



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
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Final

Council Chairman Bob Fisher
Councilmembers Michael A. Mobley, Holly Fonseca,
La Sandra D. Wilson, Heather Skiba, Walter Pilié,
Willie Comardelle, Michelle O'Daniels, Michele deBruler

Thursday, October 31, 2024

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

Budget Hearing

ATTENDANCE

- Present** 7 - Michael A. Mobley, Holly Fonseca, La Sandra D. Wilson, Heather Skiba, Walter Pilié, Michelle O'Daniels, and Michele deBruler
- Absent** 2 - Willie Comardelle, and Bob Fisher

Also Present

Parish President Matthew Jewell, Legal Services Director Corey Oubre, Chief Administrative Officer Mike Palamone, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Samantha de Castro, Executive Director of Technology and Cybersecurity Anthony Ayo, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Anedra Coleman, Gabrielle Wood, Public Information Office, Donna Breaux, Finance Department, Brian J. Champagne, Registrar of Voters, Leann Benedict, Library Director, Arc of St. Charles Director, Victoria Bryant, St. Charles Parish Housing Authority Director, Jedidiah Jackson, Peter Torsch, Community Health Center/Access Health, April Keller, Council on Aging, Retired Major Sam Zinna, President Communications District (911), Brianna Sparnecht, Ochsner, CPA/Regional Director of Finance

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Silent Prayer

Pledge was led by Acting Chairman Holly Fonseca (Councilwoman-At-Large, Division B).

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

[2024-0201](#)

An ordinance to approve and adopt the appropriation of Funds for the St. Charles Parish Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Finance

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 24-11-2

General Fund:

Registrar of Voters - Reported
Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.
Mr. Brian J. Champagne, Registrar of Voters spoke on the matter.

Community Center - Reported
Council Discussion
Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Anedra Coleman spoke on the matter.

Agencies & Boards:

Library - Reported
Arc of St. Charles - Reported
St. Charles Housing Authority - Reported
Council Discussion
St. Charles Housing Authority Director Jedidiah Jackson spoke on the matter.

St. Charles Community Health Center - Reported - Council Discussion
Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.
Peter Torsch, Community Health Center/Access Health reported on behalf of Mark Keiser.

Council on Aging - Reported
Council Discussion
April Keller, Council on Aging Executive Director spoke on the matter.

911 Communications District - Reported
Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.
Retired Major Sam Zinna, President Communications District spoke on the matter.

Hospital Service District - Reported
Brianna Sparnecht, Ochsner, CPA/Regional Director of Finance, reported on behalf of Keith Dacus.
Council Discussion

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

General Fund:

Council District II - Reported
Council District IV - Deferred to Monday, November 4, 2024
Council District VI - Deferred to Monday, November 4, 2024
Council District VII - Reported

Amendment No. 8

Reduce the following General Fund Accounts from District 7 (001-400117) 2024 budget

- 001-42200000 (2,000)
- 001-42410000 (5,600)
- 001-42420000 (2,200)
- 001-42500000 (700)
- 001-42700000 (1,600)
- 001-42800000 (1,700)

001-43050000 (4,700)
001-43100000 (1,500)
(20,000)

to transfer the total \$20,000 from the General Fund to Fund 113 - Recreation for Improvements Other Than Buildings - Rainbow Bridge for the Westbank Dog Park

A motion was made by Councilmember deBruler, seconded by Councilmember O'Daniels, to approve Amendment No. 8. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7
Nay: 0
Absent: Comardelle, Fisher

Amendment No. 9

To transfer \$500,000 from the General Fund to Fund 112 - Drainage - 112-420260 - Improvements Other Than Buildings - for the Fairfield/Oakland Pump Station Discharge Project

A motion was made by Councilmember O'Daniels, seconded by Councilmember deBruler, to approve Amendment No. 9. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7
Nay: 0
Absent: Comardelle, Fisher

Amendment No. 10

To reduce the General Fund travel account from District 3 (001-400113) 2024 budget by \$12,000 and transfer \$12,000 from the General Fund to Fund 112 - 420230 Sidewalks and Crosswalks - Improvements Other Than Buildings - for Safety Crosswalks across Ormond Boulevard for students of Destrehan High School, Ethel Shoffner and New Sarpy Elementary

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To transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund to add \$10,000 to account 001-430248 - CSBG Program Activities for Rentals and to add \$10,000 to account 001-430232 - Entergy Utilities - for Electrical (Light and Power)

A motion was made by Councilmember deBruler, seconded by Councilmember Skiba, to approve Amendment No. 11. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7
Nay: 0
Absent: Comardelle, Fisher

Amendment No. 12

To add \$50,000 within the General Fund to account 001-400640 - General Government Buildings - Improvements Other Than Buildings - for Renovations to Bank Building near the Courthouse adjacent to the Legal Department Building for the purpose of housing the St. Charles Parish Coroner's Office

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember deBruler, to approve Amendment No. 12. The motion carried by the following vote:

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Nay: 0

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Council Discussion

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Amendments Recorded

Enactment No: 24-11-2

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 4, 2024, 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 4, 2024

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Skiba, seconded by Councilmember deBruler, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 1:34 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, O'Daniels and deBruler

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Comardelle and Fisher

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary