



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
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Final

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

Monday, January 9, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent 2 - Nicky Dufrene, and Julia Fisher-Cormier

Also Present

Parish President Matthew Jewell, Legal Services Director Corey Oubre, Legal Services Assistant Director Robert Raymond, Chief Administrative Officer Mike Palamone, 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, Luis Martinez, GIS Specialist, Eric Zurcher, Public Information Office

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Pastor Kaleb Dufrene
First Assembly of God, Des Allemands

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Gibbs, seconded by Councilmember Darensbourg Gordon, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of December 5, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Dufrene and Fisher-Cormier

Councilman Dufrene arrived in the meeting.

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2022-0358](#)

In Recognition: Councilman Bob Fisher, 2022 Council Chairman

Sponsors: Ms. Billings

Read

[2022-0359](#)

In Recognition: Councilwoman Beth A. Billings, 2022 Council Vice-Chairman

Sponsors: Mr. Gibbs

Read

[2022-0360](#)

In Recognition: Tommy Fauchaux, Regional Planning Commission

Sponsors: Mr. Gibbs

Read

[2022-0361](#)

Proclamation: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Sponsors: Ms. Darenbourg Gordon

Read

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2022-0362](#)

GIS (Geographic Information Systems)

Mr. Luis Martinez, GIS Specialist, reported.

Councilwoman Fonseca spoke on the matter.

Mr. Martinez spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.

Councilman Fisher spoke on the matter.

Chairman Billings spoke on that matter.

Reported

[2022-0363](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Parish President Matthew Jewell reported.

President Jewell invited Mr. Luis Martinez, GIS Specialist, to the podium to further report on land loss from Hurricane Ida's Impact on St. Charles Parish Wetlands.

Councilwoman Darensbourg Gordon spoke on the matter regarding President Jewell's remarks.

Mr. Martinez reported.
President Jewell spoke on the matter.
Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.
Councilman Dufrene spoke on the matter.

Reported

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN BILLINGS 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, JANUARY 23, 2023, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2022-0355](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 (Final) for the Paradis Canal Flood Control Structure Project No. P080905-10A, grant reference Project Numbers U.S. Department of the Treasury Project No. 1 RDCGR380093-01-00, CPRA Project No. BA-0209, and DRA Project No. LA-51112, as part of the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee Project, to decrease the contract amount by \$60,369.66 and increase the contract time by two hundred and thirty-six (236) days.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on January 23, 2023

[2022-0356](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for the Ellington Structures-Kellogg Pump Station T-Wall Project No. P080905-5F, CPRA Project No. BA-0244, as part of the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee Project, to increase the contract amount by \$113,705.00 and increase the contract time by ninety (90) days.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on January 23, 2023

[2022-0357](#)

An ordinance to assign the name "Rainey Court" to a portion of the right-of-way dedicated pursuant to Ordinance No. 07-9-4, which authorized the execution of the Act of Dedication for Kings Estates Subdivision Phase 1.

Sponsors: Ms. Darenbourg Gordon

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on January 23, 2023

[2023-0001](#)

An ordinance adopting the St. Charles Parish Council Road and Bridges Capital Program Budget for fiscal year 2023 through 2025 in accordance with the Parish Transportation Act.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Finance

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on January 23, 2023

[2023-0002](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a contract with NFT Group LLC, for the SCP E. Dufresne Community Center Ida & Window Repairs, (Project No. EDCC 0322), in the amount of \$1,144,000.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and General Government Buildings

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on January 23, 2023

[2023-0003](#)

An ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 21-1-4 to approve an Act of Correction to remove Parcel 100 and redesignate Lots L-1, L-2, L-3, & 19-A of Fashion Plantation, Hahnville, St. Charles Parish, LA.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on January 23, 2023

PLANNING AND ZONING PETITIONS

[2022-0349](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, as amended, to change the zoning classification from C-3 to O-L on Lot 89A-2, Coteau de France or Ranson Tract, as shown on a survey titled "Resubdivision of Lot 89A" by Lucien C. Gassen, PLS dated June 4, 1998, as requested by Stanley and Melinda Hebert.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 23-1-1

Council Discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 23-1-1

[2022-0350](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, as amended, to change the zoning classification from C-2 to R-1A(M) on Lot D-1, as shown on a survey titled "Resubdivision of a Portion of Property Abutting Gassen Subdivision" by Lucien C. Gassen, PLS dated March 24, 2015, revised June 3, 2015, as requested by Diahann L. Dufresne and Joseph Dufresne, Jr.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval

Planning Commission Recommended: Denial

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

Speakers:

Ms. Diahann L. Dufresne, Luling

Mr. Joseph Dufresne, Jr., Luling

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 23-1-2

Council Discussion
Mr. Albert spoke on the matter.
Ms. Dufresne spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 23-1-2

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

[2022-0352](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 17 Parks and Recreation, Article II. Special Events, Section 17-18 Procedure, and Section 17-19 Special provisions.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval
Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.
Chief Deputy Rodney Madere, St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office, spoke on the matter.
Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.
Chief Madere spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 23-1-3

Council Discussion
President Jewell spoke on the matter.
Legal Services Director Corey Oubre spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 23-1-3

SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL

[2022-0364](#)

Appointment of Councilman Nicky Dufrene as Chairman to the Operations, Maintenance, and Construction Management Committee

Council Chairman named Councilman Nicky Dufrene to act as Chairman.

Confirmed

[2022-0365](#)

Appointment of Councilman Bob Fisher as Chairman to the Legislative Committee

Council Chairman named Councilman Bob Fisher to act as Chairman.

Confirmed

[2022-0366](#)

Appointment of Councilwoman Holly Fonseca as Chairman to the Contract/Finance and Administrative Committee

Council Chairman named Councilwoman Holly Fonseca to act as Chairman.

Confirmed

[2022-0367](#)

Appointment of Councilwoman La Sandra Darensbourg Gordon as Chairman to the Special Projects/Public Safety, Health, and Environmental Committee

Council Chairman named Councilwoman La Sandra Darensbourg Gordon to act as Chairman.

Confirmed

[2022-0368](#)

Appointment of Councilwoman Holly Fonseca as Chairman to the Hurricane Protection Projects Committee

Council Chairman named Councilwoman Holly Fonseca to act as Chairman.

Confirmed

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember Fisher, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:14 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Cormier

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary