



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
Courthouse
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Budget - Final

Council Chairman Larry Cochran

**Councilmembers Carolyn K. Schexnaydre, Jarvis Lewis,
Terrell D. Wilson, Mary Tastet, Wendy Benedetto, Paul J. Hogan,
Traci A. Fletcher, Julia Fisher-Perrier**

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

8:00 AM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 8 - Jarvis Lewis, Terrell D. Wilson, Mary Tastet, Wendy Benedetto, Paul J. Hogan,
Larry Cochran, Traci A. Fletcher, and Julia Fisher-Perrier

Absent 1 - Carolyn K. Schexnaydre

Also Present

Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr.; Chief Operations Officer Bobby Donaldson; Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe; Legal Director Leon C. Vial, III; 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; Waterworks Director Robbie Brou; General Superintendent Public Works & Contract Monitoring Stephen Truitt; Community Services Director Joan Tonglet Diaz; Economic Development & Tourism Director Corey Fauchaux; Parks and Recreation Director Duane Foret; Animal Control Officer Angie Robert; Risk Management Officer Monique Granier; Personnel Officer Sandy Zimmer; Edward A. Dufresne Community Center Coordinator Erica Mire; R.S.V.P. Director Michelle Higgins; General Government Buildings Facilities Manager Philip Dufrene; Procurement Agent Jill Schmill; Information Technology Coordinator Erik Dufrene; WIOA Director Tommy Scott; L. J. Brady, Wastewater Department; Joel T. Chaisson, II, District Attorney; Chandra Sampey, Contract Monitors Office; Rene' Schmit, Parish Farm Agent; Charles Oubre, Finance Department; Luis Martinez, GIS; Tristan Babin, Public Information Office; Brian J. Champagne, Registrar of Voters; Bob Dublan, Public Work Department; Brad Berthelot, Wastewater Department; Rachel Whitener, Public Works Department; Judge Emile R. St. Pierre; Dawn Higdon, Legal Department; Judge M. Lauren Lemmon; Jason Tastet, Emergency Preparedness Department; Judge Timothy S. Marcel; Chief Joe Cardella, Sheriff's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:05 am.

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Pastor Butch Clay
Des Allemands Mennonite Church

Budget Message – 2016 Consolidated Operating & Capital Budget (President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr.)

Read

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

[2015-0197](#)

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Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

General Fund:

District Attorney - Reported - Council Discussion
District Attorney Joel T. Chaisson, II, spoke on the matter.

Registrar of Voters - Deferred
District Court - Reported
Grand Jury - Reported
District Court Div. C - Reported
District Court Div. D - Reported
District Court Div. E - Reported
Legal Services - Deferred
Sheriff - Reported
Parish Farm Agent - Reported

Chairman Cochran exited the meeting.
In Chairman Cochran's absence, Vice-Chairwoman Fletcher assumed the meeting.

Special Revenue Funds:

Retired Senior Volunteer Program - Reported

Chairman Cochran assumed the meeting.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

General Fund:

Council - Reported
Council District I - Reported
Council District II - Reported
Council District III - Reported
Council District IV - Reported
Council District V - Reported
Council District VI - Reported
Council District VII - Reported
Council Division A - Deferred
Council Division B - Reported
Parish President - Reported - Council Discussion
Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe spoke on the matter.

Legal Services - Reported

Special Revenue Funds:

Parish Transportation - Reported
Road Lighting District #1 - Reported
Road & Drainage - Reported - Council Discussion
Public Works/Wastewater Director Sam Scholle spoke on the matter.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 - Special Revenue Funds - Road & Drainage, Drainage - Fund Number: 112 - Capital Outlay

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier motioned, seconded by Councilman Wilson, to amend the proposed budget under Improvements other than Buildings to rename the detailed description for "Westbank Levee - Ellington" to "Ellington Pump Station" and under Arch/Engineering Fees and Other Fees to rename the detailed description for "Westbank Levee - Ellington" to "Westbank Levee". Motion carried 7 yeas, Councilmen Schexnaydre and Lewis absent. PASSED

Mosquito Control - Reported
Flood Protection - Reported - Council Discussion
Grants Officer Holly Fonseca spoke on the matter.
Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe spoke on the matter.
Public Works/Wastewater Director Sam Scholle spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Recess

Capital Projects Funds:
West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee - Reported
LCDBG - Reported

Enterprise Funds:
Wastewater - Reported - Council Discussion
Wastewater Assistant Director L.J. Brady spoke on the matter.
Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.
Mr. Charles Oubre, Finance Department, spoke on the matter.

Solid Waste Collection & Disposal - Reported - Council Discussion
General Superintendent/Public Works Steve Truitt spoke on the matter.

Consolidated Waterworks District No. 1 - Reported - Council Discussion
Waterworks Director Robbie Brou spoke on the matter.

Special Revenue Funds:
Recreation - Reported - Council Discussion
Parks & Recreation Director Duane Foret spoke on the matter.
Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr., spoke on the matter.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 - Special Revenue Funds - Recreation - Fund 113 - Capital Outlay - Improvements other than Buildings

Councilman Wilson motioned, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to amend the proposed budget to transfer from the General Fund \$89,000.00 to Fund 113 - Capital Outlay - Recreation - Improvements other than Buildings and add \$89,000.00 to Capital Outlay - Recreation - Improvements other than Buildings - Walking Path Repairs (EB & WB Bridge Parks) for a new total of \$189,000.00. Motion carried 8 yeas, Councilwoman Schexnaydre absent.
PASSED

Capital Projects Funds:
Recreation Facilities Construction - Reported - Council Discussion
Parks & Recreation Director Duane Foret spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

General Fund:
Public Information - Reported - Council Discussion
Public Information Officer Renee Simpson spoke on the matter.

Purchasing - Reported
Personnel - Reported
Planning & Zoning - Reported
Coastal Zone Management - Reported - Council Discussion
CZM Administrator Earl Matherne spoke on the matter.

Chief Administrative Office Buddy Boe spoke on the matter.

ICC Building Codes - Reported
Information Technology - Reported - Council Discussion
Computer Systems Supervisor Erik Dufrene spoke on the matter.

GIS - Reported - Council Discussion
GIS Specialist spoke on the matter.
Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe spoke on the matter.
Mr. Charles Oubre, Finance Department, spoke on the matter.

Cable TV Administration - Reported
General Gov't Buildings - Reported - Council Discussion
Facilities Manager Phil Dufrene spoke on the matter.

Risk Management - Reported
Grants Administration - Reported
Emergency Preparedness - Reported
Emergency Prep. Subsid. - Reported
EOC 24 Hours Coverage - Reported - Council Discussion
Emergency Preparedness Director Ron Perry spoke on the matter.

Animal Control - Reported - Council Discussion
Animal Control Supervisor Angie Robert spoke on the matter.

Health & Safety Rehab. - Reported
Revitalization Fund Program - Reported
Community Services - Reported
Energy Assistance - Reported
Summer Feeding - Reported - Council Discussion
Community Services Director Joan Diaz spoke on the matter.

Community Service Center - Reported - Council Discussion
Community Services Director Joan Diaz spoke on the matter.
Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.

Community Services Subgrants - Reported
FEMA - Reported
CSBG - Administration - Reported
CSBG - Program Activities - Reported
Home Program - Reported
Community Center - Reported
Economic Development - Reported
Tourist Information Center - Reported - Council Discussion
Economic Development & Tourism Director Corey Faucheux spoke on the matter.

Special Revenue Funds:
Workforce Investment Act - Reported - Council Discussion
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Director Tommy Scott spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

General Fund:
Registrar of Voters - Reported
Ordinance & Proceedings - Reported
Police Jury Association - Reported
Ward Courts - Reported

Elections - Reported - Council Discussion
Mr. Charles Oubre, Finance Department, spoke on the matter.

Finance - Reported
Taxation - Assessor - Reported
Taxation - Collector - Reported
Data Processing - Reported
Research/Investigations - Reported
Retirement System Contributions - Reported
Retired Employees Group Insurance - Reported
Juvenile - Reported
Motor Vehicle - Reported
Veterans Administration - Reported
Public Housing - Reported
Debt Service - Reported
Transfers - Reported

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Special Revenue Funds:

Criminal Court Fund - Reported
Council on Aging - Reported
Fire Protection - Reported
Governmental Bldgs. M&O - Reported
Health Unit - Reported
ARC of St. Charles - Reported

Capital Projects Funds:

Front Foot Assessment Capital Projects - Reported

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RECAP OF AMENDMENTS[2015-0197](#)

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Amendments Recorded

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN COCHRAN AUTHORIZED THAT THE ORDINANCE, HAVING BEEN PRESENTED FOR INTRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, AND NOT REJECTED BY TWO-THIRDS OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS, IS TO BE PUBLISHED IN SUMMARY FORM AS FOLLOWS IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL WITH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2015, 6:00 P.M.; AND TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

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Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 29, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:57 am. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Lewis, Wilson, Tastet, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Schexnaydre

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Tiffany K. Clark
Council Secretary