

DONALDSONVILLE COUNCIL
CITY OF DONALDSONVILLE
MARCH 28, 2023

The Donaldsonville Council of the City of Donaldsonville met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. held in Council Chambers, 609 Railroad Avenue, Donaldsonville, Louisiana with the following members present.

CHARLES BROWN, SR. Chairman
RAYMOND AUCOIN, Vice-Chairman
LAUTHAUGHT DELANEY, SR.
REGINALD FRANCIS, SR.
MIKE SULLIVAN, SR.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Brown.

A prayer and pledge of allegiance was recited.

It was moved by Mr. Francis and seconded by Mr. Delaney to amend the agenda to discuss RESOLUTION 2023-28 FA and L1 LLC DBA PACK A PACK dba PACK A PACK (32 West 10th St).

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: FRANCIS, DELANEY, M. SULLIVAN SR., AUCOIN, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Delaney to amend the agenda to discuss strategies on how to deliver information regarding Parish Water issues to the community.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: BROWN, DELANEY, M. SULLIVAN SR., AUCOIN, FRANCIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Delaney and seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan to amend the agenda to discuss the 2022 Audit Update Findings.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: DELANEY, M. SULLIVAN SR., AUCOIN, FRANCIS, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

The public comment period was now opened. No one wished to address the Council at this time.

It was moved by Mr. Delaney, seconded by Mr. Francis to close public comments.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: DELANEY, FRANCIS, AUCOIN, M. SULLIVAN SR, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

The Finance Report was given by Sandra Cost Williams. The financial statements were presented as budget to actual comparison for the month of January 2023, budget to actual have been given along with the sales tax report. The Donaldsonville City Council has been updated on the previous year's audit findings.

The discussion of the Juneteenth Budget was tabled to April 11th City Council Meeting. It was moved by Mr. Francis and seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan to amend budget.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: FRANCIS, M. SULLIVAN SR., DELANEY, AUCOIN, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAY, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Aucoin, seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan to approve \$25,079.00 payment to BGS Bunker Gear Specialist for Donaldsonville Fire Department's Holmatro Pettheon Cutter and Spreader Tool. Funds were donated by CF Industries.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: AUCOIN, SULLIVAN, DELANEY, FRANCIS, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. Delaney to approve landscaping contract payable to GO YE Services of Donaldsonville in the amount of \$15,600.00 for the year 2023.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: FRANCIS, DELANEY, AUCOIN, SULLIVAN, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Delaney, seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan to approve DOTD Maintenance Contract with the City of Donaldsonville in the amount of \$7,330.00.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: DELANEY, SULLIVAN, AUCOIN, FRANCIS, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan to approve payment to Boudreaux's Electrical Service in the amount of \$14,022.29 for labor & materials relating to transfer switch installation at the Lemann Center.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: FRANCIS, SULLIVAN, DELANEY, AUCOIN, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. M. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Delaney to approve payment to Boudreaux's Electrical Service in the amount of \$3,045.00 for labor & materials relating to transfer switch installation at the DMV.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: SULLIVAN, DELANEY, FRANCIS, AUCOIN, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Aucoin, seconded by Mr. Delaney to approve Invoice #196835; 2019-09 D, Ville Natural Gas System Infrastructure Improvements PH II. Payable to McKim & Creed GSA for professional services rendered through 3/4/2023 in the amount of \$8,572.50.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: AUCOIN, DELANEY, FRANCIS, SULLIVAN, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Delaney, seconded by Mr. Francis to approve Invoice #196836; 9903 GAS Donaldsonville Mic. Gas T/M. Payable to McKim & Creed GSA for professional services rendered through 3/4/2023 in the amount of \$1,506.00.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: DELANEY, FRANCIS, AUCOIN, M. SULLIVAN SR., BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. Delaney to approve Invoice #196837; 9903 Sewer D, Ville Misc. SWR T/M. Payable to McKim & Creed GSA for professional services rendered through 3/4/2023 in the amount of \$8,356.50.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: FRANCIS, DELANEY, M. SULLIVAN SR, AUCOIN, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. M. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Francis to approve Invoice # 196838; Donaldsonville Misc. Engineer/Drainage T/M. Payable to McKim & Creed GSA for professional services rendered through 11/26/2022 in the amount of \$3,907.50.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: SULLIVAN, FRANCIS, AUCOIN, DELANEY, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Delaney, seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan to approve Change Order No. 14 City of Donaldsonville Natural Gas System Infrastructure Improvements – Phase II in the amount of \$4,139.46

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: DELANEY, M. SULLIVAN SR., FRANCIS, AUCOIN, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan to approve bid and authorize the mayor to sign the Sugarlane Drive Sanitary Sewer Re-Routing from M & J Civil Construction in the amount of \$89,285.00.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: FRANCIS, M. SULLIVAN SR., DELANEY, AUCOIN, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Aucoin, seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION 2023-28

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION OF FA and L1 LLC DBA PACK A PACK (32 West 10th St).

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: AUCOIN, M. SULLIVAN SR., FRANCIS, DELANEY

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: BROWN

ABSENT: NONE, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTAIN, 0 ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Delaney, seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr. to approve 2022 audit findings update.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: DELANEY, M. SULLIVAN SR., FRANCIS, AUCOIN, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED

City Council Members discussed strategies on how to communicate with the community regarding water from Parish Utilities of Ascension.

Discussion and vote for the City of Donaldsonville to partner with Tankproof to provide food for 40 kids for (1) day was tabled.

City Council Members discussed authorization for the mayor to accept St. John properties proposals as outlined in its letter of Intent to perform studies on the Industrial Park in exchange for the \$10K.

It was moved by Mr. Aucoin, seconded by Mr. Francis to authorize the mayor to accept proposal from St. John Properties to perform studies on the Industrial Park in exchange for the \$10K.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: AUCOIN, FRANCIS, DELANEY, SULLIVAN, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED

City Council Members discussed increasing Donaldsonville Fire Department's pay scale by 10% for the new fiscal year.

It was moved by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr., seconded by Mr. Aucoin to approve a 10% pay scale increase for the Donaldsonville Fire Department for the new fiscal year.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: SULLIVAN, AUCOIN, FRANCIS, DELANEY, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED

The public hearing on the following ordinance was now opened.

ORDINANCE 2023-03

An ordinance of the City of Donaldsonville, providing that the code of ordinances, for the City of Donaldsonville, be amended by amending section 12.5-30. Sexual harassment policy; providing for required training, provided for annual reporting, providing for repealing of all ordinances in conflict herewith; providing severability provisions; and providing for renumbering to be part of the code of ordinances for the City of Donaldsonville.

All interested parties were given the opportunity to express their opinion.

It was moved by Mr. Aucoin, seconded by Mr. Delaney to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2023-03.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: AUCOIN, DELANEY, FRANCIS, M. SULLIVAN SR., BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. Delaney to adopt Ordinance 2023-03.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: FRANCIS, DELANEY, M. SULLIVAN SR., AUCOIN, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

The public hearing on the following ordinance was now opened.

ORDINANCE 2023-04

An ordinance amending Chapter 10 "Occupational Licenses, Taxes and Regulations" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Donaldsonville, State of Louisiana to create Article VI "Mobile Food Vendors," providing for definitions, providing for rules and regulations, providing for permitting, repealing of all ordinances in conflict herewith; providing severability provisions; and providing for renumbering to be part of the code of ordinances for the City of Donaldsonville.

All interested parties were given the opportunity to express their opinion.

Lydia Hambrick (418 Mississippi St) addressed the council.

Brandon Katz (801 Iberville St) addressed the council.

Geraldo Sanchez addressed the council.

Juanita Pearly (205 Madewood Dr) on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce addressed the council.

It was moved by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. Delaney to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2023-04.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: FRANCIS, DELANEY, AUCOIN, M. SULLIVAN SR., BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Delaney, seconded by Mr. Aucoin to deny Ordinance 2023-04.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: DELANEY, AUCOIN, FRANCIS, M. SULLIVAN SR., BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

Ordinance 2023-04 placed on the COTW April 17, 2023

The Demo hearing was now opened.

Sidney Marchand gave a report on 627 Charles Street; Lot 5, Sq. E (Estate of Francois Querzaire)

All interested parties were given the opportunity to express their opinion.

Tyrone Richard addressed the council.

It was moved by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr., seconded by Mr. Francis to grant 60 days from March 29, 2023 for demolition; can return if more time is needed.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: M. SULLIVAN SR., FRANCIS, DELANEY, AUCOIN, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

There being no further business before the Council of the City of Donaldsonville in regular session convened, a motion was made by Mr. Aucoin and seconded by Mr. Delaney that this meeting be adjourned.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: AUCOIN, DELANEY, M. SULLIVAN SR., FRANCIS, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

s/Ashley Gagnard
Council Clerk