



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, August 5, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 7 - Wendy Benedetto, Paul J. Hogan, Mary K. Clulee, John R. 'Dick' Gibbs, Marilyn B. Bellock, Traci A. Fletcher, and Julia Fisher-Perrier

Absent 2 - Terrell D. Wilson, and William Woodruff

Also Present

Parish President Larry Cochran, Executive Secretary Robin Delahoussaye, Legal Services Director Robert Raymond, Chief Administrative Officer Billy Raymond, Executive Director Dwayne LaGrange, Executive Director Micah Cormier, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchoux, Wastewater Assistant Director L.J. Brady, Senior Projects Manager Sam Scholle, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Grants Officer Carla Chiasson, Waterworks Director Robbie Brou, Heather Keller, Public Information Office

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Reverend Ralph Young
St. Luke Baptist Church, Houma

Chairman Fisher-Perrier entertained a motion and a second to temporarily suspend all the current Council Rules and replace them with the amended Council Rules that were adopted on July 22, 2019, per Resolution No. 6421, due to the fact that the amended council rules will not be effective until August 7, 2019. Chairman Fisher-Perrier informed the Council that the current Council Rules along with the amended Council Rules are in the green binders.

A motion was made by Councilmember Clulee, seconded by Councilmember Gibbs, to temporarily suspend all the current Council Rules and replace with all amended Council Rules adopted on July 22, 2019, per Resolution No. 6421. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Wilson and Woodruff

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Fletcher, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of July 22, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Wilson and Woodruff

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2019-0227](#)

In Recognition: Billy B. Booth, Planning & Zoning Commission

Sponsors: Ms. Bellock

Councilwoman Bellock spoke on the matter.

Read

[2019-0228](#)

Proclamation: "Vehicular Heatstroke Awareness Month"

Sponsors: Ms. Clulee

Read

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2019-0181](#)

River Parishes Tourist Commission

Executive Director Buddy Boe

Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.

Mr. Boe spoke on the matter.

Chairman Fisher-Perrier spoke on the matter.

Councilman Hogan spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2019-0232](#)

Department of Waterworks

Waterworks Director Robbie Brou

Councilman Hogan spoke on the matter.

Mr. Brou spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Bellock spoke on the matter.

Reported

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN FISHER-PERRIER AUTHORIZED THAT THE ORDINANCES AND 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

[2019-0237](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a professional service agreement with Shread-Kuyrkendall & Associates, Inc., for providing all necessary professional engineering services for a drainage study of the Norco area. (Parish Project Number P190702).

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

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

[2019-0238](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a 3-year Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LDNR) for "St. Charles Parish Local Coastal Program Implementation."

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran, Department of Planning & Zoning and Coastal Zone Management Section

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

[2019-0239](#)

An ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 19-3-6 and to approve and authorize the Parish President to acquire a 0.009- 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. 5-1, portion of Lot 38, Almedia Plantation, Sec. 40, T12S - R9E St. Rose, now or formerly owned by George Saba Ellis, Jr. Et Al.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

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

[2019-0240](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from R-1A to C-3 on a portion of Lot P4-A2-A as requested by Chase Oddo.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

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

[2019-0241](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from R-1A(M) and C-3 to R-1M on Lot 3-B Coteau de France or Ranson Tract as requested by Thomas Leblanc & Diana Michel.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

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

[2019-0242](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981 to change the zoning classification from C-3 to M-1 on Lot Z-1-B-1 and an unnamed portion of the John Lambert Tract as requested by Fairview Development, LLC.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

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

[2019-0243](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from C-3 to M-1 on portions of Tracts 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the John Lambert Tract, St. Rose (Proposed Lot 3A) as requested by Renton Properties, LLC.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

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

[2019-0244](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from R-1A to R-2 on Lot D of a Subdivision of Lot 11 of Almedia Plantation, as requested by Mark Guidry.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

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

[2019-0245](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981 to change the zoning classification from R-1A(M) to C-3 on Lot 11-B2 of Addition to Mosella Subdivision as requested by Dennis Dorsey.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

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

[2019-0246](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a professional service agreement with Pivotal Engineering, LLC, for providing all necessary professional topographic surveying and engineering services for a conceptual plan to replace the Turtle Pond Pump Station. (Parish Project Number P190801).

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

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

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

[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

Councilman Hogan requested to speak while Chairman Fisher-Perrier was reading the summary.

Reported:

Wastewater Department Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Ms. Carlene Banister, St. Rose

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 19-8-1

Council Discussion

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

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Wilson and Woodruff

Enactment No: 19-8-1

Councilman Hogan motioned to deviate from the regular order of the agenda to take up File No. 2019-0229; motion failed for lack of a second.

[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

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 19-8-2

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 6 - Benedetto, Hogan, Gibbs, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Wilson, Clulee and Woodruff

Enactment No: 19-8-2

[2019-0218](#)

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

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Gibbs, to accept the revised version of File No. 2019-0218. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Wilson and Woodruff

Enactment No: 19-8-3

Amended

Enactment No: 19-8-3

[2019-0218](#)

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

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval

Parish President Larry Cochran invited Sheriff Greg Champagne to the podium. Sheriff Champagne introduced Deputy Jeff Watson's widow, Lindsey Watson; his sister, Rachael Hasty; his mother, Becky Watson; former Chief, Joe Cardella; and the current Chief Deputy, Rodney Madere, Jr.

Ms. Lindsey Watson thanked the Parish President and the Parish Council for honoring her husband.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 19-8-3

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AS AMENDED

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Wilson and Woodruff

Enactment No: 19-8-3

[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

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 19-8-4

Council Discussion

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

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Wilson and Woodruff

Enactment No: 19-8-4

[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

Reported:

Finance Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 19-8-5

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 6 - Benedetto, Hogan, Clulee, Gibbs, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Wilson, Woodruff and Fletcher

Enactment No: 19-8-5

[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

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 19-8-6

Council Discussion

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Wilson and Woodruff

Enactment No: 19-8-6

[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

Reported:

Parish President Recommended Approval
Councilwoman Benedetto Recommended: Approval
Councilman Wilson Recommended: Approval
Councilwoman Clulee Recommended: Approval
Councilman Gibbs Recommended: Approval
Councilman Woodruff Recommended: Approval
Councilwoman Fletcher Recommended: Approval
Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier Recommended: Approval
Chief Administrative Officer Billy Raymond spoke on the matter.

Speakers:

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville
Mr. Victor Buccola, Destrehan

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 19-8-7

Council Discussion

Amendment: to amend the proposed Agreement under Section "II. Terms of the Agreement (1)" to change the term of the agreement from "18 months" to read "12 months"

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Bellock, to Amend File No. 2019-0224. The motion failed by the following vote:

- Yea:** 3 - Hogan, Bellock and Fletcher
- Nay:** 4 - Benedetto, Clulee, Gibbs and Fisher-Perrier

Absent: 2 - Wilson and Woodruff

Enactment No: 19-8-7

Motion Failed

Enactment No: 19-8-7

Further Council Discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

- Yea:** 5 - Benedetto, Clulee, Gibbs, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier
- Nay:** 2 - Hogan and Bellock

Absent: 2 - Wilson and Woodruff

Enactment No: 19-8-7

[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

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 19-8-8

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Wilson and Woodruff

Enactment No: 19-8-8

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

[2019-0235](#)

Mr. Victor Buccola & Ms. Veronica Buccola: Proposed ordinance authorizing removal of two hazardous trees in Parish drainage servitude and questions

Councilman Hogan spoke on the matter.

Legal Services Director Robert Raymond spoke on the matter.

Heard

RESOLUTIONS

[2019-0229](#)

A resolution supporting the Planning and Zoning Commission’s approval of four townhouse units in a CR-1 zoning district on Lot L1-A, Riverview Estates Subdivision, St. Rose as requested by Kenneth Martin, Jr.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened

Mr. Jay Smith, St. Rose

Ms. Gilda Charles-Gayton, St. Rose

Ms. Pamela Parra, St. Rose

Ms. Carol Williams Purcello, St. Rose

Ms. Dalyz Melgarejo, St. Rose

Ms. Sabrina Neathamer, St. Rose

Mr. Kenneth Martin, Jr., Kenner

Ms. Karen Catalanotto, St. Rose

Ms. Louann Rounds, St. Rose

Ms. Vicki Smith, St. Rose

Ms. Angel Doublet, St. Rose

Ms. DeAndray Martin, Kenner

Mr. Tim Kelly, St. Rose

Mr. Whitfield Hamilton, St. Rose

Ms. Carlene Banister, St. Rose

Ms. Eileen Kelly, St. Rose

Ms. Antalese Santiago, St. Rose

Ms. Estelle Hooker, St. Rose

Ms. Alli Garcia, St. Rose

Ms. Jarlyn Johnson, St. Rose

Mr. Charles Bailey, St. Rose

Mr. Ronald Rounds, St. Rose

Mr. Timothy Ursin, St. Rose

Ms. Alisha Meyer, St. Rose

Ms. Sarah Catalanotto, St. Rose

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Wastewater Assistant Director L.J. Brady, Luling

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Wilson and Woodruff

Time Extended

Public comment
Ms. Vicki Smith, St. Rose

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Wilson and Woodruff

Time Extended

Public comment
Ms. DeAndray Martin, Kenner

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

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

Yea: 0

Nay: 7 - Benedetto, Hogan, Clulee, Gibbs, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Absent: 2 - Wilson and Woodruff

Failed

[2019-0230](#)

A resolution certifying that St. Charles Parish has complied with the bidding procedures of Louisiana Revised Statutes 38:2211, et. seq., for the Ellington Levee Phase I and Ellington Levee Phase II portions of the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee Project (BA-85).

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Grants Office

Reported:
Grants Office Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened
Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Council Discussion
Grants Officer Carla Chiasson spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Wilson and Woodruff

Enactment No: 6425

[2019-0231](#)

A resolution certifying that St. Charles Parish has complied with the bidding procedures of Louisiana Revised Statutes 38:2211, et. seq., for the construction of Magnolia Ridge Levee and Roadway Improvement (BA-0216).

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Grants Office

Reported:

Grants Office Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Wilson and Woodruff

Enactment No: 6426

APPOINTMENTS

[2019-0187](#)

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

Deferred

[2019-0233](#)

A resolution to appoint Chief Rodney Madere, Jr. to the St. Charles Parish Communications District representing the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office.

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF RODNEY MADERE, JR.

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Wilson and Woodruff

Enactment No: 6427

[2019-0234](#)

A resolution to appoint Mr. Oliver Dufrene to the St. Charles Parish Communications District representing the St. Charles Firemen's Association.

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. OLIVER DUFRENE

Yea: 6 - Benedetto, Hogan, Clulee, Gibbs, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Wilson, Woodruff and Bellock

Enactment No: 6428

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Bellock, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:05 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Wilson and Woodruff

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary