



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

Budget - 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**

St. Charles Parish
Courthouse
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Tuesday, October 23, 2018

9:00 AM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 6 - Wendy Benedetto, Paul J. Hogan, Mary K. Clulee, John R. 'Dick' Gibbs, William Woodruff, and Julia Fisher-Perrier

Absent 3 - Terrell D. Wilson, Marilyn B. Bellock, and Traci A. Fletcher

Also Present

Parish President Larry Cochran, Executive Secretary Robin Delahoussaye, Legal Services Director Robert Raymond, Chief Administrative Officer Billy Raymond, Executive Director Darrin Duhe, Executive Director Dwayne LaGrange, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchaux, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Earl Matherne, Planning Administrator, Interim Public Information Officer Adrienne Bourgeois, Emergency Preparedness Director Joe Ganote, Waterworks Director Robbie Brou, Community Services Director Joan Tonglet Diaz, Economic Development & Tourism Director Corey Fauchaux, Parks and Recreation Director Duane Foret, Animal Control Officer Jena Troxler, Risk Management Officer Rechelle Champagne, Personnel Officer Dayna Parker, Jill Schmill, Procurement Agent, R.S.V.P. Director Michelle Higgins, General Government Buildings Facilities Manager Bob Messerly, WIOA Director Tommy Scott, Senior Projects Manager Sam Scholle, Justin Robert, Public Information Office, Erik Dufrene, Information Technology Department, Jason Tastet, Emergency Preparedness Department Carey Rochelle, Finance Department; Luis Martinez, GIS; Chandra Sampey, Contract Monitors Office, Brad Berthelot, Wastewater Department, Public Works Assistant Director Bob Williams, Kali Zammit, Parish Farm Agent, Brian J. Champagne, Registrar of Voters, Joel T. Chaisson, II, District Attorney, Cynthia Aucoin, District Attorney's Office, Judge Timothy S. Marcel, Lance Marino, Clerk of Court, Brian Fabre, Clerk of Court's Office, Chief Rodney Madere, Sheriff's Office, Nicole Henry, Sheriff's Office, Barry Minnich, Coroner's Office, Audrey Roy, Coroner's Office, Leann Benedict, St. Charles Parish Library Director

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:04 am.

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Deacon Billy Raymond, Sr.
Mt. Airy Baptist Church, Boutte

Budget Message – 2019 Consolidated Operating & Capital Budget (President Larry Cochran)

Councilmembers Wilson and Bellock arrived in the meeting.

Read

**ORDINANCE SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING
(INTRODUCED AT PREVIOUS MEETING)**

[2018-0139](#)

An ordinance to approve and adopt the appropriation of Funds for the St. Charles Parish Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2019.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Finance

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-10-12

General Fund:

District Attorney - Reported - Council Discussion
Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 - General Fund - District Attorney - Personal Services

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier motioned, seconded by Councilman Wilson, to amend the proposed budget to replace \$1,090,000.00 under account 001-400235 - District Attorney - Personal Services - Non-PR Salaries/Benefits with \$1,680,000.00. Motion carried 8 yeas, Councilmember Fletcher absent.
PASSED

Registrar of Voters - Reported
Registrar of Voters Brian Champagne spoke in reference to early voting.

District Court - Reported
Grand Jury - Reported
District Court Div. C - Reported
District Court Div. D - Reported
District Court Div. E - Reported - Council Discussion
Judge Timothy Marcel spoke on the matter.

Clerk of Court - Reported
Sheriff - Reported - Council Discussion
Chief Rodney Madere spoke on the matter.
Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.

Coroner - Reported - Council Discussion
Mr. Barry Minnich, Coroner's Office, spoke on the matter.

Parish Farm Agent - Reported

Special Revenue Funds:
Retired Senior Volunteer Program - Deferred

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

General Fund:

Council - Reported
Council District I - Reported
Council District II - Reported
Council District III - Reported
Council District IV - Reported
Council District V - Reported
Council District VI - Deferred
Council District VII - Reported
Council Division A - Reported
Council Division B - Reported
Parish President - Reported

Special Revenue Funds:
Parish Transportation - Reported
Road Lighting District #1 - Reported - Council Discussion

Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchaux spoke on the matter.
Ms. Chandra Sampey, Contract Monitor's Office, spoke on the matter.

Road & Drainage - Reported - Council Discussion
Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchaux spoke on the matter.

Mosquito Control - Reported
Flood Protection - Reported - Council Discussion
Senior Projects Manager Sam Scholle spoke on the matter.
Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.

Capital Projects Funds:
West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee - Reported - Council Discussion
Senior Projects Manager Sam Scholle spoke on the matter.
Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter. Finance Department will correct misspelled word under Fund Number 310 - Westbank Hurricane Protection Levee - Capital Outlay - Improvements other than Buildings - "Parody" to "Paradis".

LCDBG - Deferred

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enterprise Funds:
Wastewater - Reported - Council Discussion
Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchaux spoke on the matter.
Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.

Solid Waste Collection & Disposal - Reported
Consolidated Waterworks District No. 1 - Reported - Council Discussion
Waterworks Director Robbie Brou spoke on the matter.

Special Revenue Funds:
Retired Senior Volunteer Program - Reported - Council Discussion
R.S.V.P. Director Michelle Higgins spoke on the matter.
Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.

Recreation - Reported - Council Discussion
Parks & Recreation Director Duane Foret spoke on the matter.

Capital Projects Funds:
Recreation Facilities Construction - Reported - Council Discussion
Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.
Parks & Recreation Director Duane Foret spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

General Fund:
Public Information - Reported - Council Discussion
Interim Public Information Officer Adrienne Bourgeois spoke on the matter.

Purchasing - Reported - Council Discussion
Ms. Jill Schmill, Procurement Agent, spoke on the matter.

Personnel - Reported

Legal Services - Reported - Council Discussion
Legal Services Director Robert Raymond spoke on the matter.

Planning & Zoning - Reported - Council Discussion
Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

Coastal Zone Management - Reported
ICC Building Codes - Reported
Information Technology - Reported - Council Discussion
Mr. Erik Matherne, Information Technology Department, spoke on the matter.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 - General Fund - Information Technology - Capital Outlay

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier motioned, seconded by Councilman Wilson, to amend the proposed budget to remove \$25,000.00 under account 001-400625 - Information Technology - Capital Outlay - Office Equipment - Fiber Project (Connect Courthouse to EOC). Motion carried 7 yeas, Councilmembers Bellock and Fletcher absent. PASSED

GIS - Reported - Council Discussion
Mr. Luis Martinez, GIS Department, spoke on the matter.
Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.
Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.

Cable TV Administration - Reported - Council Discussion
Interim Public Information Officer Adrienne Bourgeois spoke on the matter.

General Gov't Buildings - Reported - Council Discussion
General Government Buildings Facilities Manager Bob Messerly spoke on the matter.

Risk Management - Reported - Council Discussion
Risk Management Officer Rechelle Champagne spoke on the matter.
Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.

Grants Administration - Deferred

Councilwoman Benedetto departed the meeting.

Emergency Preparedness - Reported
Emergency Prep. Subsid. - Reported
EOC 24 Hours Coverage - Reported
Animal Control - Reported
Health & Safety Rehab. - Reported
Revitalization Fund Program - Reported
Housing Preservation Grant - Reported
Community Services - Reported - Council Discussion
Community Services Director Joan Diaz spoke on the matter.
Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 - General Fund - Community Services - Capital Outlay

Councilwoman Clulee motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier, to amend the proposed budget to add \$150,000.00 under account 001-430231 - Community Services - Capital Outlay - Building, Ground & Plant for a potential Paul Maillard Corridor Community Center. Motion carried 7 yeas, Councilmembers Benedetto and Fletcher absent. PASSED

Energy Assistance - Reported
Community Service Center - Reported
Summer Feeding - Reported - Council Discussion
Community Services Director Joan Diaz spoke on the matter.

Community Services Subgrants - Reported
CSBG - Administration - Reported
CSBG - Program Activities - Reported
Home Program - Reported
Community Center - Reported - Council Discussion
Parks & Recreation Director Duane Foret spoke on the matter.

Economic Development - Reported - Council Discussion
Economic Development & Tourism Director Corey Faucheux spoke on the matter.

Tourist Information Center - Reported - Council Discussion
Economic Development & Tourism Director Corey Faucheux spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Special Revenue Funds:

Workforce Investment Act - Reported - Council Discussion
WIOA Director Tommy Scott spoke on the matter.

Agencies & Boards:

Library - Reported - Council Discussion
Library Director Leann Benedict spoke on the matter.

Recess

General Fund:

Ordinance & Proceedings - Reported
Police Jury Association - Reported
Ward Courts - Reported
Elections - Reported - Council Discussion
Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.

Finance - Reported
Taxation - Assessor - Reported
Taxation - Collector - Reported
Data Processing - Reported
Research & Investigations - Reported
Retirement System Contributions - Reported
Retired Employees Group Insurance - Reported - Council Discussion
Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.

Juvenile - Reported
Motor Vehicle - Reported
Veterans Administration - Reported
Public Housing - Reported
Debt Service - Reported

Special Revenue Funds:

Criminal Court Fund - Reported - Council Discussion

Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.
Ms. Carey Rochelle, Finance Department, spoke on the matter.

Capital Projects Funds:

Front Foot Assessment Capital Projects - Reported - Council Discussion
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RECAP OF AMENDMENTS

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Amendments Recorded

Enactment No: 18-10-12

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN GIBBS AUTHORIZED THAT THE ORDINANCE, 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 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018, 6:00 PM, AND TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2018, 6:00 PM, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

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Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 25, 2018

Enactment No: 18-10-12

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Bellock, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 12:59 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Benedetto and Fletcher

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary