



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
Courthouse
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Final

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

Monday, August 18, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 8 - Michael A. Mobley, Holly Fonseca, La Sandra D. Wilson, Heather Skiba, Walter Pilié, Willie Comardelle, Michelle O'Daniels, and Bob Fisher

Absent 1 - Michele deBruler

Also Present

Parish President Matthew Jewell, Legal Services Director Corey Oubre, Legal Services Assistant Director Robert Raymond, Chief Administrative Officer Mike Palamone, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Samantha de Castro, Chief Operations Officer Darrin Duhe, Executive Director of Technology and Cybersecurity Anthony Ayo, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Emergency Preparedness Director Jason Tastet, Public Works Director Miles Bingham, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Grants Officer Carla Chiasson, Waterworks Director Gregory Gorden, Luis Martinez, GIS Specialist, Procurement Officer Brenda Campos

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Pastor Earl Adams, Jr.
Lord's House Community Church, Luling

Councilwoman Michele deBruler arrived in the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Comardelle, seconded by Councilmember Fisher, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of August 4, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

1 [2025-0238](#)

In Recognition: Peyton John Sumrall, Eagle Scout

Sponsors: Mr. Comardelle

Read

2 [2025-0239](#)

Proclamation: "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" and "World Suicide Prevention Day"

Sponsors: Ms. Fonseca

Read

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2025-0240](#)

Grants Office

Grants Officer Carla Chiasson reported.

Councilman Pilié spoke on the matter.

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman O'Daniels spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Wilson spoke on the matter.

Chairman Fonseca spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2025-0241](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Parish President Matthew Jewell reported.

Reported

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN FONSECA 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 8, 2025, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2025-0247](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with EJES, Inc. for the design of the enlargement and deepening of the Kinler St. Canal located west of Kinler St. in Luling for the Kinler St. Canal Improvements (Project No. P250705), in the amount not to exceed of \$52,101.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on September 8, 2025

ORDINANCE SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION AT THIS PUBLIC MEETING (INTRODUCED AT PREVIOUS MEETING)**3** [2025-0198](#)

An ordinance adopting, setting forth, levying and imposing taxes on all property subject to taxation in the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, as required by Section 23 of Article VII of the Constitution of Louisiana and Revised Statute 47.1705(B) for General Parochial Purposes; constructing, acquiring, maintaining, operating, extending and/or improving levees, facilities and structures associated with outer flood protection systems within the Parish; constructing, maintaining, and operating the Parish Road Maintenance program, Parish Recreation program, Parish Fire Protection, Mosquito Control Program, E-911 Telephone System, Health Unit and Council on Aging program; Council on Aging Program (2); Road Lighting District No. 1; Library Service District No. 1; the ARC of St. Charles; paying any costs associated with acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating wastewater facilities and systems in the Parish.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Finance

Reported:

Finance Department Recommended: Approval
Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.
Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 25-8-9

Council Discussion

Mr. Dussom spoke on the matter.

President Jewell spoke on the matter.

Mr. Dussom requested to make an Amendment to the ordinance revising the Council on Aging Program (2) millage amount.

Chairman Fonseca requested a legal opinion whether or not the proposed Amendment is a substantial change.

Legal Services Director Corey Oubre stated the proposed Amendment would not be a substantial change.

Amendment: To Amend ordinance revising Council on Aging Program (2) millage amount from 0.66 to read 0.65.

A motion was made by Councilmember O'Daniels, seconded by Councilmember Fisher, to Amend File No. 2025-0198. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 25-8-9

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Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Finance

Amended

Enactment No: 25-8-9

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 25-8-9

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AS AMENDED

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 25-8-9

**ORDINANCES SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING
(INTRODUCED AT PREVIOUS MEETING)****8** [2025-0232](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance 22-3-7, which approved the Professional Services Agreement with Crescent Engineering & Mapping, LLC, for the King and Hahn Street Drainage Improvements (Project No. P220202), in the amount not to exceed of \$52,767.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval
Public Works Director Miles Bingham spoke on the matter.

Speakers:

Ms. Dianna Burrell, Hahnville

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 25-8-10

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

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 25-8-10

Time Extended

Enactment No: 25-8-10

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 25-8-10

Council Discussion

Mr. Bingham spoke on the matter.

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 25-8-10

14 [2025-0233](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 (Final) for the East Bank Water Intake Platform Repairs (Project No. WWKS 110), to increase the contract amount by \$133,715.51.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Waterworks

Reported:

Waterworks Department Recommended: Approval
Waterworks Director Gregory Gorden spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 25-8-11

Councilman Comardelle stated his reason for abstaining.
Mr. Gorden spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Comardelle

Enactment No: 25-8-11

18 [2025-0234](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article II, Departments, Sec. 2-18. Department of emergency preparedness., to change the name of the Department of Emergency Preparedness to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness on the Chapter's title page as well as (a) and (c) of Sec. 2-18.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Emergency Preparedness

Reported:

Emergency Preparedness Department Recommended: Approval
Emergency Preparedness Director Jason Tastet spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 25-8-12

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 25-8-12

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL[2025-0246](#)

Mr. Christian Bergeron: Eleanor Claire Memorial Foundation
Introduction and memorial site in honor of Mason Kiley

Chairman Fonseca spoke on the matter.
Councilwoman O'Daniels spoke on the matter.
Councilman Comardelle spoke on the matter.

Heard

RESOLUTIONS

19 [2025-0237](#)

A resolution authorizing the St. Charles Parish President to send certification to GOHSEP waiving any land use regulations relative to permitting for temporary housing and shelter assistance during declared emergencies.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval
Emergency Preparedness Director Jason Tastet spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6847

20 [2025-0242](#)

A resolution adopting the St. Charles Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell, Mr. Mobley, Ms. Fonseca, Ms. Wilson, Ms. Skiba, Mr. Pilié, Mr. Comardelle, Ms. O'Daniels, Mr. Fisher and Ms. deBruler

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval

St. Charles Parish Council Recommended: Approval

Emergency Preparedness Director Jason Tastet spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

Mr. Tastet spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6848

[2025-0243](#)

A resolution approving and authorizing St. Charles Parish to submit a grant application to the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Housing Service Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Housing Preservation Grant Program.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Grants Office

Reported:

Grants Office Recommended: Approval

Grants Officer Carla Chiasson spoke on the matter.

Chairman Fonseca stated that Administration requested that File No. 2025-0243 be postponed indefinitely.

Public comment opened; no public comment

A motion was made by Councilmember O'Daniels, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to Postpone Indefinitely File No. 2025-0243. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Postponed Indefinitely

APPOINTMENTS[2025-0220](#)

A resolution appointing a member to the St. Charles Parish Coastal Zone Advisory Committee as Member 1.

Nominee:

Councilwoman O'Daniels nominated Mr. Loyd Bourgeois

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember O'Daniels, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2025-0220. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Nomination(s) Closed

Councilwoman O'Daniels called for a Point of Order.
Point of Order addressed.

[2025-0222](#)

A resolution appointing a member to the St. Charles Parish Coastal Zone Advisory Committee as Member 2.

Nominee:

Councilman Fisher nominated Mr. John Rome

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember deBruler, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2025-0222. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Nomination(s) Closed

[2025-0224](#)

A resolution appointing a member to the St. Charles Parish Coastal Zone Advisory Committee as Member 3.

Nominee:

Councilwoman deBruler nominated Mr. Lloyd Landry

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember Skiba, seconded by Councilmember Comardelle, to Close Nomination(s) for 2025-0224. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Nomination(s) Closed

[2025-0226](#)

A resolution appointing a member to the St. Charles Parish Coastal Zone Advisory Committee as Member 4.

Nominee:

Councilwoman Wilson nominated Mr. Barry Guillot

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember deBruler, seconded by Councilmember Skiba, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2025-0226. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Nomination(s) Closed

[2025-0227](#)

A resolution appointing a member to the St. Charles Parish Coastal Zone Advisory Committee as Member 5.

Nominee:

Councilman Pilié nominated Mr. Luis Martinez

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember deBruler, seconded by Councilmember Comardelle, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2025-0227. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Nomination(s) Closed

[2025-0228](#)

A resolution appointing a member to the St. Charles Parish Coastal Zone Advisory Committee as Member 6.

Nominee:

Councilman Comardelle nominated Mr. Patrick Ryan Lambert

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember deBruler, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2025-0228. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Nomination(s) Closed

[2025-0229](#)

A resolution appointing a member to the St. Charles Parish Coastal Zone Advisory Committee as Member 7.

Nominee:

Councilwoman Skiba nominated Dr. Courtney Babin

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember O'Daniels, seconded by Councilmember deBruler, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2025-0229. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Nomination(s) Closed

[2025-0235](#)

A resolution appointing a member to the Industrial Development Board of the Parish of St. Charles.

Vacancy Announced

[2025-0236](#)

A resolution appointing a member to the Industrial Development Board of the Parish of St. Charles.

Vacancy Announced

[2025-0244](#)

Accept resignation of Mr. Corey Fauchaux - Industrial Development Board of the Parish of St. Charles

A motion was made Resignation Accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Resignation Accepted

[2025-0245](#)

A resolution appointing a member to the Industrial Development Board of the Parish of St. Charles.

Vacancy Announced

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember deBruler, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:42 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary