



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

Budget - Final

Council Chairman Holly Fonseca

**Councilmembers Michael A. Mobley, La Sandra D. Wilson,
Heather Skiba, Walter Pilié, Willie Comardelle, Michelle O'Daniels,
Bob Fisher, Michele deBruler**

St. Charles Parish
Courthouse
15045 Highway 18
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Hahnville, LA 70057
985-783-5125
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Thursday, October 30, 2025

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

Budget Hearing

ATTENDANCE

Present 8 - Michael A. Mobley, Holly Fonseca, La Sandra D. Wilson, Heather Skiba, Walter Pilié, Willie Comardelle, Michelle O'Daniels, and Michele deBruler

Absent 1 - Bob Fisher

Also Present

Parish President Matthew Jewell, Legal Services Director Corey Oubre, Chief Administrative Officer Mike Palamone, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Samantha de Castro, Chief Operations Officer Darrin Duhe, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Grants Officer Carla Chiasson, Waterworks Director Gregory Gorden, Michelle Impastato, Council Secretary, Stacy Dumestre, Finance Department, Chief Barry Minnich, Peter Torsch, Community Health Center/Access Health, Jeffery Vial, Community Health Center/Access Health, St. Charles Parish Housing Authority Director, Jedidiah Jackson, Retired Lt. Major Sam Zinna, Leann Benedict, Library Director, Arc of St. Charles Director, Victoria Bryant, Ashley Waguespack, CPA Arc of St. Charles, Pernell Pellegrin, CPA Arc of St. Charles, Brianna Sparnecht, Ochsner, CPA/Regional Director of Finance, Marcy Vicknair, Accounting Supervisor at Ochsner Health System

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Pastor Kaleb Dufrene
First Assembly of God, Des Allemands

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

[2025-0161](#)

An ordinance to approve and adopt the appropriation of Funds for the St. Charles Parish Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Finance

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 25-11-2

Agencies & Boards:

Library - Reported

Council Discussion

Leann Benedict, Library Director spoke on the matter.

Arc of St. Charles - Reported

Council Discussion

Arc of St. Charles Director, Victoria Bryant spoke on the matter.

Pernell Pellegrin, CPA, spoke on the matter.

St. Charles Housing Authority - Reported

Council Discussion

St. Charles Housing Authority Director, Jedidiah Jackson spoke on the matter.

St. Charles Community Health Center - Reported

Jeffery Vial, Community Health Center/Access Health reported on behalf of Mark Keiser.

Council Discussion

Jeffery Vial, Community Health Center/Access Health, spoke on the matter.

911 Communications District - Reported

Council Discussion

Hospital Service District - Reported

Brianna Sparnecht, Ochsner, CPA/Regional Director of Finance, reported on behalf of Keith Dacus.

Council Discussion

Brianna Sparnecht, Ochsner, CPA/Regional Director of Finance, spoke on the matter.

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General Fund:

Council District II - Reported

Amendment No. 6**Reduce the following General Fund Accounts from District 2 (001-400112) 2025 budget**

001-4001124210 Advertising	(\$380)
001-4001124222 Printing	(\$3,150)
001-4001124241 Postage	(\$5,700)
001-4001124242 Telephone	(\$1,380)
001-4001124250 Rental	(\$700)
001-4001124260 Maintenance of Property	(\$800)
001-4001124270 Contractual	(\$2,900)
001-4001124280 Professional Services	(\$2,000)
001-4001124305 Non Consumable	(\$9,500)
001-4001124310 Office Supplies	(\$1,600)
001-4001124325 Food and Clothing	(\$405)
001-4001124410 Travel	(\$6,000)
	(\$34,515)

To transfer the total \$34,515 from the General Fund to Fund 113-4501004630 - Recreation for the following:

\$34,515 for Improvements Other Than Buildings - Ama Park

A motion was made by Councilmember Skiba, seconded by Councilmember O'Daniels, to approve Amendment No. 6. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8

Nay: 0

Absent: Fisher

Amendment No. 7

To transfer the total \$50,000 from the General Fund to Fund 113-4501004630 - Recreation for the following:

\$50,000 for Improvements Other Than Buildings - IMTT Playground Equipment

A motion was made by Councilmember O'Daniels, seconded by Councilmember deBruler, to approve Amendment No. 7. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8

Nay: 0

Absent: Fisher

Chairman Fonseca addressed Finance Director Grant Dussom regarding some housekeeping items.

Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.

Amendment No. 8

To reduce USDA Housing Grant within the General Fund 001 on page 66 by \$460,980 and to reduce the transfer from the General Fund to Recreation Fund 113 for Improvements other than Buildings (113-45014630) - Eastbank Bridge Park Gymnasium by \$460,980. Please note the expenditure amount for the Eastbank Bridge Park Gymnasium will remain at \$6,000,000, while the fund balance in the recreation fund 113-4501460 will be reduced by \$460,980, leaving an ending fund balance of \$983,287.

A motion was made by Councilmember deBruler, seconded by Councilmember Comardelle, to approve Amendment No. 8. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8

Nay: 0

Absent: Fisher

Amendment No. 9

To change the title on Page 197 from Cross Bayou to Cross Bayou Pump Station.

To change the department title on Pages 135 to Department of homeland security and emergency preparedness from the original title of Emergency Preparedness and to change the department title on pages 136 - 138 to Department of homeland security and emergency preparedness Subsidiary from the original title of Emergency Preparedness Subsidiary.

To add the detail of Front Foot Assessment totals to the bottom of page 240 to

show as follows:

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Kellogg Water	\$1
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Total	\$465,415

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Amendments Recorded

Enactment No: 25-11-2

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN FONSECA AUTHORIZED THAT THE ORDINANCE, HAVING BEEN PRESENTED FOR INTRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, AND NOT REJECTED BY TWO-THIRDS OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS, IS TO BE PUBLISHED IN SUMMARY FORM AS FOLLOWS IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL WITH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

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Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on November 3, 2025

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Comardelle, seconded by Councilmember O'Daniels, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 1:27 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels and deBruler

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary