



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
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Final

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

Monday, June 5, 2017

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 of Procurement, Personnel, and Government Buildings Darrin Duhe, Executive Director of Community Affairs Dwayne LaGrange, Executive Director of Technology and Communications Anthony Ayo, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Faucheux, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Public Information Officer Tristan Babin, Emergency Preparedness Director Joe Ganote

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm.

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Father Ray Hymel
St. Gertrude Catholic Church

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of May 15, 2017.

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.)

[2017-0189](#)

Proclamation: "Weekend of the Catfish"

Sponsors: Mr. Woodruff

Read

[2017-0194](#)

In Recognition: Chief Deputy Joseph Cardella, St. Charles Parish Communications District

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Read

[2017-0196](#)

A resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000) of Limited Tax Revenue Bonds, of the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said Bonds; providing for the designation and employment of bond counsel, underwriter and municipal advisor and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Bond Counsel

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval
Mr. M. Jason Akers, representing Foley & Judell, L.L.P., spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion
Mr. Akers spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 7 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Woodruff and Fletcher

Enactment No: 6292

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)[2017-0185](#)

Department of Emergency Preparedness / Hurricane Preparedness

Emergency Preparedness Director Joe Ganote

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier spoke on the matter.

Chairman Wilson spoke on the matter.

Councilman Hogan spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2017-0186](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Reported

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN WILSON 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 19, 2017, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2015-0370](#)

An ordinance of the Parish of St. Charles providing that the Code of Ordinances, Parish of St. Charles, be amended by revising Chapter 16 Nuisances, Article III. Weeds, Grass, Etc., Section 16-26. Notice to Abate and Section 16-27. Abatement by parish to amend the abatement procedures related to the required notification period.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on June 19, 2017

[2017-0156](#)

An ordinance to amend Appendix A St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, Section X. Exceptions and modifications., to amend E. Outdoor Donation Bins and Collection Receptacles.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on June 19, 2017

[2017-0155](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for St. Charles Parish, Appendix C. - St. Charles Parish Subdivision Regulations of 1981, IV. Design standards., to revise Section B. Sewage Systems., 1. Design Criteria., e., f., and h., and Section E. Miscellaneous., to remove 4. Construction Inspection.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on June 19, 2017

[2017-0197](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for St. Charles Parish, Appendix C. - St. Charles Parish Subdivision Regulations of 1981, II. Subdivision procedure. to revise Section E. Preliminary Plat Requirements., 4. Preliminary Plat Procedure, a.; to revise Section F. Subdivision Construction., 1. and to add 3., 4. a. and b., 5. a., b., c., and d.; and to revise Section G. Final Plat Requirements., 3. Final Plat/Additional Submission Requirements., e., and to remove f., g., and h.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on June 19, 2017

ORDINANCES SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING (INTRODUCED AT PREVIOUS MEETING)

[2017-0165](#)

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 **Wenger Road in Des Allemands to fifteen (15) miles per hour.**

Sponsors: Mr. Woodruff

Reported:

Councilman Woodruff Recommended: Approval
Councilman Hogan spoke in favor of File No. 2017-0165 on behalf of Councilman Woodruff.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 17-6-1

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: 17-6-1

[2017-0166](#)

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 **Madewood Drive in Destrehan to fifteen (15) miles per hour.**

Sponsors: Mr. Gibbs

Reported:

Councilman Gibbs Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. John Theriot, Destrehan

Mr. Bryan Bergeron, Destrehan

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 17-6-2

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

Enactment No: 17-6-2

[2017-0171](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, Zoning Ordinance of 1981, Section X. Exceptions and modifications, G. Exceptions and Modifications to all Provisions for Construction and/or Operation of Cellular and Personal Communication Service Installations within the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, 1. Permit Requirements/Zoning Districts. a. Special Permit Use.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 17-6-3

Council Discussion

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert 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: 17-6-3

[2017-0162](#)

An ordinance to authorize the Parish President to make full and final settlement in the matter entitled “**Frank J. Brisset vs. St. Charles Parish**”, et al, 29th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Charles, No. **66,024-C**.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Legal Services

Reported:

Legal Services Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 17-6-4

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: 17-6-4

RESOLUTIONS

[2017-0188](#)

A resolution to approve and accept improvements made by Barriere Construction Co., LLC during the construction of the H.010843 Ormond Boulevard Pavement Rehabilitation.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

Enactment No: 6293

[2017-0195](#)

A resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to install "KEEP RIGHT EXCEPT TO PASS" signs on LA Hwy 90, LA Hwy 61, Interstate 310, and Interstate 10 in St. Charles Parish in accordance with the directive noted in Louisiana Revised Statute § 32:71 and that the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office and the Louisiana State Police enforce the provisions of this statute.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Benedetto, to Table File No. 2017-0195. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

Tabled.

[2017-0096](#)

A resolution requesting that the Parish President take the necessary steps needed to have all sunken vessels located within Bayou Gauche and the portion of Bayou Des Allemands located within St. Charles Parish removed in accordance with the provisions provided for in Louisiana Revised Statute 34:843.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Public comment not opened

A motion was made by Councilmember Gibbs, seconded by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, to Table File No. 2017-0096. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Benedetto, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 1 - Hogan

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

Tabled.

[2016-0360](#)

A resolution, being considered once again and for the eighth (8th) time, requesting that the Parish President and all Department heads respond within ten (10) business days to all Parish Council letters, memos, emails, and/or any other form of communication prepared by and/or on behalf of Council Members requesting information, production of documents, input when requested on proposed ordinances or resolutions, responses to letters, or anything else that may be asked of the administration, all referred to herein as items, with the initial response providing what was requested, or at a minimum, providing 1) acknowledgment that the communication was received, and 2) a date by which the requested items will be provided.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Public comment not opened

A motion was made by Councilmember Gibbs, seconded by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, to Table File No. 2016-0360. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Benedetto, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 1 - Hogan

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

Tabled.

[2017-0074](#)

A resolution, being considered once again and for the fourth (4th) time, requesting that Parish President Larry Cochran provides a written response to all of the questions asked in the memorandum that was forwarded to his office on August 8, 2016, regarding the Animal Shelter and the Humane Society within seven (7) business days following the consideration of this resolution.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Public comment not opened

A motion was made by Councilmember Gibbs, seconded by Councilmember Benedetto, to Table File No. 2017-0074. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Benedetto, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 1 - Hogan

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

Tabled.

APPOINTMENTS

[2017-0190](#)

Council appointment to the River Region Caucus

Vacancy Announced

[2017-0191](#)

Council appointment to the River Region Caucus

Vacancy Announced

[2017-0192](#)

Council Alternate Appointment to the River Region Caucus

Vacancy Announced

[2017-0193](#)

Council Alternate Appointment to the River Region Caucus

Vacancy Announced

SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL

[2017-0184](#)

A resolution appointing an Official Journal to serve the Parish Council of St. Charles Parish for the period June 2017 through June 2018.

Public comment opened; no public comment

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: 6294

[2017-0187](#)

Calendar of Official Action for the 2018 Budget: Set Public Hearing Dates - Grant Dussom

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Finance

Reported:

Finance Department Recommended: Approval

Council Discussion

Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.

Accepted the Calendar of Official Action for the 2018 Budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Woodruff

Accepted

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:13 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Woodruff

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Tiffany K. Clark
Council Secretary