

MINUTES

CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

October 3, 2017

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at the City Hall in New Roads, Louisiana. Mayor Robert A. Myer called the meeting to order. A roll call resulted as follows:

PRESENT: Anthony Daisy, Vernell Davis, Kurt Kellerman, Bernadine St. Cyr and Kirk White

ABSENT: None

Notice of this meeting was duly exercised and mailed per bylaws:

Agenda Amendments

Mayor Myer proposed the following amendment(s) to the agenda

Item 6A Use of 103 Giselle Street as a staging area for police operations in District 2

Item 6B Adoption of Resolution commending the life and public service of former New Roads Mayor Sylvester Muckelroy

Motion by Ms. St. Cyr and seconded by Mr. White.

RESOLVED, That the agenda be amended.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

Adoption of Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 5, 2017 and September 19, 2017

Adoption of the minutes was deferred.

Engineer's Report

Cletus Langlois reported on the following:

Memorial Boulevard Road Repair – City coordinating with parish road general contractor to make repairs

Major Parkway Drainage – PESI working with Major Heirs on drainage study.

Sixth Street Sewer (Odor Control) – Project has begun. Waiting on cover to be fabricated.

Sixth Street Sewer (Rehab and/or Replacement – Need archive information.

Will need to coordinate with Elie Part to meet so we can go through city archives.

Riverdale Development – Making site visits as needed during construction phase. Nearing project close-out walk through.

False River Pedestrian Walkway – Submitted plans to recreational trails funding agency for review.

Bike Trail (DOTD Permit application) – Will pick up signed application sheet at meeting for submitting to DOTD.

Ourso Residence on False River – Had meetings with city and Major Thibaut. Did field work and prepared a report that was furnished to city and Major Thibaut. Next step is meeting with Major Thibaut, city of New Roads and homeowner to discuss PESI findings.

Berthier Street Extension – Met with Sal to coordinate getting started on schematic and road R/W document.

Miscellaneous – KCS Railroad – coordination with KCS engineer on road construction requirements. Sugar Fields reverse flow drainage issue corrected. Coordinating with KCS Railroad for installation of culvert at RR tracks and Gretchen Street.

Use of 103 Giselle Street as a staging area for police operations in District 2

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Ms. St. Cyr.

RESOLVED, That the structure at 103 Giselle Street be used as a staging area for police operations in District 2 for a period of six months.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

Adoption of Resolution commending the life and public service of former New Roads Mayor Sylvester Muckelroy

Motion by Ms. St. Cyr and seconded by Mr. White and Mr. Kellerman.

RESOLVED, That the resolution commending the life and public service of former New Roads Mayor, Sylvester Muckelroy be adopted.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

Joseph O. Major, Jr. of Major Heirs – Approval of Subdivision Request

Motion by Mr. Kellerman and seconded by Mr. White.

RESOLVED, That the subdivision request be approved.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

Discussion and consideration of condemnation of blighted/abandoned properties

A. Florence Poydras Day – Property located at 509 Joyce Street

This matter was tabled.

B. John A. Blanchard – Property located at 211 Community Street

C. Norbert Victorine – Property located at 504 St. Jude Street

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Daisy.

RESOLVED, That the property owners be granted 60 days to condemn the structures.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

Naming of Kings Subdivision to Curet Subdivision Road

Mayor Myer recommended naming the aforementioned road Barack Obama Drive.

Motion by Ms. St. Cyr and seconded by Mr. Davis.

RESOLVED, That the road be named Barack Obama Drive.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

Allocation of funds for Kings Subdivision Park

Mayor Myer requested \$15,000.00 to develop a new park on the east side of the city. The new park will be named Sylvester Muckelroy Park.

Motion by Ms. St. Cyr and seconded by Mr. Daisy.

RESOLVED, That the funding request be approved.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Myer stated that the new hotel was a quality and unique facility and encouraged the city council to visit.

Kevin McDonald reported on the enhanced security measures for the upcoming Harvest Festival. According to Mr. McDonald, several new law enforcement agencies and task forces will provide assistance. There will be fencing around the event perimeter, extra patrols on the river, elevated patrols, and additional undercover officers.

Mayor Myer asked everyone to join him in wishing a "Happy Birthday" to Ms. Bernadine St. Cyr.

Agenda Amendment(s)

Mayor Myer proposed the following amendment to the agenda.

Item 12A Appointment to False River Air Park Commission

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Kellerman.

RESOLVED, that the agenda be amended.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

Appointment to False River Air Park

Mayor Myer recommended that Anthony Hurst be appointed to the commission.

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Daisy.

RESOLVED, That the appointment be approved.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

Council Reports

The council members and the city attorney expressed their condolences to the family of former Mayor Sylvester Muckelroy. Mr. Muckelroy died on Monday, October 2, 2017.

Mr. Kellerman requested the legal fees for the billboard litigation. He also mentioned several complaints of trash flying out of garbage trucks. Mr. White chimed in and reported complaints of the garbage trucks passing the same time as the school buses are passing.

He also asked that a letter be sent to DOTD (Dept. of Transportation and Development) regarding the New Roads signs near the Audubon Bridge. He stated that the font size needs to be larger and the signs need to be relocated.

Mr. White asked that the “Welcome to New Roads” sign be removed.

Before adjourning, Mr. Davis, Mr. Jewell and Mr. Daisy expressed their condolences and memories of former Mayor Sylvester Muckelroy.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Robert A. Myer, Mayor

Lynette H. Nelson