



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
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Final

Council Chairman Dick Gibbs
Councilmembers Holly Fonseca,
La Sandra Darensbourg Gordon, Mary K. Clulee, Nicky Dufrene,
Marilyn B. Bellock, Bob Fisher, Julia Fisher-Perrier

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 8 - Holly Fonseca, La Sandra Darensbourg Gordon, Mary K. Clulee, Dick Gibbs, Nicky Dufrene, Marilyn B. Bellock, Bob Fisher, and Julia Fisher-Perrier

Also Present

Parish President Matthew Jewell, Legal Services Director Corey Oubre, Legal Services Assistant Director Robert Raymond, Chief Administrative Officer Mike Palamone, Chief Operations Officer Darrin Duhe, Executive Director of Technology and Cybersecurity Anthony Ayo, Director of Communications/Public Information Officer Samantha de Castro, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works/Wastewater Director Miles Bingham, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Justin Robert, Public Information Office

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm.

PRAYER

Kathleen Collins, Executive Board
Daughters of the American Revolution

PLEDGE

Sheila Curry, Executive Board
Daughters of the American Revolution

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember Darensbourg Gordon, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of July 27, 2020 and the regular meeting of August 10, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

2020-0251

Tribute: Honorable Wendy Benedetto, Councilwoman-At-Large, Division A

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier, Ms. Fonseca, Ms. Darensbourg Gordon, Ms. Clulee, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Dufrene, Ms. Bellock and Mr. Fisher

Wendy Benedetto was not able to attend; her tribute will be rescheduled at a later date.

Deferred

2020-0261

A resolution to appoint a member to the St. Charles Parish Council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of At-Large, Division A Councilwoman Wendy Benedetto.

Sponsors: Ms. Fonseca, Ms. Darensbourg Gordon, Ms. Clulee, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Dufrene, Ms. Bellock, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Reported:

St. Charles Parish Council Recommended: Approval

Nominee:

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier nominated Mr. Buddy Gary Boe

Councilwoman Fonseca nominated Ms. Beth Billings

Nomination(s) Accepted

Enactment No: 6515

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2020-0261. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6515

Nomination(s) Closed

Enactment No: 6515

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. BUDDY GARY BOE

Yea: 3 - Darensbourg Gordon, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 4 - Fonseca, Clulee, Dufrene and Fisher

Abstain: 1 - Gibbs

Enactment No: 6515

Confirm appointment Failed

Enactment No: 6515

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. BETH BILLINGS

Yea: 4 - Fonseca, Clulee, Dufrene and Fisher

Nay: 3 - Darensbourg Gordon, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Abstain: 1 - Gibbs

Enactment No: 6515

Confirm appointment Failed - vote must be by at least a majority vote of the remaining members

Chairman Gibbs stated that File No. 2020-0261 will be voted on again at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting on September 21, 2020.

Enactment No: 6515

[2020-0256](#)

Proclamation: "Constitution Week"

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Read

[2020-0257](#)

Proclamation: "National Child Passenger Safety Week" and "National Seat Check Saturday"

Sponsors: Ms. Darensbourg Gordon

Read

[2020-0262](#)

Proclamation: "Need to Feed Month in St. Charles Parish"

Sponsors: Mr. Gibbs

Read

[2020-0263](#)

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, August 15, 2020, to authorize the renewal of special taxes (911 renewal, Road Lighting renewal, Library continuation) therein.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Bond Counsel

Reported:

Bond Counsel Recommended: Approval
Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 8 - Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6512

[2020-0254](#)

Local Board of Review - 2020 Assessment - Regular Meeting, September 21, 2020, 6PM, Council Chambers, Courthouse

Sponsors: Mr. Gibbs

September 11 - 25, Parish Council Review Period

Announced

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2020-0255](#)

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.
Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2020-0246](#)

Library Board of Control

File No. 2020-0246 deferred until a later date.

Deferred

[2020-0260](#)

German Coast Farmers' Market

Ms. Ann Montgomery, Board Member

Reported

[2020-0248](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Councilwoman Bellock spoke on the matter.

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Director of Communications Samantha de Castro spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Fonseca spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Darensbourg Gordon spoke on the matter.

Public Works/Wastewater Director Miles Bingham spoke on the matter.

Councilman Fisher spoke on the matter.

Reported

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN GIBBS 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, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2020-0240](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to revise Chapter 15 Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 15-9. Speed Limits (a) (61) to include First Street, Second Street, Fourth Street, and Short Street in St. Rose to lower the speed limit to Fifteen (15) miles per hour.

Sponsors: Ms. Bellock

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on September 21, 2020

Enactment No: 20-9-3

[2020-0242](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from O-L to R-1A and C-2 on approximately 83 acres in New Sarpy, as requested by Victoria Estates, LLC for Gore-St. Charles, LLC.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on September 21, 2020

Enactment No: 20-9-1

[2020-0243](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, as amended, Sections III. and VI.A.[I].1.a., to add Historic Home Site Bed and Breakfast to permitted uses in the Open Land zoning district.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on September 21, 2020

[2020-0244](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, as amended, Section XV.D to rezoning requests to meet a minimum of two (2) rezoning guidelines and criteria in order to receive a recommendation for approval from Planning Staff.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on September 21, 2020

[2020-0250](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a contract with BLD Services, LLC, for Parish Project No. S170601 Luling Oxidation Pond Rehabilitation and Upgrades, with a Bid in the amount of \$6,646,555.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Wastewater

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on September 21, 2020

Enactment No: 20-9-4

[2020-0252](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from R-1A to R-3 on a 8,644 square foot area consisting of Lots 1 and 2, Square M, Good Hope Subdivision, municipal address 400 Apple Street, Norco, as requested by C & J Re Investors, LLC.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on September 21, 2020

[2020-0253](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between St. Charles Parish and St. Charles Community Health Center, Inc., Ordinance No. 10-11-17, to extend the Agreement for the term of the Millage for Public Health Unit facilities.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on September 21, 2020

[2020-0258](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an engineering services agreement with Barowka and Bonura Engineers & Consultants (BBEC), LLC for providing all necessary services for the Ormond Railroad Culverts Project (P200801).

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on September 21, 2020

Enactment No: 20-9-5

[2020-0264](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from R-3 to R-1A on Lots G-1-A and G-1-B, Almedia Plantation Subdivision, approximately 46.5 acres in St. Rose, as requested by Rhino Enterprises, Inc.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on September 21, 2020

Enactment No: 20-9-2

[2020-0265](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the Parish President to execute a Lease agreement with D.J.V., LLC for the River Parishes Workforce Development Board Office in St. Charles Parish.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and General Government Buildings

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on September 21, 2020

Enactment No: 20-9-6

[2020-0266](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the Parish President to execute a Lease agreement with Raven Land, LLC for the County Agent’s Office in St. Charles Parish.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and General Government Buildings

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on September 21, 2020

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN TABLED

[2020-0182](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6 Buildings and Building Regulations, Article II, Section 6-14 Permit Application to establish a process for analyzing the impact of traffic generated by new development by adding part (n) Traffic Impact Analysis.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Remained Tabled

RESOLUTIONS

[2020-0249](#)

A resolution providing supporting authorization to endorse the approval of a revised Preliminary Plat for Esperanza Business Park Phase II, with waivers from the maximum block length, as requested by Esperanza Land, LLC.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval w/stip. Approval with a waiver from the requirement for block length.

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval w/stip. Approval with a waiver from the requirement for block length.

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 8 - Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6513

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Bellock, seconded by Councilmember Darensbourg Gordon, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:05 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary