

St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

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Organizational Meeting - Draft

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

Monday, January 8, 2024

4:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

Organizational Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Present 9 - Michael A. Mobley, Holly Fonseca, La Sandra D. Wilson, Heather Skiba, Walter Pilié, Willie Comardelle, Michelle O'Daniels, Bob Fisher, and Michele deBruler

Also Present

Parish President Matthew Jewell, Legal Services Director Corey Oubre, Legal Services Assistant Director Robert Raymond, Executive Director of Technology and Cybersecurity Anthony Ayo, Director of Communications/Public Information Officer Samantha de Castro, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works Director Miles Bingham, Blaine Faucheux, Public Information Office

CALL TO ORDER

Councilman Fisher called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Reverend Marilyn Diggs Mount Zion Community Church, Boutte

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

2024-0001

Accept Nominations and Confirm Nomination - Presiding Officer for 2024; Chairman, St. Charles Parish Council

Public comment opened; no public comment

Nominee:

Councilwoman Fonseca nominated Councilman Fisher as Chairman.

Councilman Pilié spoke on the matter.

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2024-0001. 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

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMAN BOB FISHER

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

Nay: 0

Confirmed

2024-0002

Accept Nominations and Confirm Nomination - Presiding Officer for 2024; Vice-Chairman, St. Charles Parish Council

Public comment opened; no public comment

Nominee:

Councilwoman Wilson nominated Councilwoman Fonseca as Vice-Chairman. Councilwoman deBruler spoke on the matter.

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember deBruler, Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2024-0002. 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

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILWOMAN HOLLY FONSECA

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

Nay: 0

Confirmed

2024-0003

Appoint Council Secretary

Public comment opened; no public comment

Nominee:

Councilwoman Fonseca nominated Michelle Impastato as Council Secretary

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2024-0003. 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

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHELLE IMPASTATO

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

Nay: 0

Confirmed

2024-0004

Adopt St. Charles Parish Council Rules

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

Amendment: to amend the proposed St. Charles Parish Council Rules as follows:

Add Rule 40 to read:

RULE 40. A motion to close nominations for the appointment of the Council Chairman and Council Vice-Chairman, as well as any appointment of an individual to a committee, office, board or agency, shall not be permitted until each council member present at the meeting, and within his/her nominating authority, has had a sufficient opportunity to submit an individual to be nominated. Prior to a request or a motion to close nominations, the presiding officer of the Council shall verbally confirm that all members have had an opportunity to submit an individual to be nominated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember Pilié, to Amend File No. 2024-0004. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Amended

Amendment: to amend the proposed St. Charles Parish Council Rules as follows:

Change verbiage to the first paragraph of the Right to Direct Participation to read:

No person shall be denied the right to observe and, within Council guidelines, to address the Council provided that the person has submitted a written request containing the detailed nature of the subject to be discussed which must be germane to the Powers and Functions of the Parish Council and Government. No person shall be permitted to address the Council on the same subject matter upon which he/she has previously addressed the Council during the prior eight week period. All requests and pertinent information must be received by the Council Secretary at least one (1) week prior to the scheduled meeting. (Home Rule Charter, Article VII, Section I.)

Council Discussion

Legal Services Director Corey Oubre spoke on the matter.

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember Skiba, to Amend File No. 2024-0004. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Amended

VOTE TO ADOPT THE ST CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL RULES AS AMENDED

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

Nay: 0

Adopted

2024-0005

Adopt St. Charles Parish Council Expense Regulations

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE TO ADOPT THE ST CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL EXPENSE REGULATIONS

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

Nay: 0

Adopted

2024-0006

Appointment of Chairman to the Operations, Maintenance, and Construction Management Committee

Council Chairman named Councilman Pilie' to act as Chairman.

Confirmed

2024-0007

Appointment of Chairman to the Legislative Committee

Council Chairman named Councilman Fisher to act as Chairman.

Confirmed

2024-0008

Appointment of Chairman to the Contract/Finance and Administrative Committee

Council Chairman named Councilwoman O'Daniels to act as Chairman.

Confirmed

2024-0009

Appointment of Chairman to the Special Projects/Public Safety, Health, and Environmental Committee

Council Chairman named Councilman Comardelle to act as Chairman.

Confirmed

2024-0010

Appointment of Chairman to the Hurricane Protection Projects Committee

Council Chairman named Councilwoman Fonseca to act as Chairman.

Confirmed

RESOLUTIONS

2024-0011

A resolution in support of Councilman Bob Fisher for At Large Member on the Executive Board of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

Sponsors: Ms. Fonseca, Ms. Wilson, Ms. Skiba, Ms. O'Daniels and Mr. Fisher

Reported:

Councilwoman Fonseca Recommended: Approval Councilwoman Wilson Recommended: Approval Councilwoman Skiba Recommended: Approval Councilwoman O'Daniels Recommended: Approval Councilman Fisher Recommended: Approval

Councilwoman Fonseca spoke on the matter.

Council Discussion

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 Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Comardelle, to Amend File No. 2024-0011. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6742

Amended

Enactment No: 6742

2024-0011

A resolution in support of Councilman Bob Fisher for At Large Member on the Executive Board of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

<u>Sponsors:</u> Mr. Mobley, Ms. Fonseca, Ms. Wilson, Ms. Skiba, Mr. Pilié, Mr. Comardelle, Ms.

O'Daniels, Mr. Fisher and Ms. deBruler

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION AS AMENDED

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6742

2024-0012

A resolution in support of Councilwoman La Sandra D. Wilson for Region II Member on the Executive Board of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

Sponsors: Ms. Fonseca, Ms. Wilson, Ms. Skiba, Ms. O'Daniels, Mr. Fisher and Ms. deBruler

Reported:

Councilwoman Fonseca Recommended: Approval Councilwoman Wilson Recommended: Approval Councilwoman Skiba Recommended: Approval Councilwoman O'Daniels Recommended: Approval Councilman Fisher Recommended: Approval Councilwoman deBruler Recommended: Approval

Councilwoman Fonseca spoke on the matter.

Council Discussion

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

Public comment opened; speaker/no public comment

Further Council Discussion

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to Amend File No. 2024-0012. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6743

Amended

Enactment No: 6743

2024-0012

A resolution in support of Councilwoman La Sandra D. Wilson for Region II Member on the Executive Board of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

Sponsors: Mr. Mobley, Ms. Fonseca, Ms. Wilson, Ms. Skiba, Mr. Pilié, Mr. Comardelle, Ms.

O'Daniels, Mr. Fisher and Ms. deBruler

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION AS AMENDED

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6743

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember Comardelle, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 4:22 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