



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
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Final

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

Monday, February 8, 2021

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 9 - Bobby Donaldson, Holly Fonseca, La Sandra Darensbourg Gordon, Mary K. Clulee, Dick Gibbs, Nicky Dufrene, Marilyn B. Bellock, Bob Fisher, 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, Executive Director of Technology and Cybersecurity Anthony Ayo, Director of Communications/Public Information Officer Samantha de Castro, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works/Wastewater Director Miles Bingham, Senior Projects Manager Sam Scholle, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Grants Officer Carla Chiasson, Parks and Recreation Director Duane Foret, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Anedra Coleman, Justin Robert, Public Information Office, 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 Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Darensbourg Gordon, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 25, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Donaldson, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)[2021-0036](#)

In Recognition: Debbie Dufresne Vial, Regional Planning Commission

Sponsors: Ms. Clulee

Read

[2021-0044](#)

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 24, 2021, to authorize the incurring of debt and issuance of bonds therein.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Bond Counsel

Reported:

Bond Counsel Recommended: Approval

Parish President Matthew Jewell invited Ms. Tara Alleman, Interim CEO, St. Charles Parish Hospital to the podium to speak on the matter.

Ms. Alleman spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

President Jewell spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 9 - Donaldson, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6540

[2020-0326](#)

Revise 2021 Parish Council Meeting Schedule - add February 22nd meeting and cancel March 1st meeting

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

Amendment: to amend the 2021 Parish Council Meeting Schedule by adding February 22, 2021 and cancelling the March 1, 2021 Parish Council Meeting

VOTE TO AMEND THE 2021 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Yea: 9 - Donaldson, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Approved as Amended

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2021-0043](#)

New Orleans Aviation Board

Director of Aviation Kevin Dolliole

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.

Mr. Dolliole spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2021-0039](#)

Department of Parks & Recreation/Edward A. Dufresne Community Center

Parks & Recreation Director Duane Foret

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier spoke on the matter.

Mr. Foret spoke on the matter.

Councilman Gibbs spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Darensbourg Gordon spoke on the matter.

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Chairman Bellock spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2021-0037](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Reported

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN BELLOCK 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 22, 2021, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2021-0041](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Agreement between Adams and Reese, LLP, and St. Charles Parish for governmental affairs representation.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Legal Services

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 22, 2021

Enactment No: 21-2-8

[2021-0045](#)

An ordinance to amend the 2021 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget, Amendment No. 2, to add revenues totaling \$1,349,007 (including \$250,000 in grant revenues, \$75,000 in donations, and \$1,024,007 in General Fund Transfers), and to add expenditures totaling \$1,605,007 for Fund 113 - Recreation for projects not completed in 2020.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Finance

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 22, 2021

Enactment No: 21-2-9

[2021-0046](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a contract with Omega Foundation Services, Inc., for Parish Project No. P190902 Spillway Road Rehabilitation, with a Bid in the amount of \$1,157,156.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 22, 2021

Enactment No: 21-2-10

[2021-0047](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a construction contract with TBT Contracting, Inc. for Project No. P190401, West Bank Yard Building, in the amount of \$788,000.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 22, 2021

Enactment No: 21-2-11

2021-0048

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an Engineering Services Agreement with Evans-Graves Engineers, Inc. to perform services for the Prescott Pump Station Enforcement Actions project (Project No. P210201).

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Chairman Bellock stated that Administration requested that File No. 20210-0048 be postponed indefinitely from introduction.

A motion was made by Councilmember Clulee, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to Postpone Indefinitely from Introduction File No. 2021-0048. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Donaldson, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Postponed Indefinitely from Intro.

PLANNING AND ZONING PETITIONS[2021-0021](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from R-1A to R-1A(M) on Lot 7-C, Leona Heights Subdivision, 312 Griffin Drive, Ama, as requested by CLDW, LLC.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Denial

Planning Commission Recommended: Denial

Speakers:

Mr. Donnie White, Paradis

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Council Discussion

Councilwoman Clulee called Mr. White to the podium to answer questions on the matter.

Mr. White spoke on the matter.

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

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

Yea: 2 - Dufrene and Bellock

Nay: 7 - Donaldson, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Failed[2021-0022](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from C-3 to M-1 on an 81,016 square foot property designated as Lot B, Plot 43, Almedia Plantation, 150 Almedia Plantation Drive, St. Rose, as requested by Double R & J Trucking Service, Inc.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Denial

Planning Commission Recommended: Denial

Speakers:

Mr. Georgios Stratikis, St. Rose

Ms. Tammy Dennis, St. Rose

Ms. Betty Schouest, St. Rose

Mr. Ramesh Ramsarup, Luling

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Council Discussion

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

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier called Mr. Ramsarup to the podium to answer questions on the matter.

Mr. Ramsarup spoke on the matter.

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

Yea: 2 - Clulee and Dufrene

Nay: 7 - Donaldson, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Gibbs, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Failed

2021-0025

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from R-1B to O-L on approximately 146 acres south of Grand Bayou Road in Sunset Drainage District #1, Bayou Gauche, as requested by Sunset Ridge Development, LLC.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Cecil Sumners, Matthews, North Carolina

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 21-2-1

Council Discussion

Mr. Sumners spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Donaldson, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 21-2-1

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

[2021-0028](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Act of Donation by Ashton Plantation Estates, L.L.C. to St. Charles Parish for a certain parcel of land situated on the corner of Ashton Boulevard and runs east along the Railroad tracks.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Parks and Recreation

Reported:

Parks & Recreation Department Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Miles Bingham, Luling

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 21-2-2

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Donaldson, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 21-2-2

[2021-0030](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Act of Donation by Ashton Plantation Estates, L.L.C. to St. Charles Parish for a certain parcel of land situated on the corner of Ashton Boulevard and the Union Pacific Railroad to be used to extend Deputy Jeff G. Watson Drive.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Council Discussion

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier called Mr. Fredy Henderson, Ashton Plantation Homeowners Association Representative to the podium to speak on the matter.

Mr. Henderson spoke on the matter.

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to Table File No. 2021-0030. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Donaldson, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Tabled.

[2021-0031](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Temporary Workspace Agreement and Temporary Road Use Agreement in favor of Phillips 66 Alliance H2PL LLC.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Tristan Babin, representing Phillips 66 Alliance H2PL LLC

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 21-2-3

Council Discussion

Mr. Babin spoke on the matter.

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Donaldson, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 21-2-3

[2021-0032](#)

An ordinance to request an emergency temporary change of the Polling Place for the Primary Election to be held on March 20, 2021 and the General Election to be held on April 24, 2021, for Precinct 6-1 in Montz, Louisiana, from Zephirin Perilloux Firehouse, 17830 River Road, Montz to the Montz Community Center, 152 Union Lane, Montz and to authorize the Parish President to execute a Lease with Providence Baptist Church, Number Two of Montz, Louisiana, Inc., on behalf of St. Charles Parish.

Sponsors: Mr. Fisher

Reported:

Councilman Fisher Recommended: Approval

Councilman Fisher called Clerk of Court Lance Marino to the podium to speak on the matter.

Mr. Marino spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 21-2-4

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Donaldson, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 21-2-4

[2021-0033](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the Lafourche Basin Levee District to purchase and or/expropriate the necessary real estate interest to a portion of land owned by Karen Majoria Gervais LeGlue, et al (Oscar Gervais, Jr. Descendants' Trusts, Kay Fisher Blocker, Kathleen Glisan Fisher, Mary Claire Melancon Fisher, Louis Jack Fisher, The Michael Fisher Trust, Leonard K. Fisher, III, Murphy C. Majoria, Marc E. Majoria, Shea M. Majoria, Barry J. Majoria, and Dana G. Majoria), designated as Parcel 1-2A for the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee, Phase III - Ellington, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, and to authorize the transfer of the necessary funding thereof.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval
Legal Services Director Corey Oubre spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 21-2-5

Council Discussion

Councilwoman Fonseca asked Senior Projects Manager Sam Scholle to explain the matter in further detail.

Mr. Scholle spoke on the matter.

Mr. Oubre spoke on the matter.

Legal Services Assistant Director Robert Raymond spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier explained her reason for abstaining.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Donaldson, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock and Fisher

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 21-2-5

[2021-0034](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the Lafourche Basin Levee District to purchase and or/expropriate the necessary real estate interest to a portion of land owned by Karen Majoria Gervais LeGlue, et al (Peter L. Glaser, Kay Fisher Blocker, Oscar Gervais, Jr. Descendants' Trusts, Murphy C. Majoria, Marc E. Majoria, Shea M. Majoria, Barry J. Majoria, and Dana G. Majoria) designated as Parcel 1-2B for the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee, Phase III - Ellington, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, and to authorize the transfer of the necessary funding thereof.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Legal Services Assistant Director Robert Raymond spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 21-2-6

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier explained her reason for abstaining.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Donaldson, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock and Fisher

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 21-2-6

[2021-0035](#)

An ordinance to provide for the installation of “**ALL-WAY STOP**” signs at the intersection of Lac Laurier Drive and Lac Verret Drive in Luling.

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Reported:

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Fredy Henderson, representing Ashton Plantation Homeowners Association, Luling

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 21-2-7

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Donaldson, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 21-2-7

RESOLUTIONS

[2021-0040](#)

A resolution adopting the St. Charles Parish Citizen Participation Plan for implementation in the participation of all Louisiana Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grant Programs.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Grants Office

Reported:

Grants Office Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 9 - Donaldson, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6541

[2021-0042](#)

A resolution to acknowledge that St. Charles Parish opposes the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within the Parish against any individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations; and supports applicable federal, state and local laws against physically barring entrance to and from a facility or location which is the subject of such nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within the Parish.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Grants Office

Reported:

Grants Office Recommended: Approval
Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Grants Officer Carla Chiasson spoke on the matter.

Legal Services Director Corey Oubre spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 8 - Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 1 - Donaldson

Enactment No: 6542

APPOINTMENTS

[2021-0038](#)

A resolution to appoint a member to the St. Charles Parish Library Board of Control as the District II Representative.

Vacancy Announced

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Dufrene, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:40 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Donaldson, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary