



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
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Final

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

Monday, January 24, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 6 - Beth A. Billings, Holly Fonseca, La Sandra Darensbourg Gordon, Mary K. Clulee, Marilyn B. Bellock, and Bob Fisher

Absent 3 - Dick Gibbs, Nicky Dufrene, 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, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Billy Raymond, Chief Operations Officer Darrin Duhe, Director of Communications/Public Information Officer Samantha de Castro, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works/Wastewater Director Miles Bingham, Wastewater Assistant Director David deGeneres, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Eric Zurcher, Public Information Office

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Deacon Billy Raymond, Sr.
Mt. Airy Baptist Church, Boutte

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Darensbourg Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Billings, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 10, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 6 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock and Fisher

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Gibbs, Dufrene and Fisher-Perrier

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2022-0013](#)

Proclamation: "Wear Red Day for Women in St. Charles Parish"

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Read

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2022-0011](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Councilwoman Bellock spoke on the matter.
Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Reported

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN FISHER 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, FEBRUARY 7, 2022, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2022-0016](#)

An ordinance authorizing the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana to proceed with a not to exceed \$15,000,000 financing through the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority; authorizing and ratifying the Parish's request of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority to issue its revenue bonds and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Bond Counsel

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 7, 2022

[2022-0017](#)

An ordinance adopting the St. Charles Parish Council Road and Bridges Capital Program Budget for fiscal year 2022 through 2024 in accordance with the Parish Transportation Act.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Finance

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 7, 2022

[2022-0018](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981 (as amended) Section VI. - Zoning district criteria and regulations. H. Historic preservation districts. to remove item [2.].

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 7, 2022

[2022-0019](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for Parish Project No P210302, Asphalt Pavement Maintenance - Task Order 1, to increase the contract amount by \$536,799.31.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 7, 2022

[2022-0021](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a contract with Couvillion Group, LLC, for Parish Project No. P150801-2 Ama Drainage Improvements Rebid, with a Bid in the amount of \$2,752,705.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works/Wastewater

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 7, 2022

[2022-0020](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Stuart Consulting Group, Inc., to perform engineering services for Eastbank Lift Stations Rehabilitation Project (Project No. S211203), in the amount not to exceed \$213,780.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Wastewater

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 7, 2022

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

[2021-0334](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Kyle Associates, LLC, to perform engineering services for Norco Force Main Transfer Station (Project No. S211101), not to exceed \$425,200.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works/Wastewater

Reported:

Public Works/Wastewater Department Recommended: Approval
Wastewater Assistant Director David deGeneres spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 22-1-4

Council Discussion

Mr. deGeneres spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 6 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock and Fisher

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Gibbs, Dufrene and Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 22-1-4

[2021-0335](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Meyer Engineers, Ltd. for Destrehan Wastewater Treatment Plant Aeration Basin Rehabilitation (Project No. S211202), not to exceed \$30,000.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works/Wastewater

Reported:

Public Works/Wastewater Department Recommended: Approval
Wastewater Assistant Director David deGeneres spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 22-1-5

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 6 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock and Fisher

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Gibbs, Dufrene and Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 22-1-5

[2021-0336](#)

An ordinance to authorize the Parish President to make full and final settlement in the matters entitled "*Industrial and Mechanical Contractors, Inc. vs. St. Charles Parish*", 29th Judicial District Court of St. Charles Parish, Docket No. 84,056 consolidated with "*St. Charles Parish vs. Industrial and Mechanical Contractors, Inc., et al*", 29th Judicial District Court of St. Charles Parish, Docket No. 84,689.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Legal Services

Reported:

Legal Services Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 22-1-6

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 6 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock and Fisher

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Gibbs, Dufrene and Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 22-1-6

[2022-0009](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 (Final) for Parish Project No P190902, Spillway Road Rehabilitation, to increase the contract amount by \$63,991.18, and increase the contract time by 60 days.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works/Wastewater

Reported:

Public Works/Wastewater Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 22-1-7

Councilman Gibbs arrived in the meeting.

[2022-0009](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 (Final) for Parish Project No P190902, Spillway Road Rehabilitation, to increase the contract amount by \$63,991.18, and increase the contract time by 60 days.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works/Wastewater

Councilman Gibbs stated his reason for abstaining.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 6 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock and Fisher

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Gibbs

Absent: 2 - Dufrene and Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 22-1-7

[2022-0010](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a contract with APC Construction, LLC, for Parish Project No. P210601 Des Allemands Emergency Bulkhead, with a Bid in the amount of \$1,908,019.20.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works/Wastewater

Reported:

Public Works/Wastewater Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 22-1-8

Council Discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Dufrene and Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 22-1-8

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

[2022-0012](#)

Mr. Burnard W. Colly: Sidewalk from Boutte to Luling

Councilwoman Bellock spoke on the matter.

Mr. Colly spoke on the matter.

Planning and Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

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

Chairman Fisher spoke on the matter.

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Chief Administrative Officer Mike Palamone spoke on the matter.

Heard

RESOLUTIONS

[2022-0014](#)

A resolution of the St. Charles Parish Council, authorizing the Parish President to execute any and all documents necessary to authorize Lafourche Basin Levee District, its contractors, assignees, designees and agents to access and enter property owned by St. Charles Parish within the Sunset Drainage District for the purpose of evaluating, designing, making, improving, constructing and enhancing the levees and/or portions thereof located therein or and for such terms and conditions as he deems appropriate for the Upper Barataria Risk Reduction Segment 2-Sunset Levee Lift, CPRA Project No. BA-0220.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Mr. Dufrene

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval

Councilman Dufrene Recommended: Approval

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Legal Services Director Corey Oubre spoke on the matter.

Legal Services Assistant Director Robert Raymond spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

Councilwoman Fonseca motioned to amend the proposed resolution to include herself as a co-sponsor.

Amendment: to amend the proposed resolution to add the entire parish council as co-sponsors

Public comment opened; no public comment

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to Amend File No. 2022-0014. 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-Perrier

Enactment No: 6612

Amended

Enactment No: 6612

[2022-0014](#)

A resolution of the St. Charles Parish Council, authorizing the Parish President to execute any and all documents necessary to authorize Lafourche Basin Levee District, its contractors, assignees, designees and agents to access and enter property owned by St. Charles Parish within the Sunset Drainage District for the purpose of evaluating, designing, making, improving, constructing and enhancing the levees and/or portions thereof located therein or and for such terms and conditions as he deems appropriate for the Upper Barataria Risk Reduction Segment 2-Sunset Levee Lift, CPRA Project No. BA-0220.

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

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION AS AMENDED

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Dufrene and Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 6612

SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL

2022-0015

A resolution of the St. Charles Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Sunset Drainage District authorizing the Parish President to execute any and all documents necessary to authorize Lafourche Basin Levee District, its contractors, assignees, designees and agents to access and enter property owned by the Sunset Drainage District for the purpose of evaluating, designing, making, improving, constructing and enhancing the levees and/or portions thereof located therein or and for such terms and conditions as he deems appropriate for the Upper Barataria Risk Reduction Segment 2-Sunset Levee Lift, CPRA Project No. BA-0220.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Mr. Dufrene

Chairman Fisher stated that the St. Charles Parish Council is now sitting as the governing authority of the Sunset Drainage District:

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval

Councilman Dufrene Recommended: Approval

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Legal Services Assistant Director Robert Raymond spoke on the matter.

Council Discussion

President Jewell spoke on the matter.

Amendment: to amend the proposed resolution to add the entire parish council as co-sponsors

Public comment opened; no public comment

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember Darensbourg Gordon, to Amend File No. 2022-0015. 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-Perrier

Enactment No: 6613

Amended

Enactment No: 6613

[2022-0015](#)

A resolution of the St. Charles Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Sunset Drainage District authorizing the Parish President to execute any and all documents necessary to authorize Lafourche Basin Levee District, its contractors, assignees, designees and agents to access and enter property owned by the Sunset Drainage District for the purpose of evaluating, designing, making, improving, constructing and enhancing the levees and/or portions thereof located therein or and for such terms and conditions as he deems appropriate for the Upper Barataria Risk Reduction Segment 2-Sunset Levee Lift, CPRA Project No. BA-0220.

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

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION AS AMENDED

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Dufrene and Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 6613

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Bellock, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:55 pm. 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-Perrier

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary