



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, William Billy Woodruff, Wendy Benedetto,
Paul J. Hogan, Traci A. Fletcher, Julia Fisher-Perrier

Monday, July 20, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 7 - Carolyn K. Schexnaydre, Terrell D. Wilson, William Woodruff, Wendy Benedetto, Paul J. Hogan, Larry Cochran, and Traci A. Fletcher

Absent 2 - Jarvis Lewis, and Julia Fisher-Perrier

Also Present

Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr., Chief Operations Officer Bobby Donaldson, Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe, Legal Director Leon C. Vial, III, Assistant Parish Attorney David Moyer, Public Works/Wastewater Director Sam Scholle, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Information Office Tristan Babin, Emergency Preparedness Director Ronald J. Perry, Community Services Director Joan Tonglet Diaz, Economic Development & Tourism Director Corey Faucheux

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Silent Prayer

Pledge was led by Chairman Larry Cochran (Councilman, District V).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Fletcher, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of July 6, 2015. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Schexnaydre, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fletcher

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Lewis and Fisher-Perrier

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2015-0247](#)

In Recognition: Mr. Henry R. Miller, Jr., Justice of the Peace, District 3

Sponsors: Ms. Schexnaydre

Read

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2015-0248](#)

Department of Economic Development & Tourism

Economic Development & Tourism Director Corey Faucheux

Council Discussion

Mr. Faucheux spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2015-0249](#)

Department of Community Services

Community Services Director Joan Diaz

Council Discussion

Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr., spoke on the matter.

Ms. Diaz spoke on the matter.

Reported

Councilman Lewis arrived in the meeting.

[2015-0250](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr.

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, AUGUST 3, 2015, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2015-0222](#)

An ordinance of the Parish of St. Charles providing that the Code of Ordinances, Parish of St. Charles, be amended by removing in its entirety Chapter 5. Boats, Docks and Waterways, Article II. Airboats, Section 5-14. through Section 5-20. and replace with Sections 5-14. - 5-20. Reserved.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 3, 2015

[2015-0244](#)

An ordinance to approve a resubdivision of a portion of property abutting Gassen Subdivision as described on Acts of Sale from Robert P. Gueno to Joseph D Dufresne recorded in COB 441, Folio 802 and Cob 423, Folio 326 into Lots D-1, D-2, and DB-1 with a waiver to the hard surface frontage for Lot D-2 in T13S R21E, St. Charles Parish (13561 River Road) Luling as requested by Diahann L Dufresne.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 3, 2015

[2015-0245](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing a Home Occupation operated by Joseph (Tony) Cancienne III - "All American Siding & Remodeling" - a contractor at 359 Courville Drive, Luling.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 3, 2015

[2015-0246](#)

An ordinance to approve a resubdivision of Lot FE-4, Subdivision of the Estate of S. Ciravolo into Lots FE-4A & FE-4B at 457 & 461 Magnolia Ridge Road, Boutte. Zoning District OL. Council District 4. as requested by Michael A Gassen.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 3, 2015

[2015-0251](#)

An ordinance of the Parish of St. Charles providing that the Code of Ordinances, Parish of St. Charles, be amended by revising Appendix A., the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, Section VIII. Site Design Requirements, D. Landscaping Requirements, 2. General Requirements, a.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 3, 2015

[2015-0253](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Construction Contract with Sealevel Construction, Inc. for Project No. P080905-4A, State Project No. H.010102, Willowridge Drainage Pump Station Project, as part of the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee Project, in the amount of \$5,572,160.00.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 3, 2015

[2015-0254](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a License with the Department of the Army, U. S. Corps of Engineers, for the Bonnet Carre' Spillway - Montz Park, No. DACW 29-1-15-40.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 3, 2015

[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 August 3, 2015

[2013-0210](#)

An ordinance instructing the Parish President to enter into an agreement, within fourteen (14) days following the effective date from the adoption of this ordinance, with a professional service provider utilizing the fund allotted in the 2015 Parish budget to raise and dispose of the sunken vessel "Pretty Boy" from the Scenic Waterway Bayou Des Allemands prior to the end of the year 2015.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 3, 2015

ORDINANCES SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING (INTRODUCED AT PREVIOUS MEETING)

[2015-0228](#)

An ordinance to amend the St Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 17 Parks and Recreation, Article III. Edward A. Dufresne Community Center, Section 17-24. Special Provisions. (a) (3), to change the insurance requirements at the Edward A. Dufresne Community Center.

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

Reported:

Parks & Recreation Department Recommended: Approval

Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-7-10

Council Discussion

Mr. Boe spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fletcher

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 15-7-10

[2015-0229](#)

An ordinance to levy an assessment on the 2015 ad valorem tax bills of property owners that are delinquent in paying outstanding invoices for removal of weeds, grass, etc. in accordance with the St. Charles Parish Code, Chapter 16, Article III, Weeds, Grass, etc. and to levy an assessment on the ad valorem tax bills of property owners that are delinquent in paying outstanding charges incurred for the removal of unsafe structures, trash and debris in accordance with Chapter 16, Article IV, Sec. 16-48(b).

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

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval

Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-7-11

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fletcher

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 15-7-11

[2015-0232](#)

An ordinance to provide for the installation of an “**ALL WAY STOP**” sign at the intersection of Kaylee Drive and Lakynn Place in Hahnville.

Sponsors: Mr. Wilson

Reported:

Councilman Wilson Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-7-12

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fletcher

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 15-7-12

[2015-0235](#)

An ordinance to provide for the installation of an “**ALL WAY STOP**” sign at the intersection of Nottaway Drive and Becky Lane in Destrehan.

Sponsors: Ms. Benedetto

Reported:

Councilwoman Benedetto Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Jeremy Mitchell, Destrehan

Ms. Brenda Bryant, Destrehan

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-7-13

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fletcher

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 15-7-13

[2015-0240](#)

An ordinance to revoke Ordinance No. 14-8-9 and approve the revised, executed Department of the Army License No. DACW29-2-15-18 to allow the continued use of the Bonnet Carre’ Spillway Road from Norco to Montz.

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

Reported:

Chief Administrative Officer Recommended: Approval

Council Discussion

Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-7-14

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fletcher

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 15-7-14

[2015-0241](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for Parish Project No. P081102-5, Dunleith Canal Bank Stabilization Phase 4, to increase contract amount by \$15,304.62 and increase contract time by 45 days.

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

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Amendment: to amend the proposed ordinance in the first "WHEREAS" to change "Cycle Construction" to read "Circle Construction"

A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to amend File No. 2015-0241. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fletcher

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 15-7-15

Amended

Enactment No: 15-7-15

[2015-0241](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for Parish Project No. P081102-5, Dunleith Canal Bank Stabilization Phase 4, to increase contract amount by \$15,304.62 and increase contract time by 45 days.

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

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-7-15

Council Discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AS AMENDED

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fletcher

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 15-7-15

[2015-0242](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for Parish Project No. P090201-3 Primrose Ellington Canal Crossing to increase the contract amount by \$198,625.91 and add forty five (45) days to the contract time.

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

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-7-16

Chairman Cochran read into the record a statement submitted by Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier on her behalf due to her absence.

Council Discussion

Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr., spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fletcher

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 15-7-16

[2015-0243](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of the First Amendment to Wetlands Mitigation Agreement by and between St. Charles Parish and Delta Land Services, L.L.C. in the revised amount of \$1,395,000.00 to provide wetlands mitigation for the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee, Phase III - ELLINGTON.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr., Department of Public Works, Ms. Schexnaydre, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Woodruff, Ms. Benedetto, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Fletcher and Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Councilwoman Schexnaydre Recommended: Approval

Councilman Lewis Recommended: Approval

Councilman Wilson Recommended: Approval

Councilman Woodruff Recommended: Approval

Councilwoman Benedetto Recommended: Approval

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Councilman Cochran Recommended: Approval

Councilwoman Fletcher Recommended: Approval

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-7-17

Council Discussion
Mr. Lucas Lilly, GCR, Inc., spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fletcher

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 15-7-17

RESOLUTIONS

[2015-0252](#)

A resolution requesting an Attorney General Opinion as to whether the Parish Council can make any amendments to the annual budget following its adoption or do all amendments have to originate from the Parish President requesting an amendment.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Reported:
Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe spoke on the matter.

Council Discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 6 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan and Cochran

Nay: 2 - Wilson and Fletcher

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 6173

APPOINTMENTS

[2015-0206](#)

Council Appointment of Councilwoman Wendy Benedetto to the River Region Caucus.

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILWOMAN WENDY BENEDETTO

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fletcher

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Perrier

Confirmed

[2015-0207](#)

Council Appointment of Councilwoman Traci A. Fletcher to the River Region Caucus.

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILWOMAN TRACI A. FLETCHER

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fletcher

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Perrier

Confirmed

[2015-0208](#)

Council Alternate Appointment of Councilman Terrell D. Wilson to the River Region Caucus.

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMAN TERRELL D. WILSON

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fletcher

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Perrier

Confirmed

[2015-0209](#)

Council Alternate Appointment of Councilman Paul J. Hogan, PE to the River Region Caucus.

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMAN PAUL J. HOGAN, PE

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fletcher

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Perrier

Confirmed

Councilman Hogan asked that an announcement be made about the two Committee Meetings scheduled to be held on August 4, 2015. Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe made the announcement.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Woodruff, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:09 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fletcher

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Perrier

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Tiffany K. Clark
Council Secretary