



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

Budget - Final

Council Chairman Bob Fisher

**Councilmembers Beth A. Billings, Holly Fonseca,
La Sandra Darensbourg Gordon, Mary K. Clulee, Dick Gibbs,
Nicky Dufrene, Marilyn B. Bellock, Julia Fisher-Cormier**

St. Charles Parish
Courthouse
15045 Highway 18
P.O. Box 302
Hahnville, LA 70057
985-783-5000
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Thursday, November 3, 2022

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

Budget Hearing

ATTENDANCE

Present 8 - Beth A. Billings, Holly Fonseca, La Sandra Darensbourg Gordon, Mary K. Clulee, Dick Gibbs, Nicky Dufrene, Bob Fisher, and Julia Fisher-Cormier

Absent 1 - Marilyn B. Bellock

Also Present

Parish President Matthew Jewell, Legal Services Director Corey Oubre, Chief Administrative Officer Mike Palamone, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Billy Raymond, Chief Operations Officer Darrin Duhe, Executive Director of Technology and Cybersecurity Anthony Ayo, Director of Communications Samantha de Castro, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works and Wastewater Director Miles Bingham, Parks and Recreation Director Duane Foret, Animal Control Director Jena Troxler, Alissa Cavaretta Public Information Office, Procurement Agent David Ferrero, Donna Breaux, Finance Department, Judge Lauren Lemmon, Leann Benedict, Library Director, Victoria Bryant, The Arc of St. Charles Executive Director, Ashley Waguespack, The Arc of St. Charles, Pernell Pellegrin, The Arc of St. Charles, Maggie Guidry, The Arc of St. Charles, Retired Major Sam Zinna, President Communications District (911), April Keller, Council on Aging Executive Director, Peter Torsch, Community Health Center/Access Health, Tara Alleman, St. Charles Parish Hospital, Fen Swann, Public Defender's Office, Don-Paul Landry, Public Defender's Office, Brian J. Champagne, Registrar of Voters

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:02 pm.

PRAYER / PLEDGE

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

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

[2022-0166](#)

An ordinance to approve and adopt the appropriation of Funds for the St. Charles Parish Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Finance

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 22-11-1

General Fund:

Council District VII - Deferred until later in the meeting

Registrar of Voters - Reported - Council Discussion

Mr. Brian J. Champagne, Registrar of Voters spoke on the matter.

District Court Div. D - Reported - Council Discussion

Finance Director Grant M. Dussom spoke on the matter.

Judge Lauren Lemmon spoke on the matter.

Purchasing - Reported

Animal Control - Reported - Council Discussion

Animal Control Director Jena Troxler spoke on the matter.

Finance Director Grant M. Dussom spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Agencies & Boards:

Library - Reported

Arc of St. Charles - Reported

St. Charles Housing Authority - Not Reported

St. Charles Community Health Center - Reported

Mr. Peter Torsch, Community Health Center/Access Health reported on behalf of Chief

Executive Officer/President Mark F. Keiser

Council Discussion

Mr. Torsch spoke on the matter.

Council on Aging - Reported - Council Discussion

Ms. April Keller, Council on Aging Executive Director spoke on the matter.

911 Communications District - Reported - Council Discussion

Retired Major Sam Zinna, President Communications District spoke on the matter.

Hospital Service District - Reported

Ms. Tara Alleman, St. Charles Parish Hospital reported on behalf of Chief Executive

Officer Keith Dacus.

Council Discussion

Ms. Alleman spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

General Fund:

Council District VII - Reported

AMENDMENT NO. 7 - General Fund - Council - District VII - Materials & Supplies and Operating Services

Councilwoman Fisher-Cormier motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Clulee, to remove \$6,700.00 from Account 001-400117 from the estimated ending 2022 Budget in the following accounts - to remove \$5,200.00 under Account 001-400117 - Council - District VII - Operating Services - Postage; to remove \$1,500.00 under Account 001-400117 - Materials & Supplies - N/C Office Supplies; and to transfer \$6,700.00 from the General Fund to Special Revenue Funds - Road & Drainage - Drainage - Fund 112 - Account

112-420260 - Improvements other than Buildings for Beautification of District VII.
Motion carried 8 yeas, Councilwoman Bellock absent.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

AMENDMENT NO. 8 - Special Revenue Funds - Roads & Drainage

Councilman Dufrene motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Clulee to transfer \$500,000.00 from the General Fund to Fund 112 - Roads & Drainage - Paved Streets - Account 112-420210 - Improvements other than Buildings for the Barber Road Embankment Project. Motion carried 8 yeas, Councilwoman Bellock absent.

Agencies & Boards:

St. Charles Parish Public Defender's Office - Reported - Council Discussion
Mr. Don-Paul Landry, Public Defender's Office spoke on the matter.
Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.
Mr. Fen Swann, Public Defender's Office spoke on the matter.
Finance Director Grant M. Dussom spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Billings motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Fisher-Cormier to amend the proposed budget to transfer \$232,800.00 from the General Fund to the St. Charles Parish Public Defender's Office fund salary, non payroll related. (Public Defender account would need to be created)

Council Discussion

Mr. Dussom spoke on the matter.
Mr. Landry spoke on the matter.
Motion withdrawn by Councilwoman Billings.

RECAP OF AMENDMENTS

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Amendments Recorded

Enactment No: 22-11-1

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN FISHER 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, IS TO BE PUBLISHED IN SUMMARY FORM AS FOLLOWS IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL WITH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

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Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on November 7, 2022

Enactment No: 22-11-1

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Billings, seconded by Councilmember Darenbourg Gordon, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 2:54 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Bellock

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary