



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
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Final

Council Chairman Dick Gibbs
Councilmembers Wendy Benedetto, Paul J. Hogan,
Terrell D. Wilson, Mary K. Clulee, William Billy Woodruff,
Marilyn B. Bellock, Traci A. Fletcher, Julia Fisher-Perrier

Monday, June 4, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 8 - Wendy Benedetto, Paul J. Hogan, Terrell D. Wilson, Mary K. Clulee, John R. 'Dick' Gibbs, Marilyn B. Bellock, Traci A. Fletcher, and Julia Fisher-Perrier

Absent 1 - William Woodruff

Also Present

Parish President Larry Cochran, Executive Secretary Robin Delahoussaye, Legal Services Director Robert Raymond, Chief Administrative Officer Billy Raymond, Executive Director Darrin Duhe, Executive Director Dwayne LaGrange, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchoux, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Public Information Officer Tristan Babin, Emergency Preparedness Director Joe Ganote, Waterworks Director Robbie Brou

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Reverend John M. Ryan
St. Gertrude Catholic Church, Des Allemands

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Fletcher, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of May 21, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2018-0154](#)

Proclamation: "Weekend of the Catfish"

Sponsors: Mr. Woodruff

Read

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2018-0153](#)

Department of Emergency Preparedness / Hurricane Preparedness

Emergency Preparedness Director Joe Ganote reported on the Department of Emergency Preparedness

Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.

Mr. Ganote spoke on the matter.

Councilman Hogan spoke on the matter.

Emergency Preparedness Director Joe Ganote reported on Hurricane Preparedness

Councilman Wilson spoke on the matter.

Mr. Ganote spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier spoke on the matter.

Reported

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN GIBBS 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, JUNE 18, 2018, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2018-0155](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to revise Chapter 15, Section 15-9, to provide an exception to the Twenty-five (25) Miles Per Hour Speed Limit, to lower the speed limit on **Kosher Lane in Des Allemands to ten (10) miles per hour.**

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on June 18, 2018

[2018-0157](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances by revising Chapter 20 Railroads, Section 20-6. Switching. by removing (b) which is regarding residential structures near switching yards.

Sponsors: Mr. Gibbs

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on June 18, 2018

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[2018-0156](#)

An ordinance adopting, setting forth, levying and imposing taxes on all property subject to taxation in the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, as required by Section 23 of Article VII of the Constitution of Louisiana and Revised Statute 47.1705(B) for General Parochial Purposes; constructing, acquiring, maintaining, operating, extending and/or improving levees, facilities and structures associated with outer flood protection systems within the Parish; constructing, maintaining, and operating the Parish Road Maintenance program, Parish Recreation program, Parish Fire Protection, Mosquito Control Program, E-911 Telephone System, Health Unit and Council on Aging program; Road Lighting District No. 1; Library Service District No. 1; the ARC of St. Charles; paying any costs associated with acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating wastewater facilities and systems in the Parish; and for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on outstanding General Obligation Sewer Bonds for the year 2018.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Finance

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 9, 2018

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

[2018-0143](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of Change Order No. 5 for the West Regional Library Renovation located at 105 Lakewood Drive in Luling, to decrease the contract amount by \$1,271.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval
Ms. Leann Benedict, Library Director, spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-6-1

Council Discussion
Ms. Benedict spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

Enactment No: 18-6-1

[2018-0144](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of Change Order No. 1 for the Norco Library Renovation/Addition located at 590 Apple Street in Norco, to increase the contract amount by \$11,755.00 and increase the contract time by five days.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval
Ms. Leann Benedict, Library Director, spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-6-2

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

Enactment No: 18-6-2

[2018-0145](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Professional Services Agreement between Principal Engineering and St. Charles Parish for the design of a Trailhead on the levee side of River Road across from the West Bank Bridge Park.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Parks and Recreation

Reported:

Parks & Recreation Department Recommended: Approval
Executive Director Darrin Duhe spoke on the matter.

Speakers:

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-6-3

Council Discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

Enactment No: 18-6-3

[2018-0146](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a contract for Engineering Services between Shread-Kuyrkendall & Associates, Inc. and St. Charles Parish for necessary professional engineering services associated with the Water Tower Demolition (WWKS 95).

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Waterworks

Reported:

Waterworks Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-6-4

Council Discussion

Waterworks Director Robbie Brou spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

Enactment No: 18-6-4

[2018-0147](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a contract for Engineering Services between GSA Consulting Engineers and St. Charles Parish for necessary professional engineering services associated with the East Bank C Plant Filter Upgrade (WWKS 96).

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Waterworks

Reported:

Waterworks Department Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-6-5

Council Discussion
Waterworks Director Robbie Brou spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

Enactment No: 18-6-5

[2018-0148](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a contract for Engineering Services between Design Engineering, Inc. and St. Charles Parish for necessary professional engineering services associated with the West Bank A Plant Filter Upgrade (WWKS 97).

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Waterworks

Reported:
Waterworks Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-6-6

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

Enactment No: 18-6-6

[2018-0149](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a contract for Engineering Services between Civil and Environmental Consulting Engineers and St. Charles Parish for necessary professional engineering services associated with the West Bank River Intake Modifications (WWKS 98).

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Waterworks

Reported:
Waterworks Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-6-7

Council Discussion
Waterworks Director Robbie Brou spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

Enactment No: 18-6-7

[2018-0150](#)

An ordinance approving a purchase of 6.17 acres of property which is contiguous and adjacent to the East Bank Bridge Park, more fully described on the Murray Architects Drawing No. A.0.1 dated December 12, 2016, attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A" and identified as UDP-2-B therein.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Legal Services

Legal Services Director Robert Raymond requested that File No. 2018-0150 be postponed indefinitely.

Public Hearing Requirements Not Satisfied

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to Postpone Indefinitely File No. 2018-0150. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

Postponed Indefinitely

[2018-0151](#)

An ordinance authorizing the Parish President to accept the donation of property known as the East St. Charles Volunteer Fire Station No. 2 from P & L Investments IX, L.L.C. for the East St. Charles Volunteer Fire Department's continued use.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Legal Services

Legal Services Director Robert Raymond requested that File No. 2018-0151 be postponed indefinitely.

Public Hearing Requirements Not Satisfied

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to Postpone Indefinitely File No. 2018-0151. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

Postponed Indefinitely

[2018-0152](#)

An ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 17-8-15 which approved the Donation of Servitude by Mary Keller wife of/and Neal J. Clulee to St. Charles Parish.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to accept the revised version of File No. 2018-0152. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: 4 - Hogan, Wilson, Bellock and Fletcher

Nay: 4 - Benedetto, Clulee, Gibbs and Fisher-Perrier

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

Motion Failed

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Council Discussion

Legal Services Director Robert Raymond spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Clulee explained her reason for abstaining.

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

Yea: 0

Nay: 7 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Gibbs, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Abstain: 1 - Clulee

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

Failed

Councilman Hogan stated he wanted to make a correction; he voted nay in error.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Bellock, to Reconsider the vote on File No. 2018-0152. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

Reconsidered

RE-VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Yea: 1 - Hogan

Nay: 6 - Benedetto, Wilson, Gibbs, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Abstain: 1 - Clulee

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

Failed

APPOINTMENTS

[2018-0109](#)

A resolution to appoint Mr. Scott M. Galliano to the Planning & Zoning Commission as the District VII Representative.

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. SCOTT M. GALLIANO

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

Enactment No: 6347

[2018-0141](#)

A resolution to appoint an Ad-Hoc member, with a health professional background, to the Board of Directors for the Arc of St. Charles.

Nominee:

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier nominated Dr. Jeffrey S. Kuo, M.D.

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2018-0141. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

Nomination(s) Closed

SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL

[2018-0135](#)

A resolution appointing an Official Journal to serve the Parish Council of St. Charles Parish for the period June 2018 through June 2019.

Public comment opened
Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Chairman Gibbs opened the sealed bid and read the bid received from St. Charles Herald-Guide.

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ST. CHARLES HERALD-GUIDE

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

Enactment No: 6348

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:18 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Valarie Berthelot
Interim Council Secretary