



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
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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

Monday, October 17, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 7 - Beth A. Billings, Holly Fonseca, La Sandra Darensbourg Gordon, Mary K. Clulee, Dick Gibbs, Nicky Dufrene, and Marilyn B. Bellock

Absent 2 - Bob Fisher, and Julia Fisher-Cormier

Also Present

Legal Services Director Corey Oubre, Legal Services Assistant Director Robert Raymond, Chief Administrative Officer Mike Palamone, Chief Operations Officer Darrin Duhe, Director of Communications/Public Information Officer Samantha de Castro, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works/Wastewater Director Miles Bingham, Wastewater Assistant Director David deGeneres, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Grants Officer Carla Chiasson, Blaine Fauchaux, Public Information Office

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Vice-Chairman Beth A. Billings (Acting Chairman).

PRAYER

Father Dominic "Mixie" Arcuri
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Destrehan

PLEDGE

Quincy Hymel, Miss Little Red Church Queen X
Heidi Paliaro, Teen Little Red Church Queen X
Sirandin Murray, Jr. Miss Little Red Church II

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember Bellock, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of October 3, 2022.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene and Bellock

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)[2022-0295](#)

Proclamation: 300th Anniversary of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Sponsors: Ms. Darensbourg Gordon

Read

[2022-0296](#)

Proclamation: "Green Light for Veterans Week"

Sponsors: Ms. Bellock

Read

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)[2022-0291](#)

Department of Finance

Finance Director Grant Dussom introduced Ms. Amy Verberne, CPA with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC to present audit report.

Ms. Amy Verberne, CPA with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2022-0292](#)

Department of Public Works

Department of Public Works Director Miles Bingham

Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.

Mr. Bingham spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Darensbourg Gordon spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2022-0293](#)

Department of Wastewater

Wastewater Assistant Director David deGeneres

Councilwoman Bellock spoke on the matter.

Mr. deGeneres spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2022-0294](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Not Reported

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, ACTING CHAIRMAN BILLINGS 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 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022, 9:00 AM; THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022, 1:00 PM; AND MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022, 6:00 PM, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on November 1, 2022

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(NO ITEMS)

PLANNING AND ZONING PETITIONS[2022-0289](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from C-2, C-3, and R-1A to M-2, Heavy Manufacturing and Industrial on the entirety of Squares 3, 6, 7, 9, & 10, Destrehan Park Subdivision, approximately 23 acres, as shown on the map by Acadia Land Surveying, LLC dated August 1, 2022, as requested by Bunge Chevron AG Renewables, LLC.

Sponsors: Ms. Clulee

Reported:

Councilwoman Clulee Recommended: Approval

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval w/Stip. Approval for meeting the second guideline and additional considerations.

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

Acting Chairman Billings gave a brief explanation regarding the revisions; the revisions are the recommendations of the Planning & Zoning Department and the Planning & Zoning Commission.

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to accept the revised version of File No. 2022-0289. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene and Bellock

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 22-10-3

Amended

Enactment No: 22-10-3

2022-0289

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Sponsors: Ms. Clulee

Acting Chairman Billings invited Mr. Kyle Greer, Hammond, Facility Manager for Export Operations, Bunge, Destrehan, to the podium to speak on the matter and give a presentation.

Mr. Greer spoke on the matter and presented a power point.

Mr. Greer invited Mr. Evan Erskine, Simpsonville, South Carolina, Wood Group, to the podium to speak on the matter.

Mr. Erskine spoke on the matter explaining the safety, health, and environmental codes and standards.

Mr. Greer continued with the presentation.

Mr. Greer invited Mr. Andy St. Romain, Baton Rouge, Jones Walker Law Firm, to the podium to speak on the matter.

Mr. St. Romain spoke on the matter giving a recap and an explanation of Bunge's rezoning request.

Mr. Greer continued with the presentation.

Speakers:

Mr. Patrick Russell, New Orleans

A motion was made by Councilmember Clulee, seconded by Councilmember Darensbourg Gordon, to extend Mr. Russell's time an additional three minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene and Bellock

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 22-10-3

Time Extended

Enactment No: 22-10-3

Speakers:

Ms. Sandra Johnston, Destrehan

Mr. Jeff Grayson, Destrehan

Ms. Cynthia Portera, Destrehan

Mr. Russell Satterlee, LaPlace

A motion was made by Councilmember Dufrene, seconded by Councilmember Darensbourg Gordon, to extend Mr. Satterlee's time an additional three minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene and Bellock

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 22-10-3

Time Extended

Enactment No: 22-10-3

Speakers:

Mr. Hartson Harmon, New Orleans, Cooper Group

Mr. Andrew Weese, Mandeville

Mr. Kevin LaGraize, New Orleans, Southport Agencies

Ms. Wendy Grayson, Destrehan

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

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene and Bellock

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 22-10-3

Time Extended

Enactment No: 22-10-3

Speakers:

Mr. James Hill, Luling

Ms. Beverly Jung, Luling

Mr. Erkison Ayestas, Destrehan

A motion was made by Councilmember Dufrene, seconded by Councilmember Bellock, to extend Mr. Ayestas' time an additional three minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene and Bellock

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 22-10-3

Time Extended

Enactment No: 22-10-3

Speakers:

Mr. Robert Marshall, Wildwood, Missouri, Safety Director, Bunge North America
Ms. Toni Offner, Destrehan
Mr. Ross Hurt, Metairie
Mr. Dennis Quijano, Destrehan
Mr. Dane Wise, Destrehan
Mr. Ryan Hayes, Montz
Ms. Michelle Bubnitz, Winnsfield, Missouri, Environmental Director, Bunge
Ms. Jeannie Aucoin, Destrehan

A motion was made by Councilmember Dufrene, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to extend Ms. Aucoin's time an additional three minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene and Bellock

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 22-10-3

Time Extended

Enactment No: 22-10-3

Speakers:

Mr. Terry Morici, St. Rose

A motion was made by Councilmember Dufrene, seconded by Councilmember Darenbourg Gordon, to extend Mr. Morici's time an additional three minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene and Bellock

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 22-10-3

Time Extended

Enactment No: 22-10-3

Speakers:

Mr. Richard Cortez, New Orleans
Mr. Peter Kraemer, Destrehan
Mr. Curt Ohlau, Columbia, Illinois
Mr. John Acker, Destrehan
Ms. Danielle Hymel, Destrehan
Mr. Stephen Himmaugh, Ponchatoula

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 22-10-3

Council Discussion
Mr. Albert spoke on the matter.
Mr. Greer spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AS AMENDED

Yea: 6 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs and Bellock

Nay: 1 - Dufrene

Absent: 2 - Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 22-10-3

Acting Chairman Billings announced there will be a five-minute recess.

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

[2022-0284](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a contract with Dynamic Group LLC, for the St. Charles Parish West Bank Library Hurricane Ida Repairs, (Project No. LR211105), in the amount of \$1,152,002.34.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and General Government Buildings

Reported:

General Government Buildings Recommended: Approval
Chief Operations Officer Darrin Duhe spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 22-10-4

Council Discussion
Mr. Duhe spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene and Bellock

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 22-10-4

[2022-0288](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for St. Charles Parish Courthouse 2nd Floor Renovation, (Project No. GBCH0518), to increase the contract amount by \$256,228.00 and increase the contract time by 14 days.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and General Government Buildings

Reported:

General Government Buildings Recommended: Approval
Chief Operations Officer Darrin Duhe spoke on the matter.

Speakers:

Mr. Joey Murray, Murray Architects, Destrehan
Judge Timothy S. Marcel, 29th Judicial District, Division E, Chief Judge
District Attorney Joel T. Chaisson, II, 29th Judicial District

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 22-10-5

Council Discussion
Mr. Murray spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 6 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs and Bellock

Nay: 1 - Dufrene

Absent: 2 - Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 22-10-5

[2022-0290](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Fairway Consulting and Engineering, LLC, to perform engineering services for the Kinler Lift Station Replacement (Project No. S220801), in the not to exceed amount of \$208,859.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works/Wastewater

Reported:

Department of Public Works/Wastewater Recommended: Approval
Wastewater Assistant Director David deGeneres spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 22-10-6

Council Discussion
Mr. deGeneres spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene and Bellock

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 22-10-6

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

[2022-0301](#)

Ms. Charmaine Friloux Wallace: Rezoning of 10467 River Rd, Ama, LA to previous zoning RA1M residential and mobile homes - Permit to remove IDA sheltering camper to a FEMA Mobile Home

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

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene and Bellock

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Time Extended

Councilwoman Bellock spoke on the matter.
Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.
Ms. Wallace spoke on the matter.

Heard

RESOLUTIONS[2022-0297](#)

A resolution endorsing a waiver from Appendix C, Subdivision Regulations of 1981, Section III. Geometric Standards, C. Lots, 1. Size and a. Corner Lot as requested by Evelyn Labat Schouest.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval w/Stipulation Approval with waivers from the minimum lot area and with for a corner lot in the R-1A zoning district.

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval w/Stipulation Approval with waivers from the minimum lot area and with for a corner lot in the R-1A zoning district.

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened

Mr. Brent Schouest, Bayou Gauche

Council Discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene and Bellock

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 6670

[2022-0298](#)

A resolution to approve and authorize the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana and St. Charles Parish for funding to complete the Des Allemands Bulkhead - Phase 1 Planning and Construction project (Facility Planning and Control Project No. 50-J45-21-01).

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Grants Office

Reported:

Grants Office Recommended: Approval
Grants Officer Carla Chiasson spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene and Bellock

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 6671

[2022-0299](#)

A resolution supporting the application for funding of the Water Meter Replacement Project - Phase IV through the Louisiana Office of Community Development's FY 2022-2023 Community Water Enrichment Fund.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Grants Office

Reported:

Grants Office Recommended: Approval
Grants Officer Carla Chiasson spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene and Bellock

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 6672

2022-0300

A resolution supporting the application for funding of the Destrehan 2 Pump Station Improvements project through the Louisiana Office of Community Development's FY 2022-2023 Local Government Assistance Program.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Grants Office

Reported:

Grants Office Recommended: Approval
Grants Officer Carla Chiasson spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion
Ms. Chiasson spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene and Bellock

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 6673

A motion was made by Councilmember Gibbs, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to suspend Council Rule No. 1 to extend the meeting past 10:00 pm to complete the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene and Bellock

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Council Rule Suspended

APPOINTMENTS[2022-0249](#)

A resolution appointing Mr. Noble J. Benoit to the River Parishes Tourist Commission representing the St. Charles Parish Council.

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. NOBLE J. BENOIT

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene and Bellock

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 6674

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Bellock, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:02 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene and Bellock

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary