



Minutes
Bay Saint Louis
City Council Meeting
2nd Regular Meeting
November 19, 2019
5:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Larry Smith	Councilman Ward 4	Remote	6:19 PM
Doug Seal	Councilman Ward 1	Present	
Gene Hoffman	Councilman Ward 2	Present	
Jeffery Reed	Councilman Ward 3	Present	
Buddy Zimmerman	Councilman Ward 5	Present	
Josh DeSalvo	Councilman Ward 6	Present	
Gary Knoblock	Councilman At Large	Present	

A) Invocation and Pledge

Guests

- A) Clifford Rabalais - read into the record the Historic Preservation Commission's review and findings regarding fencing guidelines incurring from their meeting on November 11, 2019.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN- FINAL

- B) Discuss/Motion - Historic Preservation Commission Notice of Appeal for the decision on October 14, 2019 regarding 330 Ulman Avenue.

Sharon Mathieu discussed her appeal to override the Historical Preservation Committee's decision to allow her to put up vinyl fencing on her property as it is intended for support of landscaping and not used as actual fencing.

Council Member Hoffman made a motion to grant the request in this case, and in this case only, with respect to what the Historical Committee has recommended, which he believes is correct going forward, but in this case, Ms. Sharon should be allowed to put this material up, it is nice looking material, and will add quality to her property and the neighborhood in general.

Discussion commenced regarding this issue as follows:

Council Member Seal discussed his concerns and why he will vote no to allow this exception due to the next person expecting to be allowed the same exception. Council Member Seal further stressed that the historical district is an area that is successful, protected and property values have increased and continue to increase, and what is allowed on one property affects everyone else's property.

Susie Veglia with the Historical Preservation Committee spoke to clarify that when the Historical Preservation Committee met on November 11, 2019, they were not considering Ms. Mathieu's request as it was tabled by the Council and not before them as consideration. The committee met to review the Historic District Guidelines concerning the use of vinyl as requested by City Council; during the workshop, the Historical Preservation Committee voted to change the wording to consider each request on a case by case basis, based on look, location and quality. Then in the following full meeting, the Historical Preservation Committee voted to rescind a change in the guidelines and maintains its previous recommendation that vinyl fencing not be allowed.

Council Member Reed spoke in favor of the motion.

Motion to override the Historic Preservation Commission's decision on October 14, 2019 regarding 330 Ulman Avenue.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Gene Hoffman, Councilman Ward 2
SECONDER:	Buddy Zimmerman, Councilman Ward 5
AYES:	Hoffman, Reed, Zimmerman, DeSalvo, Knoblock
NAYS:	Doug Seal
ABSENT:	Larry Smith

C) Council Member Reed - Presentation

Council Member Reed made a presentation regarding the General Obligation Bond.

RESULT:	NO ACTION TAKEN- FINAL
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D) Public Forum

Public Forum Commenced Prior to the Vote on the General Obligation Bond.

Cliff Rabalias spoke regarding the bond.

Robert Cherry spoke regarding the bond, Ward 6 and the need for paved roads and covered ditches.

Thaddis Pouncey II spoke regarding the bond, division of the monies, and allocated to the city as a whole.

David Wells spoke regarding the bond, the need for paved roads in Wards 5 and 6, and the need to have a list for what needs to be done before making a decision.

Sam Moore spoke regarding the bond, the need for paved streets and a Community Center in Ward 6.

Ron Thorp spoke regarding the bond and making a decision for the entire city.

Lana Noonan spoke regarding the bond issue and court order for the annexed area in 2006.

Sandy Walsh spoke regarding the bond, the need for paved roads in Ward 6, the need to look into other funding to pave the roads and drainage.

Jason Thomas from Butler Snow spoke regarding the bond.

Mayor Favre spoke asking the Council to move forward with the bond, and set up workshops to narrow down the list of priority projects to be completed.

- E) Motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the issuance of a General Obligation Bond not to exceed \$6.5 million, dedicating 60% towards Wards 5 and 6 and the remaining 40% being split evenly between Wards 1, 2, 3, and 4, with any overage's coming back for the Council to decide based on priority needs to be determined by the Council.

The first motion brought by Council Member Smith, via phone, and seconded by Council Member DeSalvo was abandoned, with Attorney Smith advising to split the motions into two separate motions for a cleaner record.

Council Member Hoffman clarified the first motion for understanding as follows:

Motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the issuance of a General Obligation Bond not to exceed \$6.5 million, dedicating 60% towards Wards 5 and 6 and the remaining 40% being split evenly between Wards 1, 2, 3, and 4, with any overage's coming back for the Council to decide based on priority needs to be determined by the Council.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gene Hoffman, Councilman Ward 2
SECONDER:	Doug Seal, Councilman Ward 1
AYES:	Smith, Seal, Hoffman, Reed, Zimmerman, DeSalvo, Knoblock

- F) Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of a General Obligation Bond not to exceed \$6.5 million and not to exceed four percent net interest cost.

Council Member Smith left via remote at 7:43 PM. The meeting went into a brief recess.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gary Knoblock, Councilman At Large
SECONDER:	Gene Hoffman, Councilman Ward 2
AYES:	Smith, Seal, Hoffman, Reed, Zimmerman, DeSalvo, Knoblock

Planning and Zoning

- A) Motion to follow the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation of denial for the applicant's request for a Variance to the Zoning Ordinance at 401 State Street. Parcel #149E-0-29-263.000. Recommend denial 5-3 (Breland, Doescher, Acker)

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 12/3/2019 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Doug Seal, Councilman Ward 1
SECONDER:	Jeffery Reed, Councilman Ward 3
AYES:	Seal, Hoffman, Reed, Zimmerman, DeSalvo, Knoblock
ABSENT:	Larry Smith

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items A through J.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Doug Seal, Councilman Ward 1
SECONDER:	Gene Hoffman, Councilman Ward 2
AYES:	Seal, Hoffman, Reed, Zimmerman, DeSalvo, Knoblock
AWAY:	Larry Smith

- A) Motion to spread the Bay Saint Louis Payroll Hours Report dated November 8, 2019, on the Minutes.
- B) Spread the Bay Saint Louis Payroll in the amount of \$156,647.58, dated November 8, 2019, on the Minutes.
- C) Approve Street Closure November 22, 2019 Service Road from Phillip Street to Second Street to allow for Grand Opening of The Wedding Collection.
- D) Motion to spread the executed annual maintenance agreement with Accurate Control Equipment for the Neopost Folding Machine.
- E) Spread the Bay Saint Louis Revenue & Expense Report dated October 31, 2019, on the Minutes.
- F) Spread Resolution Authorizing and Approving an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement for a Ford F-150 Supercrew between the City and the First, a National Banking Association, with all exhibits.
- G) Motion to approve Street closures November 30, 2019 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Court Street to 2nd Street, right on DeMontluzin, to Beach Boulevard to Main Street ending at Cue Street.
- H) Spread the Bay Saint Louis Grant, Rebates & Donation Revenue Detailed GL YTD Report on the Minutes.
- D) Spread the Bay Saint Louis Certification Letter dated November 19, 2019 on the Minutes.
- J) Spread the Bay Saint Louis Cash Balances dated November 14, 2019, in the amount of \$3,616,615.68, after the docket, on the Minutes.

Engineer's Report

- A) Engineering Report and Update.

RESULT:	NO ACTION TAKEN- FINAL
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- B) Motion to rescind the Motion to proceed with the Old Spanish Trail resurfacing as an alternate from the low bid for the Bay Saint Louis Paving Project in the amount of \$228,000.00, which is below City Engineer Jason Chiniche's estimates to include the funding source for \$216,000.00 from the Bay Saint Louis County Road and Bridge Fund, which will be replenished with the taxes in January 2020.

Attorney Smith addressed the Motion to Recind the Old Spanish Trail paving contract award. Attorney Smith stated she sent an email to the State Auditor's Office asking for an opinion in writing as discussed in the last meeting. In response, she was forwarded an email that was a response sent to Councilman Knoblock back on October 14th.

Council Member Knoblock read into the record the email (attached to agenda) from Mark W. Johnson, CGFM, JD, regarding the Old Spanish Trail paving project.

Motion to rescind the Motion to proceed with the Old Spanish Trail resurfacing as an alternate from the low bid for the Bay Saint Louis Paving Project in the amount of \$228,000.00, which is below City Engineer Jason Chiniche's estimates to include the funding source for \$216,000.00 from the Bay Saint Louis County Road and Bridge Fund, which will be replenished with the taxes in January 2020.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Gary Knoblock, Councilman At Large
SECONDER:	Doug Seal, Councilman Ward 1
AYES:	Seal, Hoffman, Zimmerman, DeSalvo, Knoblock
NAYS:	Jeffery Reed
AWAY:	Larry Smith

- C) Motion to Re-bid the Old Spanish Trail and Railroad Track Re-surfacing, Striping, and Milling as the base bid from specifications previously provided from City Engineer Jason Chiniche's specifications.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Gary Knoblock, Councilman At Large
SECONDER:	Gene Hoffman, Councilman Ward 2
AYES:	Seal, Hoffman, Reed, Zimmerman, DeSalvo, Knoblock
AWAY:	Larry Smith

Comptroller's Report

- A) Motion to spread the Bay Saint Louis Payroll, for an individual, in the amount of \$1,408.00, dated November 8, 2019, on the Minutes.

Council Member Zimmerman out of the room.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jeffery Reed, Councilman Ward 3
SECONDER:	Gary Knoblock, Councilman At Large
AYES:	Seal, Hoffman, Reed, DeSalvo, Knoblock
AWAY:	Larry Smith, Buddy Zimmerman

- B) Motion to approve the Bay Saint Louis Docket of Claims #19-041 dated November 19, 2019, in the amount of \$351,297.74.

Zimmerman returned to the room.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Gene Hoffman, Councilman Ward 2
SECONDER:	Doug Seal, Councilman Ward 1
AYES:	Seal, Hoffman, Reed, Zimmerman, DeSalvo, Knoblock
AWAY:	Larry Smith

- C) Approve and authorize Mayor to sign contract addendum to existing RJ Young contract to add faxing capabilities to court/building copier for an additional \$30.65 per month chargeable to court department's budget.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Gene Hoffman, Councilman Ward 2
SECONDER:	Jeffery Reed, Councilman Ward 3
AYES:	Seal, Hoffman, Reed, Zimmerman, DeSalvo, Knoblock
AWAY:	Larry Smith

Mayor's Report

- A) Motion to approve the Resolution to declare its intention to impose a 2% Sales Tax and Set Election Date of Referendum.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Gary Knoblock, Councilman At Large
SECONDER:	Gene Hoffman, Councilman Ward 2
AYES:	Seal, Hoffman, Reed, Zimmerman, DeSalvo, Knoblock
AWAY:	Larry Smith

- B) Motion to Appoint Carolyn Adams, Ellen Beckhan and Crystal Sretching as Bay St. Louis Election Commissioners.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Gary Knoblock, Councilman At Large
SECONDER:	Buddy Zimmerman, Councilman Ward 5
AYES:	Seal, Hoffman, Reed, Zimmerman, DeSalvo, Knoblock
AWAY:	Larry Smith

- C) Discussion - Mississippi Department of Archives and History letter regarding the Bay St. Louis Police Department.

Mayor Favre discussed the letter from archives and history through the state, they declared that the police station is not a historical building. He would like to move forward with demolition and get prices for the building but not the storage. The garage is in good shape and would like to save it.

Council Member Knoblock asked if the air conditioner is working, it can be placed in the Boys and Girl's Club.

Mayor Favre will come back to the council with quotes.

RESULT:	NO ACTION TAKEN- FINAL
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- D) Motion to appoint Charlene Black and Dana Feuerstein as Deputy City Clerks.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Gary Knoblock, Councilman At Large
SECONDER:	Gene Hoffman, Councilman Ward 2
AYES:	Seal, Hoffman, Reed, Zimmerman, DeSalvo, Knoblock
AWAY:	Larry Smith

- E) Motion to approve Paving for Elaine Drive Driveway Repairs.

RESULT:	NO ACTION TAKEN- FINAL
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- F) Motion to keep Sissy Gonzales as currently titled in her current position as the City Clerk/Comptroller until the City Clerk position is filled.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Gene Hoffman, Councilman Ward 2
SECONDER:	Doug Seal, Councilman Ward 1
AYES:	Seal, Hoffman, Reed, Zimmerman, DeSalvo, Knoblock
AWAY:	Larry Smith

- G) Motion to decline the purchase of a 1997 C-3500 as approved in the November 5, 2019 Minutes, and purchase a 2002 F-350 Ford Cargo Truck from the Mississippi Forestry Commission for \$400.00.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Gary Knoblock, Councilman At Large
SECONDER:	Gene Hoffman, Councilman Ward 2
AYES:	Seal, Hoffman, Reed, Zimmerman, DeSalvo, Knoblock
AWAY:	Larry Smith

Attorney's Report

Department Requests/Motions

- A) Motion to authorize City Council to advertise in the Sea Coast Echo for open Historic Preservation Committee positions.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Gene Hoffman, Councilman Ward 2
SECONDER:	Buddy Zimmerman, Councilman Ward 5
AYES:	Seal, Hoffman, Reed, Zimmerman, DeSalvo, Knoblock
AWAY:	Larry Smith

Council/New/Old Business

- A) Motion to Reiterate the support for the July 23, 2019 Resolution of Mayor and City Council of the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi Authorizing and Approving the Submission of a funding request for FY2020 MDA Gulf Coast Restoration Fund to make certain improvement to the Depot District and commit matching funds to such project.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jeffery Reed, Councilman Ward 3
SECONDER:	Gene Hoffman, Councilman Ward 2
AYES:	Seal, Hoffman, Reed, Zimmerman, DeSalvo, Knoblock
AWAY:	Larry Smith

Minutes Approval

- A) City Council - 1st Regular Meeting - Nov 5, 2019 5:30 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Doug Seal, Councilman Ward 1
SECONDER:	Gene Hoffman, Councilman Ward 2
AYES:	Seal, Hoffman, Reed, Zimmerman, DeSalvo, Knoblock
AWAY:	Larry Smith

Closed/Executive Session

- A) Motion to go Into Closed Session to discuss the need to go Into Executive Session.

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Council Personnel and Land acquisition and negotiations.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Gene Hoffman, Councilman Ward 2
SECONDER:	Doug Seal, Councilman Ward 1
AYES:	Seal, Hoffman, Reed, Zimmerman, DeSalvo, Knoblock
AWAY:	Larry Smith

- B) Motion to go Into Executive Session.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Doug Seal, Councilman Ward 1
SECONDER:	Gene Hoffman, Councilman Ward 2
AYES:	Seal, Hoffman, Reed, Zimmerman, DeSalvo, Knoblock
AWAY:	Larry Smith

- C) Motion to come out of Executive Session.

No action taken.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Doug Seal, Councilman Ward 1
SECONDER:	Gary Knoblock, Councilman At Large
AYES:	Seal, Hoffman, Reed, Zimmerman, DeSalvo, Knoblock
AWAY:	Larry Smith

- D) Motion to advertise at least one time, in the Sea Coast Echo, the City of Bay St. Louis Website Page, and Facebook Page for the open Council Clerk position, with cut off date being November 30, 2019, and all submissions be turned into the City Council office.

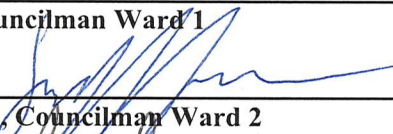
Valerie Fitts, Council Clerk will handle the advertisement.

Valerie Fitts, Council Clerk will conduct P&Z meeting.




Larry Smith, Councilman Ward 4 12/3/19

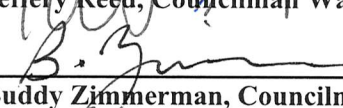
Doug Seal, Councilman Ward 1



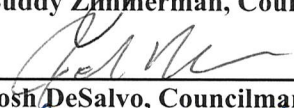
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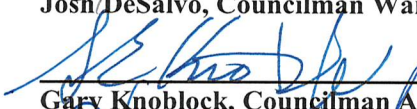
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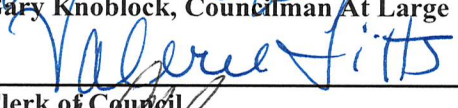
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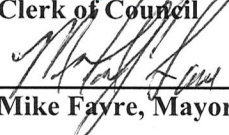
Josh DeSalvo, Councilman Ward 6 12/3/19



Gary Knoblock, Councilman At Large 12/3/2019



Valerie Fitts
Clerk of Council



Mike Fayre, Mayor