGED AND ENLARGED, AND TO REPEAL ALL LAWS AND ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

The following people opposed the annexation due to current traffic and flooding issues:

Mike Johnson, Shannon Ledoux, Cheryl Gammage, Cheryl Leichliter, Carrol Wolven, Shannon Hebert, David Brewer, Edwin Patrick, Brittany Duhon, Jase Hebert, Jena Johnson, Jayce Hebert, Stephen Carrier, Elise Carrier, and Cindy Gist.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Racca to DISAPPROVE Introducing Ordinance No. 995. The motion carried unanimously.

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DEFINING THE ENTIRE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE AS CHANGED AND ENLARGED, AND TO REPEAL ALL LAWS AND ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

A motion was made by Mr. Bergeron and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve issuing a Beer and Liquor License to LA's Diner & Daiquiri, located at 1115 Sampson Street pending the issuance of State Liquor License. Owner Shawn Shepherd. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Racca and seconded by Mr. Hayes to approve Resolution No. 3545. The motion carried unanimously.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ROBERT "BOB" HARDEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA, TO EXECUTE AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 7 FOR THE NEW CLUBHOUSE FOR THE NATIONAL GOLF CLUB OF LOUISIANA AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS THEREWITH.

A motion was made by Mr. Racca and seconded by Mr. Cryer to approve hiring Brent Michael Quebodeaux as a Full Time Police Officer effective July 7, 2021 upon the recommendation of Chief Chris Wilrye. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Racca and seconded by Mr. Hayes to approve hiring Michael John Kaanohi Wright as a Full Time Police Officer effective July 6, 2021 upon the recommendation of Chief Chris Wilrye. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Racca and seconded by Mr. Bergeron to approve going into Executive Session to discuss Police Personnel. The motion carried unanimously.

Time 5:57 PM

A motion was made by Mr. Racca and seconded by Mr. Brown to go back into Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.

Time 6:16 PM

A motion was made by Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mr. Bergeron to approve adding Resolution No. 3546 to the Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ROBERT "BOB" HARDEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BEARD EQUIPMENT FOR GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS THEREWITH.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Bergeron to approve Resolution No. 3546. The motion carried unanimously.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ROBERT "BOB" HARDEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH JOHN DEERE FOR GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS THEREWITH.

UPDATE

Mayor Hardey gave an update on the hurricane repairs.

Vernon Meyer gave an update on City projects.

Barry King gave an update on the construction of the new clubhouse.

Mayor Hardey announced the following reminders:

It is illegal to blow any grass clippings onto the road and/or into the storm drains.

All city-wide hurricane debris removal has been completed. All remaining debris is the responsibility of the property owner.

REPORTS

Chief Wilrye went over his July Monthly Reports.

Chief Duff gave an update on new fire truck.

Doug Fleming reported that the gas leak on Beech Street has been located and repaired. There will be new procedures implemented if our employees have problems locating a leak.

Gerry Pockat gave an update on the furniture at the new clubhouse and hiring a chef.

Jerry Milner gave an update on the Finance Report.

A motion was made by Mr. Cryer and seconded by Mr. Bergeron to approve the Reports. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Racca and seconded by Mr. Bergeron. The motion carried unanimously.

ROBERT "BOB" HARDEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANDREA MAHFOUZ, CITY CLERK

MEETING COMMENCED AT 5:33 P.M.

MEETING ENDED AT 6:44 P.M.

Also in attendance: Macie LeTard, City Attorney
Chris Wilrye, Police Chief
Jerry Milner, Finance Director
Jonathan Duff, Fire Chief
Doug Fleming, Public Works Director
Gerry Pockat, NGCLA, General Manager

Citizens addressing the Council: Mike Johnson
Shannon Ledoux
Cheryl Gammage
Cheryl Leichliter
Carrol Wolven
Shannon Hebert