



# St. Charles Parish

## Meeting Minutes

### Parish Council

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### Final

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

**Monday, April 8, 2019**

**6:00 PM**

**Council Chambers, Courthouse**

### ATTENDANCE

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

**Absent** 1 - Terrell D. Wilson

### Also Present

Parish President Larry Cochran, Executive Secretary Robin Delahoussaye, Chief Administrative Officer Billy Raymond, Executive Director Darrin Duhe, Executive Director Dwayne LaGrange, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchaux, Senior Projects Manager Sam Scholle, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Earl Matherne, Planning Administrator, Parks and Recreation Director Duane Foret, General Government Buildings Facilities Manager Bob Messerly, Justin Robert, Public Information Office

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm.

### PRAYER / PLEDGE

Reverend Ivy Williams  
Historic Bethlehem Baptist Church, Hahnville

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A motion was made by Councilmember Bellock, seconded by Councilmember Gibbs, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 11, 2019 and the regular meeting of March 25, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Wilson

**SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)**

[2019-0103](#)

In Recognition: 2018 - 7-Year Old Louisiana Cal Ripken State Champions

**Sponsors:** Mr. Gibbs

**Read**

[2019-0104](#)

In Recognition: 2018 - 9-Year Old District I and Louisiana Cal Ripken State Champions

**Sponsors:** Ms. Fletcher

**Read**

[2019-0105](#)

In Recognition: Vicki Nesting, St. Charles Parish Library

**Sponsors:** Mr. Wilson

**Read**

[2019-0106](#)

Proclamation: "St. Charles Parish First Responders Crawfish Cook-Off Day"

**Sponsors:** Ms. Clulee

**Read**

[2019-0107](#)

Proclamation: "Little Red Church Festival Weekend"

**Sponsors:** Mr. Wilson

**Read**

[2019-0108](#)

Proclamation: "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week"

**Sponsors:** Ms. Fisher-Perrier

**Read**

**REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)**[2019-0109](#)**Department of Planning & Zoning/CZM**

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert reported on the Planning & Zoning Department.  
Planning Administrator Earl Matherne reported on Coastal Zone Management.

Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.  
Mr. Matherne spoke on the matter.  
Councilman Gibbs spoke on the matter.  
Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.  
Chairman Fisher-Perrier spoke on the matter.  
Mr. Albert spoke on the matter.

**Reported**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN FISHER-PERRIER 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, APRIL 22, 2019, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:**

[2019-0113](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a professional service agreement with N-Y Associates, Inc., for providing all necessary professional engineering services for a project that improves the discharge piping for Destrehan Pump Station (P.S.) No. 1 (Parish Project No. P180902).

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on April 22, 2019**

[2019-0114](#)

An ordinance approving the Intergovernmental Agreement with Pontchartrain Levee District for the continued maintenance and related drainage issues associated with the "Prescott Canal" and Montz area, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on April 22, 2019**

[2019-0115](#)

An ordinance to amend the 2019 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget, Amendment No. 2, to add expenditures totaling \$2,056,591 for the Roads and Drainage Fund - Fund 112 for DOTD Highway 90 Compliance Repairs and for the Ormond Oaks Drainage Improvement Project unexpended in 2018.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran and Department of Finance

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on April 22, 2019**

[2019-0116](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from C-2 to R-1A(M) on Lot 9, Block M, Townsite of Paradis as requested by Olivia Zeringue.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on April 22, 2019**

[2019-0117](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Appendix C. St. Charles Parish Subdivision Regulations of 1981, Section IV. Design standards. Paragraph D. Drainage. 2. Roadside Drainage. a. Subsurface Drainage to specify a certain type of stormwater inlet for roadside drainage.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on April 22, 2019**

[2019-0118](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Subdivision Regulations of 1981, Section II. Subdivision Procedure to eliminate restrictive scale and page size requirements for Preliminary and Final Plats at paragraph E. Preliminary Plat Requirements. 2. Mandatory Submission Requirements. c. and E. Preliminary Plat Requirements. 4. Preliminary Plat Procedure. a. Submission Procedure., and G. Final Plat Requirements. 2. Mandatory Submission Requirements.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on April 22, 2019**

[2019-0119](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Agreement with the St. Charles Parish Department of Community Services and the St. Charles Parish School Board for a Summer Food Service Program from June 3, 2019 through July 11, 2019.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran and Department of Community Services

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on April 22, 2019**

[2019-0120](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an Act of Dedication and approval of the Final Plat for St. Paul Place Subdivision.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on April 22, 2019**

## PLANNING AND ZONING PETITIONS

[2019-0080](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from R-1A(M) and C-2 to C-3 on Lots WC-1 and A, Block 55A, Coteau de France Subdivision as requested by William Sigmon.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Denial

Planning Commission Recommended: Denial

Speakers:

Ms. Jessica Sigmon, Des Allemands

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

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Wilson

Enactment No: 19-4-1

**Time Extended**

Enactment No: 19-4-1

## Speakers:

Mr. Keith Melancon, Des Allemands  
Mr. Casey Leblanc, Des Allemands  
Mr. Glen Nelson, St. Rose  
Mr. Phillip Peyregne, Des Allemands  
Mr. Jim Villasenor, Des Allemands  
Mr. Craig Matherne, Luling  
Mr. Joey Murray, Destrehan  
Mr. Arthur Matherne, Des Allemands  
Mr. Corey Dufrene, Des Allemands  
Mr. Alvin Meyer, Jr., Des Allemands  
Mr. Tommy McCully, Des Allemands  
Mr. John Beadle, Des Allemands  
Mr. Richard Jenkins, Des Allemands  
Mr. Jean Dimagio, Des Allemands  
Ms. Julie Hebert, Hahnville  
Mr. Danny Hebert, Hahnville

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

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Wilson

Enactment No: 19-4-1

**Time Extended**

Enactment No: 19-4-1

## Speakers:

Mr. Tyler Burke, Des Allemands  
Mr. Ryan Dufrene, Luling  
Mr. Zach Butterworth, New Orleans  
Mr. William Sigmon, Des Allemands

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 19-4-1

## Council Discussion

Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

President Cochran invited Mr. Sigmon back up to speak; Mr. Sigmon spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Fletcher invited Mr. Butterworth back up to speak; Mr. Butterworth spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Benedetto called for the vote.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Yea:** 7 - Benedetto, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 1 - Hogan

**Absent:** 1 - Wilson

Enactment No: 19-4-1

[2019-0081](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from C-2 to C-3 on Lot D, Block 55, Coteau de France Subdivision as requested by Roy Dufrene for Max & Company, LLC.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Denial

Planning Commission Recommended: Denial

Speakers:

Ms. Maxine Dufrene, Des Allemands

Mr. Ryan Dufrene, Luling

Mr. William Sigmon, Des Allemands

Mr. Casey Leblanc, Des Allemands

Mr. Phillip Peyregne, Des Allemands

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 19-4-2

Council Discussion

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Yea:** 7 - Benedetto, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 1 - Hogan

**Absent:** 1 - Wilson

Enactment No: 19-4-2

**ORDINANCES SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING  
(INTRODUCED AT PREVIOUS MEETING)**[2019-0096](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article I. In General, Section 2-2. Fees of copies of documents (a).

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval  
Chairman Fisher-Perrier spoke on the matter.

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 19-4-3

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Wilson

Enactment No: 19-4-3

[2019-0098](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a construction contract with Sealevel Construction, Inc. for Project No. P080502-22A, Engineer's Canal Pump Station Improvements, in the amount of \$1,014,305.00.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 19-4-4

Council Discussion

Councilman Hogan called Point of Order per Parish Council Rule 14.

Chairman Fisher-Perrier called Councilman Hogan out of order.

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

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

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

**Nay:** 0



**Absent:** 1 - Wilson

Enactment No: 19-4-4

[2019-0099](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an Act of Dedication and approval of the Final Plat for Oak Alley Subdivision.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval  
Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchaux spoke on the matter.

Speakers:

Mr. Joey Murray, Murray Architects, representing MHI Investments, LLC, St. Rose

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 19-4-5

Council Discussion

Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

Mr. Fauchaux spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Yea:** 7 - Benedetto, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 1 - Hogan

**Absent:** 1 - Wilson

Enactment No: 19-4-5

[2019-0100](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Engineering Services Contract between Huseman & Associates, LLC and St. Charles Parish to perform electrical and mechanical consulting engineering services associated with the replacement of the 2 HVAC units #2 and #4 at the St. Charles Parish Courthouse located at 15045 River Rd., Hahnville, LA 70057.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran and General Government Buildings

Reported:

General Government Buildings Recommended: Approval

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 19-4-6

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Wilson

Enactment No: 19-4-6

## RESOLUTIONS

### 2019-0101

A resolution in support of construction services guidelines for Esperanza Business Park - Phase II.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

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

#### **VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Yea:** 7 - Benedetto, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 1 - Hogan

**Absent:** 1 - Wilson

Enactment No: 6401

2019-0102

A resolution in opposition of all proposed legislation that transfers the administration and collection of local sales & use taxes to the Louisiana Department of Revenue.

**Sponsors:** Ms. Clulee, Ms. Fisher-Perrier, Ms. Benedetto, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Woodruff, Ms. Bellock and Ms. Fletcher

Reported:

Councilwoman Clulee Recommended: Approval  
Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier Recommended: Approval  
Councilwoman Benedetto Recommended: Approval  
Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval  
Councilman Wilson Recommended: Approval  
Councilman Gibbs Recommended: Approval  
Councilman Woodruff Recommended: Approval  
Councilwoman Bellock Recommended: Approval  
Councilwoman Fletcher Recommended: Approval  
Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.

Amendment: to amend the proposed resolution by adding at the end "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Police Jury Association Executive Director asking to forward this resolution to the appropriate parties."

**A motion was made by Councilmember Clulee, seconded by Councilmember Gibbs, to Amend File No. 2019-0102. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Wilson

Enactment No: 6402

**Amended**

Enactment No: 6402

[2019-0102](#)

A resolution in opposition of all proposed legislation that transfers the administration and collection of local sales & use taxes to the Louisiana Department of Revenue.

**Sponsors:** Ms. Clulee, Ms. Fisher-Perrier, Ms. Benedetto, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Woodruff, Ms. Bellock and Ms. Fletcher

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION AS AMENDED**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Wilson

Enactment No: 6402

[2019-0069](#)

A resolution to amend the Parish Council Rules to add Rule 40. The microphone system within the council chambers is a luxury and is a mechanism for use in preserving decorum by being turned off during Council debate when deemed necessary by the Council Chairperson.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Hogan

Council Rule 19. The rules may be repealed, altered, or amended by concurrence of a majority of all Councilmen, but motion for this purpose must be in writing, and lie over for at least one week after introduction before final passage.

**Held Over**

## APPOINTMENTS

[2019-0111](#)

A resolution to appoint a member to the Hospital Service District No. 1, Parish of St. Charles.

**Vacancy Announced**

[2019-0112](#)

A resolution to appoint a member to the Hospital Service District No. 1, Parish of St. Charles.

**Vacancy Announced**

## **SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL**

### 2019-0110

St. Charles Parish's obligation regarding maintenance of the Sunset Drainage District Levee per the St. Charles Parish Sunset Drainage District Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and Levee settlement concerns

**Sponsors:** Mr. Hogan

Chairman Fisher-Perrier read File No. 2019-0110.

**Read**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Clulee, seconded by Councilmember Bellock, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:17 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Wilson

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.**

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**Michelle Impastato**  
**Council Secretary**