



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, July 22, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 6 - Wendy Benedetto, Paul J. Hogan, Mary K. Clulee, William Woodruff, Traci A. Fletcher, and Julia Fisher-Perrier

Absent 3 - Terrell D. Wilson, John R. 'Dick' Gibbs, and Marilyn B. Bellock

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, Executive Director Micah Cormier, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchaux, Senior Projects Manager Sam Scholle, Earl Matherne, Planning Administrator, Emergency Preparedness Director Joe Ganote, Heather Keller, Public Information Office

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Deacon Donnie Hills
First Baptist Church of Paradis

Chairman Fisher Perrier entertained a motion and a second to temporarily suspend Council Rule 14 and replace with the following: no member No member may speak until recognized by the Chairman. The Chairman shall recognize members by order on the electronic voting system. If the electronic voting system is inoperable in whole or in part, or unavailable, then the Chairman shall name the member to speak in the order in which the requests are received. Each member shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoid personalities, and refrain from impugning the motives of any other member's argument or vote. While a member is speaking, no member shall hold any private discourse. The Chairman should be addressed during all meetings as "Mr. Chairman" or "Madame Chairman", as is gender appropriate.

Councilman Wilson arrived in the meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to suspend and replace Council Rule 14. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Bellock

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Benedetto, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of July 1, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Bellock

[2019-0223](#)

In Recognition: St. Charles Catholic High School Comets Baseball
2019 LHSAA Division II State Champions

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Public comment not opened

A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to deviate from the regular order of the agenda to take up File No. 2019-0223; a matter not on the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote

Yea: 7 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Bellock

Deviated

[2019-0223](#)

In Recognition: St. Charles Catholic High School Comets Baseball
2019 LHSAA Division II State Champions

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Read

A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Fletcher, to return to the regular order of the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Bellock

Returned

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2019-0214](#)

Department of Finance

Mr. Philip Rebowe, CPA, CFE, CCA, Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC
Ms. Amy Verberne, CPA, Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC

Reported

[2019-0215](#)

Civil Service Board/Personnel Office

Discussion: to defer File No. 2019-0215 until a later date

Report Deferred

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, AUGUST 5, 2019, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2019-0216](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for Parish Project No. S150301A St. Rose Sewer Network Upgrade to increase the contract amount by \$36,683.96 and decrease the number of days by 140.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 5, 2019

[2019-0217](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for Parish Project No. S170701 Hahnville Wastewater Treatment Plant (UV Upgrade) to increase the contract amount by \$18,950.00 and increase the number of days by 16.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 5, 2019

[2019-0218](#)

An ordinance to rename Rue La Cannes, Luling to Deputy Jeff Watson Street.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 5, 2019

[2019-0220](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a contract with Barriere Construction Co., LLC for the construction of Parish Project No. P160302-6, Road Maintenance 2019, with Base Bid and Alternate No. 1, in the amount of \$1,247,333.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 5, 2019

[2019-0221](#)

An ordinance to amend the 2019 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget, Amendment No. 3, to add revenues including transfers totaling \$29,642,001 and accumulated fund balance of \$38,899,882 and expenditures, including transfers, totaling \$71,608,642 for the Roads and Drainage Fund - Fund 112, Parish Transportation Fund 102, Flood Protection Fund 123, and Capital Projects Fund 310 (West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee) for construction, architectural/engineering, and other fees unexpended in 2018 for various parish projects that were not completed during 2018.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Finance

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 5, 2019

[2019-0222](#)

An ordinance to levy an assessment on the 2019 ad valorem tax bills of property owners that are delinquent in paying outstanding invoices for removal of weeds, grass, etc. in accordance with the St. Charles Parish Code, Chapter 16, Article III, Weeds, Grass, etc. and to levy an assessment on the ad valorem tax bills of property owners that are delinquent in paying outstanding charges incurred for the removal of unsafe structures, trash and debris in accordance with Chapter 16, Article IV, Sec. 16-48(b).

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 5, 2019

[2019-0224](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Agreement between Tauzin Consultants, LLC and St. Charles Parish for governmental affairs representation.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 5, 2019

[2019-0226](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for Parish Project No P160302-5, Road Maintenance 2018, to balance the contract quantities with actual quantities resulting in a decrease of \$125,845.75 and an increase in time of twenty-four (24) days.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 5, 2019

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN FISHER-PERRIER AUTHORIZED THAT THE RESOLUTION, 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, AUGUST 19, 2019, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2019-0219](#)

A resolution authorizing the St. Charles Parish Council to approve the Industrial Tax Exemption application for W.R. Grace & Co., Project ID: 20180053-ITE for participation in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program for an expansion project at the company's manufacturing facility in Norco, Louisiana.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 19, 2019

**ORDINANCES / RESOLUTION SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING
(INTRODUCED AT PREVIOUS MEETING)**

[2019-0195](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a construction contract with Hard Rock Construction, LLC for Parish Project Number P180501, Highway 90 Sinkholes Remediation, in the amount of \$163,955.40.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 19-7-4

Council Discussion

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

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 7 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Bellock

Enactment No: 19-7-4

[2019-0205](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for the Parish of St. Charles, Chapter 5 Boats, Docks and Waterways, Section 5-5 Abandoned vessels in parish waterways.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Council Discussion

Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.

Legal Services Director Robert Raymond spoke on the matter.

President Cochran spoke on Mr. Raymond's behalf.

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

Chairman Fisher-Perrier stated for the record she would like to reconsider her vote from yea to nay.

