



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
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Final

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

Monday, March 9, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 9 - Wendy Benedetto, 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, Wastewater Assistant Director L.J. Brady, Senior Projects Manager Sam Scholle, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Heather Keller, Public Information Office

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Youth Minister Bradley Stealman
First Baptist Church of Luling

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Benedetto, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of February 3, 2020 and the regular meeting of February 17, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2020-0084](#)

In Recognition: Kelsy Breann Ardoin, Southeast Louisiana Lions
2019-2020 Miss Queen

Sponsors: Ms. Darensbourg Gordon

Read

[2020-0085](#)

In Recognition: Alida Elizabeth Dufrene, Southeast Louisiana Lions
2019-2020 Teen Miss Queen

Sponsors: Mr. Dufrene

Read

[2020-0086](#)

In Recognition: Nicole Robichaux Dufrene, Southeast Louisiana Lions
2019-2020 Lady Lions Queen

Sponsors: Ms. Fonseca

Read

[2020-0087](#)

In Recognition: Kirstyn Renee' Dufrene, Boutte River Region Lions Club
2019-2020 Teen Queen VII

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Read

[2020-0088](#)

In Recognition: Christina Leeanna Paci, Boutte River Region Lions Club
Ambassador Queen

Sponsors: Ms. Bellock

Read

[2020-0089](#)

Proclamation: "Lions Month in St. Charles Parish"

Sponsors: Mr. Gibbs

Read

[2020-0090](#)

Proclamation: National Kidney Month in St. Charles Parish

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Read

[2020-0091](#)

Proclamation: "Realtor® Appreciation Day"

Sponsors: Ms. Benedetto

Read

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2020-0093](#)

Ms. Leatrice Hollis, Executive Director, Housing Authority - Report on Final Conversion Plan

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Ms. Leatrice Hollis, Executive Director introduced Development Partner Mr. Richard Murray of Standard Enterprises, Inc., Mr. Wayne Neveu, Bond Counsel, Butler Snow Nabs, and Ms. Debi Stack, Board of Directors, Dream Tank.

Ms. Stack spoke on the matter.

Mr. Murray spoke on the matter.

Mr. Neveu spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier spoke on the matter.

Ms. Hollis spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Darensbourg Gordon spoke on the matter.

Chairman Gibbs spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Fonseca spoke on the matter.

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Benedetto and Ms. Hollis discussed the availability of her attendance at a Legislative Committee Meeting to be held on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

Ms. Hollis stated that she is available to attend.

Councilwoman Benedetto requested the respective people to be in attendance also.

Reported

[2020-0094](#)

Department of Wastewater

Discussion: to defer File No. 2020-0094 until a later date

Report Deferred

[2020-0095](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

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, MARCH 23, 2020, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2020-0096](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Construction Contract with Sealevel Construction, Inc. for Project No. P080905-10A, grant reference Project Numbers U.S. Department of the Treasury Project No. 1 RDCGR380093-01-00, CPRA Project No. BA-0209, and DRA Project No. LA-51112, Paradis Canal Flood Control Structure, as part of the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee Project, in the amount of \$5,036,169.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on March 23, 2020

[2020-0097](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from O-L to R-1M on a 23,958 square foot portion of a 1 by 30 arpent tract, River Park to Union Carbide Subdivision, municipal address 16279 River Road, Taft as requested by Bayou Fleet Partnership, LLP.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on March 23, 2020

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

[2020-0067](#)

An ordinance to provide for the installation of “**ALL-WAY STOP**” signs on Sixth Street at its intersection with Pine Street in Norco.

Sponsors: Ms. Fonseca and Mr. Fisher

Reported:

Councilwoman Fonseca Recommended: Approval

Councilman Fisher Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 20-3-1

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 20-3-1

[2020-0068](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Sheriff and Law Enforcement District for the provision of security at the St. Charles Parish Courthouse.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and General Government Buildings

Reported:

General Government Buildings Recommended: Approval

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Billy Raymond spoke on the matter.

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Speakers:

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 20-3-2

Council Discussion

Mr. Raymond spoke on the matter.

Mr. Jewell spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 20-3-2

[2020-0077](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Contract for Engineering Services with N-Y Associates, Inc. for necessary professional engineering services associated with Parish Project No. S181201 Lone Star Sewer Rehabilitation.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Wastewater

Reported:

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

Speakers:

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville
Mr. Brady spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 20-3-3

Council Discussion
Mr. Brady spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 20-3-3

[2020-0079](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Parish of St. Charles, Brian Brogle, Coroner of St. Charles Parish, and the Center for Primary Care and Behavioral Health Services to develop and manage a state licensed Mental Health Rehabilitation and Intensive Outpatient Program.

Sponsors: Ms. Benedetto

Public Hearing Requirements Not Satisfied

A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, to Postpone Indefinitely File No. 2020-0079. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Postponed Indefinitely

RESOLUTIONS[2020-0080](#)

A resolution adopting a Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as a required part of St. Charles Parish's annual financial and compliance audit.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Finance

Reported:

Finance Department Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6480

[2020-0081](#)

A resolution authorizing St. Charles Parish to prepare and submit a pre-application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for assistance in the implementation of a project for the purpose of reducing existing flood damages; providing for the necessary documentation of said flood damages; and providing for other related matters in connection therewith.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell, Grants Office, Ms. Benedetto, Ms. Fonseca, Ms. Darensbourg Gordon, Ms. Clulee, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Dufrene, Ms. Bellock, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval

Grants Office Recommended: Approval

St. Charles Parish Council Recommended: Approval

Chief Administrative Officer Mike Palamone spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Council Discussion

Mr. Palamone spoke on the matter.

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6481

[2020-0082](#)

A resolution authorizing St. Charles Parish to prepare and submit a pre-application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for assistance in the implementation of a project for the purpose of reducing existing flood damages; providing for the necessary documentation of said flood damages; and providing for other related matters in connection therewith.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell, Grants Office, Ms. Benedetto, Ms. Fonseca, Ms. Darensbourg Gordon, Ms. Clulee, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Dufrene, Ms. Bellock, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval
Grants Office Recommended: Approval
St. Charles Parish Council Recommended: Approval
Chief Administrative Officer Mike Palamone spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion
Mr. Palamone spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6482

[2020-0083](#)

A resolution authorizing St. Charles Parish to prepare and submit a pre-application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for assistance in the implementation of a project for the purpose of reducing existing flood damages; providing for the necessary documentation of said flood damages; and providing for other related matters in connection therewith.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell, Grants Office, Ms. Benedetto, Ms. Fonseca, Ms. Darensbourg Gordon, Ms. Clulee, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Dufrene, Ms. Bellock, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval
Grants Office Recommended: Approval
St. Charles Parish Council Recommended: Approval
Chief Administrative Officer Mike Palamone spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion
Senior Projects Manager Sam Scholle spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6483

APPOINTMENTS

2020-0026

A resolution to appoint Ms. Marilyn K. Ross to the St. Charles Parish Planning & Zoning Commission as the District I Representative.

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. MARILYN K. ROSS

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6484

2020-0074

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

Nominee:

Councilwoman Darensbourg Gordon nominated Ms. Charlene Alexander-Armstrong

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2020-0074. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Nomination(s) Closed

[2020-0092](#)

A resolution to confirm the appointment of Mr. Ryan E. Burks as a member to the Port of South Louisiana Commission.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier explained her reason for abstaining.

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. RYAN E. BURKS

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 6485

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Darensbourg Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Bellock, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:46 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, 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