



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, Mary Tastet, Wendy Benedetto, Paul J. Hogan,
Traci A. Fletcher, Julia Fisher-Perrier

Monday, November 16, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 6 - Jarvis Lewis, Terrell D. Wilson, Wendy Benedetto, Larry Cochran, Traci A. Fletcher, and Julia Fisher-Perrier

Absent 3 - Carolyn K. Schexnaydre, Mary Tastet, and Paul J. Hogan

Also Present

Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr., Chief Operations Officer Bobby Donaldson, Legal Director Leon C. Vial, III, Assistant Parish Attorney David Moyer, Public Works/Wastewater Director Sam Scholle, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Executive Assistant/Office Manager Anedra Coleman, Parks and Recreation Director Duane Foret, R.S.V.P. Director Michelle Higgins; Housing Authority Executive Director Benjamin Bell

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Reverend Rob Weber
New Life Community Church, Luling

PENDING BUSINESS (RULE 1)

1 [2015-0197](#)

An ordinance to approve and adopt the appropriation of Funds for the St. Charles Parish Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2016.

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

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-11-22

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AS AMENDED

Yea: 6 - Lewis, Wilson, Benedetto, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Schexnaydre, Tastet and Hogan

Enactment No: 15-11-22

REGULAR BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, to approve the minutes from the special meeting of October 27, 2015. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 6 - Lewis, Wilson, Benedetto, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Schexnaydre, Tastet and Hogan

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2015-0418](#)

In Recognition: In Honor of Benjamin Sirmon

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr.

Read

4 [2015-0419](#)

In Recognition: Helen E. Franklin, Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr.

Read

5 [2015-0420](#)

In Recognition: Ryan Sidney Kornegay, Eagle Scout

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Read

[2015-0421](#)

In Recognition: Trash Bash Awards
2015 Fall Trash Bash Photo Contest Winner:
Ashley Hobby
2015 Fall Trash Bash Photo Contest Winner:
St. Charles Parish 4-H

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr.

Read

6 [2015-0422](#)

Proclamation: Toy and Gift Fund Week

Sponsors: Ms. Schexnaydre

Read

7 [2015-0423](#)

Proclamation: Christmas Celebration

Sponsors: Mr. Lewis

Read

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2015-0425](#)

Hospital Service District
Mr. Anthony DiGerolamo, St. Charles Hospital Chief Executive Officer

Reported

[2015-0411](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr.

Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr., presented Finance Director Grant Dussom with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2014, from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

Mr. Dussom spoke on the matter.

Reported

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN COCHRAN 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, DECEMBER 14, 2015, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2015-0255](#)

An ordinance of the Parish of St. Charles, providing that the Code of Ordinances, Parish of St. Charles, be amended by revising Chapter 19 Planning and Development, Article I. In General, Section 19-1. Planning and Zoning Commission, (b), to add term limits on Council appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0417](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between St. Charles Parish and the ARC of St. Charles for the provision of services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr., Ms. Schexnaydre, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Tastet, Ms. Benedetto, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Fletcher and Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0426](#)

An ordinance adopting the St. Charles Parish Council Road and Bridges Capital Program Budget for fiscal year 2016 through 2018 in accordance with the Parish Transportation Act.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0427](#)

An ordinance to amend the 2015 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget to adjust Beginning Fund Balances to Actuals and to adjust Revenues and Expenditures in various funds.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0429](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of Change Order 1 for Parish Project No. P130101, Cousins Pump Station Discharge Pipe Replacement to increase the contract amount by \$54,000 and increase the time by forty (40) days.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0430](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Engineering Services Contract with Design Engineering, Inc. for the design of Parish Project No. P140803, Easy Street Extension, Luling.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0431](#)

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the land use zoning classification from R-1A to OL on Lots J-1 and J-2 of a Subdivision of the Heirs of Anatole Friloux, Ama (309 & 311 St. Marks Street), as requested by Ashley Plaisance.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0432](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the land use zoning reclassification from C-2 / R-1A to C-2 on a portion of Lot 1-B, Block B, River Oaks Subdivision (12531 Hwy 90) Luling, as requested by Larry Orgeron.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0433](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the land use zoning reclassification from R-1A to R-1AM at 309 West Lawson Street (Lot 11, Sq. 16, New Sarpy Subd.), New Sarpy, as requested by Trevine Lewis.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0434](#)

An ordinance to approve the resubdivision of two portions of Parcel H-1, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, a portion of Lot 7, a portion of Lot 8 of Parcel G-1 of a subdivision of a portion of Tract No. 1 of Ormond Plantation Subdivision into lots herein designated as Lots 1-H, 2-H, 3-H, 4-H, 1-G, 2-G, 3-G & 4-G of a subdivision of apportion of Tract No. 1 of the Ormond Plantation Subdivision, Destrehan. Zoning District R-3. Council District 3, as requested by Jack Cali III.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0435](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Appendix A., Zoning Ordinance of 1981, Section III. Definitions, to eliminate a conflicting diagram and correct a typographical error.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0436](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances Appendix A., Zoning Ordinance of 1981, Section VIII. A.5.c to clarify a 19' length for handicap parking stalls and Section VIII B and to delete a typographical error.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0437](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances Appendix A, Zoning Ordinance of 1981, Section VIII. C 1., Off-Street Loading Facilities, to clarify the applicability of the standards.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0438](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances Appendix A, Zoning Ordinance of 1981, Section XIV, Amendments item B. 1-3, to correct typographical errors and item C 1. to delete a conflicting sentence.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0294](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the land use zoning reclassification from C-3 to M-1 on a 21.7 acre portion of land located at 13840 Old Spanish Trail, Boutte, as requested by TuJack G. Hoover.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0439](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 (Final) for Parish Project No. P140311, Killona Community Center to increase the contract amount by \$20,172.00.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and General Government Buildings

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0440](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of Agreement between St. Charles Parish and Murray Architects, Inc. to provide design services for the District Attorney’s Annex to be located on the Courthouse grounds.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and General Government Buildings

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0441](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of Agreement between St. Charles Parish and Civil & Environmental Consulting Engineers, Danny J. Hebert, P.E., LLC. to provide design services for the Veterans Memorial and Community Park Development in Luling.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Parks and Recreation

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0442](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 (Final) for Parish Project No. FEMA-1603-DR-LA-0079, St. Charles Parish Animal Shelter Emergency Stand-By Generator to increase the contract time by fifty-six (56) days.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and General Government Buildings

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0443](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the Parish President to execute a perpetual Right-of-Way and Servitude Agreement on behalf of the Gravity Drainage District # 2 of St. Charles Parish as Grantor, in favor of Maurepas Pipeline, LLC as Grantee, across two (2) separate tracts of land in Section 6, Township 12 South, Range 8 East for the construction of one 12" VGO pipeline. Said tracts are more particularly described as Exhibit "A", and Exhibit "B" in the Right-of-Way and Servitude Agreement attached hereto and made a part hereof, from the Gravity Drainage District #2 of St. Charles Parish, as Grantor, to Maurepas Pipeline, LLC, as Grantee.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0444](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of Lease Agreement between St. Charles Parish and the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans for the development of the St. Rose Community Park.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Chief Administrative Officer

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0445](#)

An ordinance to provide for the installation of an additional "**ALL-WAY STOP**" sign at the intersection of Oakley Drive and Longview Drive in Destrehan.

Sponsors: Ms. Benedetto

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0446](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding and Donation by and between St. Charles Parish and Bunge North America, Inc.(Bunge).

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0447](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Appendix A., Section VI, Zoning District Criteria and Regulations, by adding Section K., Paul Maillard Road Overlay Zone.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0448](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of Lease Agreement between St. Charles Parish and Marsh Investments LLC. to for the Westbank Boat Launch.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Parks and Recreation

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0449](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of Agreement between St. Charles Parish and Linfield, Hunter, & Junius, Inc. to provide design services for the Westbank Boat Launch.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Parks and Recreation

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

[2015-0450](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 (final) for the Renovations to the 3rd floor of the Courthouse Project to add ninety-two (92) additional days to the contract and increase the contract amount by \$53,230.10.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and General Government Buildings

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 14, 2015

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

8 [2015-0403](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Contract with Beverly Construction Company, LLC for the Ashton Park Development in the amount of \$267,550.00.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Parks and Recreation

Reported:

Parks & Recreation Department Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-11-23

Council Discussion

Mr. Ed Whaden, Founding Board Member/Secretary, St. Charles Soccer League spoke on the matter.

Mr. Danny J. Hebert, Civil & Environmental Consulting Engineers, LLC spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 6 - Lewis, Wilson, Benedetto, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Schexnaydre, Tastet and Hogan

Enactment No: 15-11-23

15 [2015-0404](#)

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 Fourth Street between West Hoover Street and West Harding Street in New Sarpy.

Sponsors: Ms. Fletcher

Reported:

Councilwoman Fletcher Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-11-24

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 6 - Lewis, Wilson, Benedetto, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Schexnaydre, Tastet and Hogan

Enactment No: 15-11-24

16 [2015-0412](#)

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 OVERNIGHT PARKING**” signs on both sides of River Park Drive in Hahnville.

Sponsors: Mr. Wilson

Reported:

Councilman Wilson Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-11-25

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 6 - Lewis, Wilson, Benedetto, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Schexnaydre, Tastet and Hogan

Enactment No: 15-11-25

17 [2015-0413](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Construction Contract with Cycle Construction Company, LLC for Project No. P080905-5B, Ellington Levee - Phase I Project, as part of the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee Project, State Project No. BA-85, in the amount of \$8,478,497.00.

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

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-11-26

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 6 - Lewis, Wilson, Benedetto, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Schexnaydre, Tastet and Hogan

Enactment No: 15-11-26

24 [2015-0414](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a contract with BLD Services, LLC, for Parish Project No. S091101; Primrose Lift Station and Force Main Upgrades, with a Base Bid in the amount of \$923,550 with an Alternate Bid of \$56,150.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Wastewater

Reported:

Wastewater Department Recommended: Approval
Assistant Director L.J. Brady spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-11-27

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 6 - Lewis, Wilson, Benedetto, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Schexnaydre, Tastet and Hogan

Enactment No: 15-11-27

31 [2015-0415](#)

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 along both sides of the entrances of Ashton Plantation for approximately 200’ between Ashton Boulevard and Lac Calcasieu Drive and Ashton Boulevard and Lac Laurier Drive in Luling.

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Reported:

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-11-28

Council Discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 6 - Lewis, Wilson, Benedetto, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Schexnaydre, Tastet and Hogan

Enactment No: 15-11-28

32 [2015-0416](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Donation of Servitude acquiring additional width to an existing public right-of-way over property identified as a Tract in St Charles Parish, on the East Bank of the Mississippi River, located in section 11, Township 12 south, Range 8 East being more particularly described in survey by Lucien C. Gassen, PLS, dated June 17, 2015, to improve the drainage in the area.

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

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-11-29

Council Discussion

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

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 6 - Lewis, Wilson, Benedetto, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Schexnaydre, Tastet and Hogan

Enactment No: 15-11-29

RESOLUTIONS

[2015-0424](#)

A resolution to amend the Parish Council Rules by adding Rule 40: Resolution of Censure of the Parish President, so as to provide a means of censure.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Council Rule 19. The rules may be repealed, altered, or amended by concurrence of a majority of all Councilmen, but motion for this purpose must be in writing, and lie over for at least one week after introduction before final passage.

Held Over

[2015-0376](#)

A resolution to authorize the Council Chairman to immediately take the steps needed to employ Special Legal Counsel to represent the St. Charles Parish Council in having a court of competent jurisdiction compel the Parish President to perform his legal obligation to enter into a contract, prior to December 31, 2015, to perform a budgeted task which he is legally obligated to do, to raise and dispose the sunken vessel "Pretty Boy" from the Scenic Waterway Bayou Des Allemands 1) immediately following the passing of two (2) working days after the receipt of an AG opinion if it is received prior to the end of the day on November 16, 2015 and it confirms that the spending of the budgeted funds is not gratuitous spending of public funds, since the Parish President has advised the Council at the October 19, 2015 council meeting that he will not lift the vessel even if the AG opines that the expenditure of the budgeted funds is legal, or 2) upon not receiving a fully executed contract by 4:00 pm, November 18, 2015 should the AG opinion not be received prior to 4:00 pm, November 18, 2015, whichever occurs sooner.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Benedetto, to Table File No. 2015-0376. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 6 - Lewis, Wilson, Benedetto, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Schexnaydre, Tastet and Hogan

Tabled.

SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL

[2015-0428](#)

Review 2016 Parish Council Meeting Schedule [Adopt December 14, 2015]

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier requested Point of Privilege to suggest moving the November Parish Council Meeting dates for 2016.

Review

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Fletcher, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:56 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 6 - Lewis, Wilson, Benedetto, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Schexnaydre, Tastet and Hogan

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Tiffany K. Clark
Council Secretary