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

Yea: 1 - Hogan

Nay: 6 - Benedetto, Wilson, Clulee, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Bellock

Failed

[2019-0213](#)

A resolution to amend the Parish Council Rules to provide further clarification therein.

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier

A revised version of the proposed resolution with Councilwoman Benedetto and Councilman Gibbs added as co-sponsors appeared in the July 22, 2019 Agenda along with revised Council Rule 14.

Amended

Enactment No: 6421

[2019-0213](#)

A resolution to amend the Parish Council Rules to provide further clarification therein.

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier, Ms. Benedetto and Mr. Gibbs

Chairman Fisher-Perrier explained the revised version needed to be accepted and asked if anyone else would like to co-sponsor File No. 2019-0213.

Councilman Wilson and Councilwoman Fletcher requested that their names be added as co-sponsors.

Amendment: to amend the proposed resolution by adding Councilman Wilson and Councilwoman Fletcher as co-sponsors

A motion was made by Councilmember Clulee, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to Amend File No. 2019-0213; the proposed resolution, and to accept the revised version of Council Rule 14. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Bellock

Enactment No: 6421

Amended

Enactment No: 6421

[2019-0213](#)

A resolution to amend the Parish Council Rules to provide further clarification therein.

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier, Ms. Benedetto, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Wilson and Ms. Fletcher

Reported:

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier Recommended: Approval

Councilwoman Benedetto Recommended: Approval

Councilman Gibbs Recommended: Approval

Councilman Wilson Recommended: Approval

Councilwoman Fletcher Recommended: Approval

Chairman Fisher-Perrier spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 6421

Council Discussion

Councilwoman Clulee motioned to Postpone Indefinitely File No. 2019-0213. Motion failed for a lack of a second.

Further Council Discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION AS AMENDED

Yea: 7 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Bellock

Enactment No: 6421

ORDINANCES SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION AT THIS PUBLIC MEETING (INTRODUCED AT PREVIOUS MEETING)

2019-0210

An ordinance adopting, setting forth, levying and imposing taxes on all property subject to taxation in the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, as required by Section 23 of Article VII of the Constitution of Louisiana and Revised Statute 47.1705(B) for General Parochial Purposes; constructing, acquiring, maintaining, operating, extending and/or improving levees, facilities and structures associated with outer flood protection systems within the Parish; constructing, maintaining, and operating the Parish Road Maintenance program, Parish Recreation program, Parish Fire Protection, Mosquito Control Program, E-911 Telephone System, Health Unit and Council on Aging program; Council on Aging Program (2); Road Lighting District No. 1; the ARC of St. Charles; paying any costs associated with acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating wastewater facilities and systems in the Parish.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Finance

Reported:

Finance Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 19-7-5

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 7 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Bellock

Enactment No: 19-7-5

[2019-0211](#)

An ordinance adopting, setting forth, levying and imposing taxes on all property subject to taxation in the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, as required by Section 23 of Article VII of the Constitution of Louisiana and Revised Statute 47.1705(B) for the purpose of maintaining, operating, constructing, improving and supporting public libraries of said Parish.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Finance

Reported:

Finance Department Recommended: Approval

Finance Director Grant Dussom asked Ms. Leann Benedict, St. Charles Parish Library Director, to explain File No. 2019-0211.

Ms. Benedict spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 19-7-6

Council Discussion

Ms. Benedict spoke on the matter.

Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 7 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Bellock

Enactment No: 19-7-6

[2019-0225](#)

A resolution in support of Councilwoman Wendy Benedetto for Region II Member of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Public comment opened on the deviation; no public comment

Chairman Fisher-Perrier allowed Councilman Hogan to speak on the matter.

A motion was made by Councilmember Woodruff, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to deviate from the regular order of the agenda to take up File No. 2019-0225; a matter not on the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Bellock

Enactment No: 6422

Deviated

Enactment No: 6422

Reported:

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier Recommended: Approval

Amendment: to amend the proposed resolution in the second "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED" to change "Louisiana" to read "Region II"

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Hogan, to Amend File No. 2019-0225. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Bellock

Enactment No: 6422

Amended

Enactment No: 6422

2019-0225

A resolution in support of Councilwoman Wendy Benedetto for Region II Member of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION AS AMENDED

Yea: 7 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Bellock

Enactment No: 6422

A motion was made by Councilmember Clulee, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to return to the regular order of the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Bellock

Enactment No: 6422

Returned

Enactment No: 6422

APPOINTMENTS[2019-0185](#)

A resolution to appoint Mr. Ralph M. Wilderson to the St. Charles Parish Civil Service Board.

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. RALPH M. WILDERSON

Yea: 7 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Bellock

Enactment No: 6423

[2019-0186](#)

A resolution to appoint Ms. Beverly A. Delaune to the St. Charles Parish Library Board of Control as the District III Representative.

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. BEVERLY A. DELAUNE

Yea: 7 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Bellock

Enactment No: 6424

[2019-0187](#)

A resolution to appoint a member to the St. Charles Parish Library Board of Control as the District IV Representative.

Deferred

Chairman Fisher-Perrier deferred to Parish President Larry Cochran for a few announcements as well as an update on the storm. President Cochran gave an update on Hurricane Barry, the West Bank Hurricane Levee, the West Shore Levee, and introduced Mr. Micah Cormier, Executive Director over Public Information, GIS, and IT.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Fletcher, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:21 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Bellock

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary