



# St. Charles Parish

## Meeting Minutes

### Parish Council

St. Charles Parish  
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### Final

**Council Chairman Larry Cochran**  
**Councilmembers Carolyn K. Schexnaydre, Jarvis Lewis,**  
**Terrell D. Wilson, William Billy Woodruff, Wendy Benedetto,**  
**Paul J. Hogan, Traci A. Fletcher, Julia Fisher-Perrier**

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Monday, June 15, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

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### ATTENDANCE

**Present** 7 - Carolyn K. Schexnaydre, Terrell D. Wilson, William Woodruff, Wendy Benedetto, Paul J. Hogan, Traci A. Fletcher, and Julia Fisher-Perrier

**Absent** 2 - Jarvis Lewis, and Larry Cochran

### Also Present

Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr., Chief Operations Officer Bobby Donaldson, Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe, Public Works/Wastewater Director Sam Scholle, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Grant Officer Holly Fonseca, Public Information Officer Renee Simpson, Emergency Preparedness Director Ronald J. Perry, CZM Administrator Earl Matherne, Executive Assistant/Office Manager Anedra Coleman

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Traci A. Fletcher.

### PRAYER / PLEDGE

Father Ray Hymel  
St. Gertrude Catholic Church, Des Allemands

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Schexnaydre, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 1, 2015. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 7 - Schexnaydre, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Lewis and Cochran

**SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)**

[2015-0210](#)

In Recognition: Mr. Milton L. Cambre, Constable, District 6

**Sponsors:** Ms. Schexnaydre

**Read**

*Councilman Lewis arrived in the meeting.*

[2015-0213](#)

In Recognition: Kristal Marie Breaux, Louisiana Catfish Queen XXXIX

**Sponsors:** Mr. Hogan

**Read**

[2015-0214](#)

In Recognition: Cari Jo Allums, Louisiana Catfish Teen Queen XIX

**Sponsors:** Ms. Schexnaydre

**Read**

[2015-0215](#)

In Recognition: Savannah Nichole Tastet, Louisiana Catfish Jr. Queen XXXII

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran

**Read**

[2015-0216](#)

In Recognition: Nancy Dowouis, Louisiana Granny Catfish Queen IX

**Sponsors:** Mr. Lewis

**Read**

[2015-0211](#)

Proclamation: Catfish Festival

**Sponsors:** Mr. Hogan

**Read**

[2015-0212](#)

Proclamation: "239th Anniversary of American Independence"

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr.

**Read**

[2015-0223](#)

A resolution of the St. Charles Parish Council, acting as the Governing Authority of the Sunset Drainage District, requesting that the Administration design and put out for bid in 2015 an interim project to raise the crown of the Sunset Drainage District levee in the low areas along Grand Bayou so as to provide for a minimum protection of elevation 5.0' with a 1.0' overbuild in the areas that are currently below elevation 5.0', and that an elevation of at least 5.0' be maintained at all times along Grand Bayou until such a time that this and all other Sunset Drainage District levee sections are improved so as to meet current FEMA flood protection standards, and to place in the draft 2016 budget funds to perform this work in 2016 should it not be feasible to be performed in 2015.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Hogan

**A motion was made by Councilmember Woodruff, seconded by Councilmember Schexnaydre, to accept the revised version of File No. 2015-0223. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Cochran

**Amended**

2015-0223

A resolution of the St. Charles Parish Council, acting as the Governing Authority of the Sunset Drainage District, requesting that the Administration design and put out for bid in 2015 an interim project to raise the crown of the Sunset Drainage District levee in the low areas along Grand Bayou so as to provide for a minimum protection of elevation 5.0' with a 1.0' overbuild in the areas that are currently below elevation 5.0', and that an elevation of at least 5.0' be maintained at all times along Grand Bayou until such a time that this and all other Sunset Drainage District levee sections are improved so as to meet current FEMA flood protection standards, and to place in the draft 2016 budget funds to perform this work in 2016 should it not be feasible to be performed in 2015.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Hogan and Mr. Woodruff

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Councilman Woodruff Recommended: Approval

Council Discussion

Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe spoke on the matter.

Public Works/Wastewater Director Sam Scholle spoke on the matter.

Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr., spoke on the matter.

Vice-Chairman Fletcher asked Councilman Hogan to keep his remarks clean.

Further Council Discussion

Mr. Boe spoke on the matter.

Mr. Scholle spoke on the matter.

Vice-Chairman Fletcher asked that the discussion get back to the subject.

Further Council Discussion

President St. Pierre spoke on the matter.

Vice-Chairman Fletcher called for the Question.

**Proposed resolution failed for lack of a majority by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 2 - Schexnaydre and Woodruff

**Nay:** 5 - Lewis, Wilson, Benedetto, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Absent:** 1 - Cochran

Vice-Chairman Fletcher stated that Councilman Hogan refused to cast a vote.

Councilman Hogan stated that he did not refuse to cast his vote; he wasn't given enough opportunity to speak.

**Failed**

## REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

### [2015-0217](#)

Department of Planning & Zoning/CZM

Discussion: to defer File No. 2015-0217 to the July 6, 2015 council meeting

**Report Deferred**

### [2015-0218](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr.

Discussion: to defer File No. 2015-0218 to the July 6, 2015 council meeting

**Report Deferred**

Councilman Hogan requested Point of Order requesting the Council Secretary to watch the meeting video and report back to the council how many times he was given the floor to speak on File No. 2015-0223.

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, VICE-CHAIRMAN FLETCHER 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 AT THE PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 6, 2015, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:**

[2015-0203](#)

An ordinance 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; Road Lighting District No. 1; Library Service District No. 1; the ARC of St. Charles; and for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on outstanding General Obligation Sewer Bonds for the year 2015.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Finance

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 6, 2015**

[2015-0219](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the land use zoning classification from R1-A to C-2 at Lot 4, Block 2 of 108 Gassen St, as requested by CGI Holdings, Inc.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Planning & Zoning

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 6, 2015**

[2015-0220](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the land use zoning reclassification from R-1AM to R-1M on Lot C located at 106 Mitzi Lane, Paradis as requested by Roy Estay.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Planning & Zoning

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 6, 2015**

[2015-0221](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to revise Chapter 15, Section 15-9, to provide an exception to the Twenty-five (25) Miles Per Hour Speed Limit, to lower the speed limit on **Bethlehem Street in Hahnville to fifteen (15) miles per hour.**

**Sponsors:** Mr. Wilson and Mr. Lewis

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 6, 2015**

[2015-0222](#)

An ordinance of the Parish of St. Charles providing that the Code of Ordinances, Parish of St. Charles, be amended by removing in its entirety Chapter 5. Boats, Docks and Waterways, Article II. Airboats, Section 5-14. through Section 5-20. and replace with Sections 5-14. - 5-20. Reserved.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Hogan

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 6, 2015**

[2015-0191](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances Appendix A. St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, Section III. Definitions, Section IV. General Provisions, Section VI. Zoning district criteria and regulations, Section VII. Reserved, Section VIII. Parking, loading and landscape requirements, Section IX. Nonconformities, Section XII. Violation and penalty, Section XIII. The Board of Adjustment is established and its powers and duties are prescribed, Section XIV. Amendments and petitions, Section XV. Amendment procedure, and Section XXII Regulations for home occupations, in accordance with the recommendations of the Zoning Code Modernization Project, Phase I.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Planning & Zoning

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 6, 2015**

[2015-0224](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10. Garbage and Trash, Article II. Uniform Solid Waste Management System, Section 10-22. Service charge, (c) *Administrative Fee*; Chapter 22. Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Article IV, General Sewer Use Regulations, Section 22-80. User charges and connection charges; and Chapter 23. Water, Article I. In General, Section 23-3. Water user charges (c), (d) & (e), to restructure sewer, water, non-domestic, and solid waste user fees.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr., Department of Finance, Department of Public Works, Department of Waterworks and Department of Wastewater

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 6, 2015**

[2015-0225](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a contract with Kostmayer Construction, LLC for the construction of Parish Project No. P130101, Cousins Pump Station Discharge Pipe Replacement, with Base Bid, in the amount of \$196,340.00.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Public Works

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 6, 2015**

[2015-0226](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Contract for Engineering Services with Civil & Environmental Consulting Engineers, LLC for necessary professional engineering services associated with Parish Project No. P140801 Ama Drainage Improvement.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr., Department of Public Works, Ms. Schexnaydre, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Woodruff, Ms. Benedetto, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Fletcher and Ms. Fisher-Perrier

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 6, 2015**

[2015-0227](#)

An ordinance to provide for the installation of an **“ALL WAY STOP”** sign at the intersection of Cove Lane and Cypress Lane in Destrehan.

**Sponsors:** Ms. Benedetto

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 6, 2015**

**PLANNING AND ZONING PETITIONS**

[2015-0200](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the land use zoning reclassification from R1-A to C-3 at Lots 7, 8, & 9, Square D, of St. Charles Terrace, 14648 River Rd, New Sarpy, LA as requested by Donald James George.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 15-6-17

Council Discussion

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**



**Yea:** 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Cochran

Enactment No: 15-6-17

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

[2015-0190](#)

A resolution authorizing the Chairman or the Secretary to offer no objection to Houston Energy Operating, LP, CUP P20141174 for a permit to clear and grade an area to construct a boarded entrance for an access road (± 2,885') and construct a 250' x 340' ring levee for the purpose of drilling the Riverbend Prospect Well, at Section 43, 45, T13S-R21E; Section 40, T14S-R21E; near Boutte, in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Woodruff

Reported:

Councilman Woodruff Recommended: Approval

C Z M Section Recommended: No Recommendation

CZM Administrator Earl Matherne spoke on the matter.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Hogan, to open File No. 2015-0190 for public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Cochran

Enactment No: 6163

**Motion Carried**

Enactment No: 6163

Speakers:

Ms. Donna Hollier, Permit Agent, Tim Morton & Associates, Lafayette, consultant for Houston Energy Operating, LP

Mr. Bill Flores, Senior Vice-President of Engineering, Houston Energy Operating, LP, Texas

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 6163

Council Discussion  
Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr., spoke on the matter.  
Mr. Flores spoke on the matter.  
Mr. Matherne spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Yea:** 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Cochran

Enactment No: 6163

[2015-0194](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for Parish Project No S130201 Murray Hill (CC-1) Lift Station Rehabilitation, to balance the contract quantities with actual quantities resulting in a decrease of \$30,000 and a decrease of contract time by four (4) days.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Public Works

Reported:  
Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 15-6-18

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Yea:** 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Cochran

Enactment No: 15-6-18

[2015-0196](#)

An ordinance of the Parish of St. Charles providing that the Code of Ordinances, Parish of St. Charles, be amended by revising Section 15-5, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, of said Code, to provide for the installation of “**NO PARKING**” signs on both sides of Ash Street starting from the Pine Street side of the driveway located at 322 Ash Street up to its intersection with Pine Street in Boutte.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Hogan

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 15-6-19

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Yea:** 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Cochran

Enactment No: 15-6-19

[2015-0201](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for Bertucci Contracting Company, LLC, for PO-43 East LaBranche Shoreline Protection Project, Coastal Impact Assistance Program to increase the contract amount by \$254,415.96.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr., Department of Planning & Zoning and Coastal Zone Management Section

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval

C Z M Section Recommended: Approval

CZM Administrator Earl Matherne spoke on the matter.

Mr. Chris Williams, Moffatt & Nichol, Inc., Baton Rouge, spoke on the matter.

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 15-6-20

Council Discussion

Mr. Williams spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Yea:** 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Cochran

Enactment No: 15-6-20

2015-0202

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Department of the Army Easement for Phase V and VI of the East Bank Multi-Use Path along the upper and lower guide levees of the Bonnet Carre' Spillway (DACW29-2-15-42) in Norco.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Ms. Fletcher

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval

Councilwoman Fletcher Recommended: Approval

Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe spoke on the matter.

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 15-6-21

Council Discussion

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Yea:** 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Cochran

Enactment No: 15-6-21

**RESOLUTIONS**

2015-0204

A resolution to approve and authorize the execution of an Agreement between the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and St. Charles Parish for funding of the St. Charles Parish Various Roads Signing project, State Project No. H.009453.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Grants Office

Reported:

Grants Office Recommended: Approval

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Yea:** 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Cochran

Enactment No: 6164

[2015-0205](#)

A resolution requesting authorization for St. Charles Parish to advertise for competitive bids for the Willowridge Levee Improvements - Phase III, State Project Number H.009257, through the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) under the Louisiana Statewide Flood Control Program.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr., Grants Office, Ms. Schexnaydre, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Woodruff, Ms. Benedetto, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Fletcher and Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Grants Officer Holly Fonseca requested that File No. 2015-0205 be tabled.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, to table File No. 2015-0205. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Cochran

**Tabled.**

**APPOINTMENTS**

[2015-0206](#)

Council Appointment to the River Region Caucus

**Vacancy Announced**

[2015-0207](#)

Council Appointment to the River Region Caucus

**Vacancy Announced**

[2015-0208](#)

Council Alternate Appointment to the River Region Caucus

**Vacancy Announced**

[2015-0209](#)

Council Alternate Appointment to the River Region Caucus

**Vacancy Announced**

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:43 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yea:** 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Cochran

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

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**Tiffany K. Clark**  
**Council Secretary**