

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
MARCH 4, 2008**

The City Council of the City of Thibodaux assembled in regular session at its regular meeting place, City Hall, 310 West 2nd Street, Thibodaux, Louisiana, on Tuesday March 4, 2008 at 5:00 o'clock P.M.

There were present: Councilmen Hebert, Richard, Taylor, Centanni and Mire.

Also Present: Germaine Jackson

The minutes of the February 19, 2008 Council meeting were approved as written.

Councilman Richard introduced an ordinance approving the re-division of property owned by Larry and Rita Chamberlain located on St. Patrick Highway. The proposed re-division involves the division of Tract C into Tracts C-1 and C-2. The Public Hearing for this ordinance will be held at the City Council Meeting on Monday, March 17, 2008 at 10:00 A.M.

Councilman Hebert introduced an ordinance to amend and re-enact Chapter 6 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances so as to create Section 6-6 Mobile Homes and Travel Trailers. The Public Hearing for this ordinance will be held at the City Council Meeting on Monday, March 17, 2008 at 10:00 A.M.

Councilman Richard introduced an ordinance to amend Article I, Section 101 of the Official Zoning Map. The ordinance would change the zoning designation for a tract of property owned by Lafourche Parish School Board from R-1 and R-2 Districts to an R-3 District. The Public Hearing for this ordinance will be held at the City Council Meeting on Monday, March 17, 2008 at 10:00 A.M.

Councilman Centanni introduced an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 20-19 (f) of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances so as to create Sub-Section (15); School Zone on Parish Road between Barbier Avenue and Notre Dame Street. The Public Hearing for this ordinance will be held on Monday, March 17, 2008 at 10:00 A.M.

Annually, the Louisiana State Legislative Auditor requires that the City complete a Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. The said questionnaire is completed by the Finance Director and her staff. It is then submitted to our auditors for review before final submission to the Legislative Auditor's Office.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Hebert, the Council voted to adopt a resolution approving the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Councilman Hebert, Richard, Taylor, Centanni, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 1343

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled that:

WHEREAS, the Office of the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana has presented to the City Administration a Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire to be completed by the Administration of the City of Thibodaux; and

WHEREAS, it is required by that office that the questionnaire be presented and adopted by the governing authority of the City of Thibodaux by means of adoption of a resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has assured the City Council that the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire has been completed in accordance with applicable law and that all the answers are true and correct to the best of their knowledge.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is hereby approved and adopted as the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire of the City of Thibodaux for the year 2007.

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Hebert, Richard, Taylor, Centanni, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of March 2008.

/s/Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President

Upon a request from the Mayor, Duplantis Design Groups was asked to prepare a professional services agreement which would authorize the preparation of conceptual drawings and color presentation renderings of the proposed Andolsek Park Sports Complex. The project would include this in order to determine space relationships, and the acreage that would be required in order to accommodate such a development. The agreement states that the City would pay fees based on an hourly rate in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

On motion of Councilman Hebert, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Agreement with Duplantis Design Group. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Hebert, Richard, Taylor, Centanni, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 1344

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
SIGN AN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH DUPLANTIS DESIGN GROUP**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that:

WHEREAS, the City plans to continue the development of Andolsek Park to include the construction of a Sports Complex; and

WHEREAS, the development of conceptual drawings of the project can determine space relationships and also the acreage required to accommodate such a development; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has selected Duplantis Design Group to prepare the conceptual drawings for the Andolsek Park Sports Complex based on an hourly rate not to exceed \$5,000; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to execute a professional services contract with the said company for the services to be rendered.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a professional services agreement with Duplantis Design Group for the services rendered to the City in conjunction with the development of conceptual drawings for the Andolsek Park Sports Complex.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the said agreement is attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and thereby made a part hereof.

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Hebert, Richard, Taylor, Centanni, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of March 2008.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President

The City Attorney has requested that the City secure the services of Fisher & Phillips to act as special legal counsel to represent the City in the litigation of the lawsuit titled Karen Chiasson vs. No. 107683 Kermit Kraemer and the City of Thibodaux. The plaintiff alleges the intentional tort of intentional infliction of emotional distress, and by amended petition, sexual harassment. An extension has been filed, however it is time to answer and begin the defense of the suit.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Hebert, the Council voted to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with the law firm of Fisher & Phillips as special legal counsel to the City in the lawsuit entitled Karen Chiasson vs. No. 107683 Kermit Kraemer and the City of Thibodaux. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Hebert, Richard, Taylor, Mire
NAYS: Councilman Centanni
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 1345

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CONTRACT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF FISHER & PHILLIPS AS SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL FOR CITY OF

THIBODAUX

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that;

WHEREAS, the City is a defendant in the litigation Karen Chiasson vs. No. 107683 Kermit Kraemer and the City of Thibodaux; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the City Attorney that the City should be represented by special legal counsel due to the nature of this matter; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 2 of the City Charter it is necessary for the Mayor to select the special legal counsel to represent the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has selected the firm of Fisher & Phillips to represent the City in the aforesaid matter as the said special legal counsel

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby confirm the selection of the law firm of Fisher & Phillips as special legal counsel for the City, and does authorize him to execute an agreement with the said firm.

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Hebert, Richard, Taylor, Mire

NAYS: Councilman Centanni

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of March 2008.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President

Councilman Eddie Hebert addressed the Council, as well as, members of the audience in reference to the City of Thibodaux's Ordinance concerning can shakes for charitable organizations. He expressed his concern for the safety of the pedestrian, as well as, the safety of the motorist. Debbie Daigle and Police Chief Craig Melancon explained various issues and policies regarding can shakes in the City of Thibodaux. Although, they are not aware of any public complaints regarding this matter, Councilman Hebert has received complaints of this being a nuisance. Councilman Hebert proposed that can shakes be eliminated in the City of Thibodaux.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Admin.
President

Chad J. Mire,

