

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN
IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016.**

The Minden City Council met in Regular Session at City Hall, Minden, Louisiana, on Monday, October 3, 2016, beginning at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Tommy Davis, Wayne Edwards, Fayrine A. Kennon-Gilbert, Vincen Bradford and Benny Gray. Absent: Mike Toland. The prayer was offered by Wayne Edwards and Benny Gray led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Tommy Davis welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Upon motion by Fayrine A. Kennon-Gilbert and duly seconded by Wayne Edwards, the council unanimously adopted the minutes of Council Regular Session held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, as presented.

The following action was taken regarding condemned properties:

Latson Souter 8513 Highway 80 Princeton, LA 71067	408 N. Roosevelt Street Lot #12 & #13, Blk. "E" Oak Ridge Dr. Resubdiv.
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With no one present representing the property, Vincen Bradford moved to authorize the Mayor to issue an order declaring the property condemned and further order the demolition of any structures located thereon and the cleaning of the lot within 45 days of this dated. The motion was duly seconded by Fayrine A. Kennon-Gilbert and carried unanimously.

LEJ Properties Ltd. Partnership c/o Latson Souter 8513 Highway 80 Princeton, LA 71067	402 N. Roosevelt Lots #14 & #15, Blk. "E" Oak Ridge Dr. Resubdiv. & 5 ft. strip adj. on South (formerly an easement) in NW/4 of SW/4 Sec. 28-19-9
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With no one present representing the property, Vincen Bradford moved to authorize the Mayor to issue an order declaring the property condemned and further order the demolition of any structures located thereon and the cleaning of the lot within 45 days of this dated. The motion was duly seconded by Wayne Edwards and carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Benny Gray and duly seconded by Fayrine A Kennon-Gilbert, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution for Annual Certification of Compliance with State of Louisiana Off-System Bridge Replacement Program, as presented. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Wayne Edwards moved to authorize the Mayor and City Council to adopt a Resolution showing support of a Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) FY 2017-2018 Application, and if awarded, granting the Mayor authority to execute the contract and any other paperwork, as needed, with the State of Louisiana Office of

Community Development Division of Administration, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford and carried unanimously. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Upon motion by Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Benny Gray, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution requesting that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) provide funds required to complete the airport improvements at the Minden Airport specifically as described in the Capital Improvement Program Application for State Financial Assistance dated September 30, 2016, as presented. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Upon motion by Benny Gray and duly seconded by Fayrine A. Kennon-Gilbert, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution adopting the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the audit period of 10/01/15 – 09/30/16, as presented. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Wayne Edwards moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Publication of a Notice of Intention to Levy a Not Exceeding Two Percent Sales and Use Tax and a Not Exceeding Two Percent Hotel Occupancy Tax in Certain Existing Economic Development Districts, in Accordance With and as Authorized by Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as Amended (LA R.S. 33:9038.31 ET SEQ.): and Providing for Other Matters in Connection Therewith, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford and carried unanimously. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Upon motion by Benny Gray and duly seconded by Wayne Edwards, the council unanimously authorized a Notice of Public Meeting to be published in the Minden Press Herald and given to the appropriate state legislators declaring that the City of Minden plans to consider the adoption of ordinances levying sales taxes of up to two percent and hotel occupancy taxes of up to two percent in each of the four Minden Economic Development Districts.

Ordinance No. 1077, Annual Bridge Maintenance Report, a Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development requirement to annually review the posting of city bridges, was unanimously adopted, as presented, upon motion by Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Vincen Bradford.

Wayne Edwards moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1078, an ordinance levying an additional sales tax of two percent in Minden Economic Development District No. 1, State of Louisiana; designating the full amount of such additional sales tax as the sales tax increment in said District from which the local and state sales tax increments will be determined and used to finance economic development projects in accordance with and as authorized by Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; designating the initial annual baseline collection rate and establishing a monthly baseline collection rate for said District; pledging and dedicating such tax increment to economic development projects in or benefitting the District and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford and carried unanimously.

Wayne Edwards moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1079, an ordinance levying an additional sales tax of two percent in Minden Economic Development District No. 2, State of Louisiana; designating the full amount of such additional sales tax as the sales tax increment in said District from which the local and state sales tax increments will be determined and used to finance economic development projects in accordance with and as authorized by Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; designating the initial annual baseline collection rate and establishing a monthly baseline collection rate for said District; pledging and dedicating such tax increment to economic development projects in or benefitting the District and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Benny Gray and carried unanimously.

Benny Gray moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1080, an ordinance levying an additional sales tax of two percent in Minden Economic Development District No. 3, State of Louisiana; designating the full amount of such additional sales tax as the sales tax increment in said District from which the local and state sales tax increments will be determined and used to finance economic development projects in accordance with and as authorized by Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; designating the initial annual baseline collection rate and establishing a monthly baseline collection rate for said District; pledging and dedicating such tax increment to economic development projects in or benefitting the District and providing

for other matters in connection with the foregoing, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Wayne Edwards and carried unanimously.

Wayne Edwards moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1081, an ordinance levying an additional sales tax of two percent in Minden Economic Development District No. 4, State of Louisiana; designating the full amount of such additional sales tax as the sales tax increment in said District from which the local and state sales tax increments will be determined and used to finance economic development projects in accordance with and as authorized by Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; designating the initial annual baseline collection rate and establishing a monthly baseline collection rate for said District; pledging and dedicating such tax increment to economic development projects in or benefitting the District and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Fayrine A. Kennon-Gilbert and carried unanimously.

Fayrine A. Kennon-Gilbert moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1082, an ordinance levying a hotel occupancy tax of two percent in Minden Economic Development District No. 1, State of Louisiana, to be used for economic development projects in or benefitting properties in the District in accordance with and as authorized by Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Wayne Edwards and carried unanimously.

Wayne Edwards moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1083, an ordinance levying a hotel occupancy tax of two percent in Minden Economic Development District No. 2, State of Louisiana, to be used for economic development projects in or benefitting properties in the District in accordance with and as authorized by Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Fayrine A. Kennon-Gilbert and carried unanimously.

Vincen Bradford moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1084, an ordinance levying a hotel occupancy tax of two percent in Minden Economic Development District No. 3, State of Louisiana, to be used for economic development projects in or benefitting properties in the District in accordance with and as authorized by Part II, Chapter 27,

Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Benny Gray and carried unanimously.

Wayne Edwards moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1085, an ordinance levying a hotel occupancy tax of two percent in Minden Economic Development District No. 4, State of Louisiana, to be used for economic development projects in or benefitting properties in the District in accordance with and as authorized by Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford and carried unanimously.

The amendment to the 2015/2016 budget was unanimously approved upon motion by Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Benny Gray.

Benny Gray moved to award the surplus property bid for the sale of Scrap Metal – Used Water Meters, Bid No. 1-16, to the highest bidder meeting all expectations. The motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford and carried unanimously.

The Police Report for September of 2016 was unanimously accepted upon motion by Vincen Bradford and duly seconded by Fayrine A. Kennon-Gilbert.

Council comments were heard, public comments were heard, and the meeting was adjourned.

Tommy Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, City Clerk