



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
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Final

Council Chairman Dick Gibbs
Councilmembers Wendy Benedetto, Paul J. Hogan,
Terrell D. Wilson, Mary K. Clulee, William Billy Woodruff,
Marilyn B. Bellock, Traci A. Fletcher, Julia Fisher-Perrier

Monday, November 26, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 8 - Paul J. Hogan, Terrell D. Wilson, Mary K. Clulee, John R. 'Dick' Gibbs, William Woodruff, Marilyn B. Bellock, Traci A. Fletcher, and Julia Fisher-Perrier

Absent 1 - Wendy Benedetto

Also Present

Parish President Larry Cochran, Executive Secretary Robin Delahoussaye, Legal Services Director Robert Raymond, Chief Administrative Officer Billy Raymond, Executive Director Dwayne LaGrange, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Faucheux, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Grants Officer Carla Chiasson, R.S.V.P. Director Michelle Higgins, Justin Robert, Public Information Office

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Pastor Charles Johnson
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Boutte

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Bellock, seconded by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, to approve the minutes from the special meeting of October 23, 2018, the special meeting of October 25, 2018, and the special meeting of October 30, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

Councilwoman Benedetto arrived in the meeting.

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

2018-0315

Proclamation: Toy and Gift Fund Week

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Read

2018-0317

Proclamation: "Sunday Tea with Santa Day"

Sponsors: Ms. Benedetto and Mr. Gibbs

Read

2018-0316

Proclamation: Christmas Celebration

Sponsors: Ms. Clulee

Read

2018-0326

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, to authorize the levy of special taxes (Road, Health Unit, Programs for the Elderly, and Fire Protection) therein.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Bond Counsel

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval

Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6382

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)[2018-0285](#)

Executive Director Buddy Boe, River Parishes Tourist Commission - Update

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Councilman Woodruff spoke on the matter.
Mr. Boe spoke on the matter.
Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier spoke on the matter.
Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.
Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2018-0318](#)

Communications District (911)

Retired Major Sam Zinna, President

Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.
Major Zinna spoke on the matter.
Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.
Councilman Wilson spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2018-0029](#)

Housing Authority

Ms. Leatrice Hollis, Executive Director

Reported

A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to extend Ms. Hollis' time. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Time Extended

Councilman Wilson spoke on the matter.
Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier spoke on the matter.
Ms. Hollis spoke on the matter.
Councilwoman Bellock spoke on the matter.

Reported

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN GIBBS AUTHORIZED THAT THE ORDINANCES, HAVING BEEN PRESENTED FOR INTRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, AND NOT REJECTED BY TWO-THIRDS OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS, ARE TO BE PUBLISHED IN SUMMARY FORM AS FOLLOWS IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL WITH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2018-0322](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of Amendment No. 6 to Ordinance No. 08-10-6, which approved a Professional Services Agreement with GCR Inc., formerly GCR & Associates, Inc., for right-of-way acquisition and program management services for the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee initiative.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 10, 2018

Enactment No: 18-12-1

[2018-0323](#)

An ordinance adopting the St. Charles Parish Council Road and Bridges Capital Program Budget for fiscal year 2019 through 2021 in accordance with the Parish Transportation Act.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Finance

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 10, 2018

Enactment No: 18-12-2

[2018-0327](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of Change Order No. 3 for the Norco Library Renovation/Addition located at 590 Apple Street in Norco, to decrease the contract amount by \$151.00 and increase the contract time by 19 days.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 10, 2018

Enactment No: 18-12-3

[2018-0328](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the Parish President to execute a License for a Limited Access Road Underpass Crossing between St. Charles Parish and Illinois Central Railroad Company to utilize the underpass to access the Wetland Watchers Park in the amount of \$10.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 10, 2018

Enactment No: 18-12-4

[2018-0329](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the Parish President to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between Cypress Lakes Country Club At Ormond and St Charles Parish to dredge the Lakes that facilitate the Ormond Drainage system.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 10, 2018

Enactment No: 18-12-5

[2018-0330](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the Parish President to acquire a 0.021 acre temporary construction servitude for use in the construction of the US 61 (Railroad Overpass to LA 50) Culvert Installation Project over property identified as Parcel No. 2-1, located across the front of the M.H.I. Investments, L.L.C. property, Fairview Plantation, Section 39, Township 12 South, Range 9 East, which property is more particularly described in the attached "Temporary Construction Servitude" document.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 10, 2018

Enactment No: 18-12-6

[2018-0331](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the Parish President to buy the property known as 409 Down the Bayou Road, Des Allemands from Sherwood A. Berard, which property is more particularly described in the attached "Agreement to Purchase and Sell" document.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 10, 2018

[2018-0332](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a contract with Barriere Construction Co., LLC for the construction of Parish Project No. P160302-5, Road Maintenance 2018, with Base Bid and Alternate No. 1, in the amount of \$1,133,673.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 10, 2018

Enactment No: 18-12-7

[2018-0333](#)

An ordinance to name a private driveway located on Lot GV-2X, Gassen Villa Subdivision, as requested by Wells One Investments, LLC.

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 10, 2018

PLANNING AND ZONING PETITIONS[2018-0310](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from O-L to C-3 on a 550 foot portion of Lot 14B, Pecan Grove Plantation Subdivision as requested by Steven and Anne Hafkesbring.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Denial

Planning Commission Recommended: Denial

Speakers:

Ms. Anne Hafkesbring, St. Rose

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to extend Ms. Hafkesbring's time an additional three minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Time Extended

Speakers:

Mr. Daniel Nelson, Destrehan, future heir to the land in St. Rose also spoke on behalf of his brother Glen Nelson, Jr., St. Rose

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to extend Mr. Nelson's time an additional three minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Time Extended

Speakers:

Mr. Glen Nelson, Sr., St. Rose

Mr. Steven Hafkesbring, St. Rose

A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Bellock, to extend Mr. Hafkesbring's time an additional three minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Time Extended

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Council Discussion

Mr. Glen Nelson spoke on the matter.

Mr. Hafkesbring spoke on the matter.

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Benedetto, to Table File No. 2018-0310. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 1 - Fletcher

Tabled.

ORDINANCES SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING (INTRODUCED AT PREVIOUS MEETING)

[2018-0295](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 (Final) for the St. Charles Parish Planning & Zoning Building Project #CD 2512 to increase the contract amount by \$9,850.00 and increase the contract time by five days.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and General Government Buildings

Reported:

General Government Buildings Recommended: Approval

At the request of Parish President Larry Cochran, Mr. John Campo, Campo Designs Architects, spoke on the matter.

Speakers:

Mr. Michael Albert, Planning & Zoning Director

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-11-4

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 18-11-4

[2018-0301](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a professional service contract with SHREAD-KUYRKENDALL & ASSOCIATES, INC. for providing certain preliminary engineering services for the proposed Des Allemands Bulkhead project. (Parish Project Number P180801).

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-11-5

Council Discussion

Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchaux spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fletcher

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 18-11-5

[2018-0254](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the Parish President to accept the donation of improvements of the “up ramp access” to the Pedestrian/Bicycle Path on the crown of the Mississippi River in New Sarpy, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, from Valero Refining-New Orleans, L.L.C. which property is more particularly described in the Donation Agreement attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval
Legal Services Director Robert Raymond spoke on the matter.

Speakers:

Ms. Taryn Rodgers, Community Relations Specialist, Valero St. Charles

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-11-6

Council Discussion

Ms. Rodgers spoke on the matter.
Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 18-11-6

[2018-0311](#)

A ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Contract with Magee Excavation & Development, LLC, for the construction of the St. Charles Parish East Bank Multi-Use Path, Phase VI, State Project No. H.009763, Federal Aid Project No. H009763, extending from the West Guide Levee of the Bonnet Carre Spillway in Montz to the St. John the Baptist Parish line.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-11-7

Council Discussion

Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.

Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchaux spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 18-11-7

[2018-0312](#)

An ordinance to provide for the installation of an “**ALL-WAY STOP**” sign on Turner Lane at its intersection with Boutte Estates Drive in Boutte.

Sponsors: Mr. Wilson

Reported:

Councilman Wilson Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-11-8

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 18-11-8

[2018-0313](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs and St. Charles Parish for space to house, maintain, and operate the parish Veterans' Service Office located in the St. Charles Parish Courthouse, 15045 River Road, Hahnville.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval

Chief Administrative Officer Billy Raymond spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-11-9

Council Discussion

Mr. Raymond spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 18-11-9

RESOLUTIONS

2018-0314

A resolution providing mandatory support for the Planning and Zoning Commission's approval for an accessory dwelling unit in an R-1A zoning district on Lot 180, South Lakewood Subdivision, municipal address 221 Lake Catherine Drive, Luling as requested by Billy R. White, III.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6383

2018-0324

A resolution certifying that St. Charles Parish has complied with the bidding procedures of Louisiana Revised Statutes 38:2211, et. seq., for the Ellington Pump Station, State Project No. H.013148.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Grants Office

Reported:

Grants Office Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6384

[2018-0325](#)

A resolution supporting the application for funding of the Bonnet Carré Spillway Water Main Replacement project in Montz through the Louisiana Office of Community Development's FY 2018-2019 Community Water Enrichment Fund.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Grants Office

Reported:

Grants Office Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

Grants Officer Carla Chiasson spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6385

2018-0319

A resolution requesting that the Parish President, through the Department of Public Works, take the steps needed to assure that the homeowner re-establishes flow through the two (2) adjacent 5' drainage servitudes as requested per Work Order PW #8091, and that the Parish itself re-establishes the swale should the homeowner refuse to do so.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened

Mr. Byron Hebert, Bayou Gauche

Mr. Jan Comardelle, Bayou Gauche

Ms. Celestial "Lynn" Hebert, Bayou Gauche

Mr. Jan Comardelle approached the podium to speak; Councilman Hogan called Point of Order stating Mr. Comardelle had already spoken.

Mr. Henry Babin, Bayou Gauche

Council Discussion

Mr. Comardelle spoke on the matter.

Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchaux spoke on the matter.

Legal Services Director Robert Raymond spoke on the matter.

Ms. Hebert spoke on the matter.

Mr. Hebert spoke on the matter.

Proposed resolution failed for lack of a majority by the following vote:

Yea: 1 - Hogan

Nay: 8 - Benedetto, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Failed

APPOINTMENTS[2018-0304](#)

Council Ex-Officio Appointment to the Housing Authority.

Nominee:

Councilwoman Clulee nominated Councilwoman Marilyn B. Bellock

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2018-0304. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Nomination(s) Closed

SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL[2018-0306](#)

Adopt 2019 Parish Council Meeting Schedule

A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to Adopt the 2019 Parish Council Meeting Schedule. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Adopted

[2018-0320](#)

Accept Nominations - Presiding Officer for 2019; Chairman, St. Charles Parish Council [Confirm December 10, 2018]

Nominee:

Councilwoman Clulee nominated Councilwoman Julia Fisher-Perrier

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2018-0320. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Nomination(s) Closed[2018-0321](#)

Accept Nominations - Presiding Officer for 2019; Vice-Chairman, St. Charles Parish Council [Confirm December 10, 2018]

Nominees:

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier nominated Councilwoman Wendy Benedetto
Councilman Hogan nominated Councilwoman Marilyn B. Bellock

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Woodruff, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2018-0321. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Nomination(s) Closed**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Woodruff, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:14 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary