

DONALDSONVILLE COUNCIL
CITY OF DONALDSONVILLE
NOVEMBER 28, 2023

The Donaldsonville Council of the City of Donaldsonville met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 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. (ABSENT)
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. Aucoin and seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr., to amend the agenda to discuss Inner Gov't Agreement with Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Project No. H.015011 as well as authorize the Mayor to sign agreement.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS

ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr. and seconded by Mr. Francis, to amend the agenda to discuss the Introduction for Ordinance 2023-17; the 4-Way Stop on Chetematches and Opelousas.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS

ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Francis and seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr., to amend the agenda to discuss Demo on 1401 McKinley St.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS

ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr., to amend the agenda to enter Executive Session to Discuss Scottsdale Insurance Company lawsuit.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS

ADOPTED

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

No Finance Report was given due to the absence of Sandra Cost Williams.

Mayor discussed DDD and Main Street. Mayor Leroy J. Sullivan, Sr. will work with Michelle Ashbey and return to the Council with recommendations.

McKim & Creed Projects status updates & MRI (Material Resources, INC.) Pavement Preservation was discussed at previous Committee of The Whole Meeting.

Mayor Leroy J. Sullivan, Sr. will report back to the council with an update regarding MRI Material Resources, Inc. for Pavement Preservation.

It was moved by Mr. Aucoin, seconded by Mr. Francis for Donaldsonville City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign FY 2023 Community Project Funding Grant Agreement No. B-23-CP-LA-0626.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS

ADOPTED

Discussion held regarding Inner Gov't Agreement with Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for Project No. H.015011.

It was moved by Mr. Aucoin, seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr., to authorize Mayor to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for Project No. H.015011.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS

ADOPTED

Discussion held regarding upcoming holiday business hours. The City Council Office will be closed December 25th – December 27th and January 1st – 3rd.

It was moved by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan to adopt holiday schedule.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS

ADOPTED

The Demo hearing was now opened.

Jermaine Narcise Hooper addressed the council regarding Demo on 806 6 St. and requested a 90-day extension.

It was moved by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan to grant 90 days from November 29th for demolition. Progress report will be given at March 12th City Council Meeting.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION

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ADOPTED

A report was given on 704 2nd Street/1007 Peytavin Street Lot 16, W ½ of Lot 17, Sq. 4, C/V. No access to delivery location, Attorney Spencer Long will resubmit notice. Discussion will be placed on January 9th City Council Meeting Agenda.

A report was given on 1410 St. Vincent Street Lot 189, E ½ Sq. 11, C/V (Owner: Percy Williams) Notice returned from Percy Williams, Attorney Spencer Long will resubmit notice. Discussion will be placed on December 12th City Council Meeting Agenda.

A report was given on 921 St. Vincent Street Lots 11, 12 and 13, Sq.2 C/V Notice returned undeliverable, Attorney Spencer Long will resubmit notice. Discussion will be placed on January 9th City Council Meeting Agenda.

A report was given on 1116 St. Vincent Street Lot 11, Sq. 5, C/V (Owner: Lester Verret)

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

Lester Verret addressed the council.

It was moved by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr., seconded by Mr. Aucoin to grant 90 days from November 29th, 2023 for demolition. Progress report will be given at March 12th City Council Meeting.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS

ADOPTED

A report was given on 1306 St. Vincent Street Lot 100, Sq. 9 C/V (Owner: Edward London)

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

No one present to address the Council on behalf of the resident.

It was moved by Mr. Aucoin, seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr to grant 90 days from November 29th, 2023 for demolition.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION

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ADOPTED

Councilman, Reginald Francis entered the meeting at 6:31 PM.

The following ordinances were introduced, and a public hearing will be held on this ordinance on January 9th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at city hall.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 -17
Ordinance proposing 4-Way Stop on Chetimatches and Opelousas.

The public hearing on the following ordinance was now opened.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 -16
An Ordinance providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of a
One Million Dollar (\$1,000,000) Grant Anticipation Note, Series
2023, of the City of Donaldsonville, State of Louisiana, and
providing for other matters in connection therewith.

All interested parties were given the opportunity to express their opinion.
It was moved by Mr. Aucoin, seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr. to close the public
hearing on Ordinance 2023-16.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS
ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Aucoin, seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr. to adopt Ordinance
2023-16.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS
ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr., seconded by Mr. Francis to go into
Executive Session.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION

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ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Aucoin, seconded by Mr. Francis to close Executive
Session.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS
ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr., seconded by Mr. Aucoin to dismiss lawsuit
against Scottsdale Insurance Company.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION
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ADOPTED

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

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION
WAS
ADOPTED

s/Ashley Gaignard
Council Clerk