



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
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Final

Council Chairman Bob Fisher
Councilmembers Beth A. Billings, Holly Fonseca,
La Sandra Darensbourg Gordon, Mary K. Clulee, Dick Gibbs,
Nicky Dufrene, Marilyn B. Bellock, Julia Fisher-Cormier

Monday, October 3, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 8 - Beth A. Billings, Holly Fonseca, La Sandra Darensbourg Gordon, Mary K. Clulee, Dick Gibbs, Nicky Dufrene, Marilyn B. Bellock, and Bob Fisher

Absent 1 - Julia Fisher-Cormier

Also Present

Parish President Matthew Jewell, Legal Services Director Corey Oubre, Legal Services Assistant Director Robert Raymond, Chief Administrative Officer Mike Palamone, Executive Director of Technology and Cybersecurity Anthony Ayo, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Emergency Preparedness Director Jason Tastet, Public Works/Wastewater Director Miles Bingham, Waterworks Director Gregory Gorden, Economic Development & Tourism Director Corey Faucheux, Alissa Cavaretta, Public Information Office, Eric Zurcher, Public Information Office

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Reverend Carvin Smith
Philadelphia Baptist Church, Hahnville

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember Dufrene, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 19, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock and Fisher

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Darensbourg Gordon

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Cormier

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2022-0285](#)

In Recognition: Keondra Milligan, Board of Adjustment

Sponsors: Ms. Bellock

Read

[2022-0286](#)

Proclamation: "National 4-H Week"

Sponsors: Mr. Fisher

Read

[2022-0287](#)

Proclamation: "Fire Prevention Week"

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Read

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2022-0280](#)

River Parishes Tourist Commission

Executive Director Jay Robichaux

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Councilman Dufrene spoke on the matter.

Mr. Robichaux spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2022-0281](#)

Department of Economic Development & Tourism

Economic Development & Tourism Director Corey Fauchaux

Reported

[2022-0282](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Parish President Matthew Jewell invited Dr. Eric Brooks, Region 3 Medical Director, to the podium to give a presentation.

Mr. Brooks spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.

Mr. Brooks spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Bellock spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Darensbourg Gordon spoke on the matter.

Reported

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN FISHER 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, OCTOBER 17, 2022, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2022-0284](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a contract with Dynamic Group LLC, for the St. Charles Parish West Bank Library Hurricane Ida Repairs, (Project No. LR211105), in the amount of \$1,152,002.34.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and General Government Buildings

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 17, 2022

[2022-0288](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for St. Charles Parish Courthouse 2nd Floor Renovation, (Project No. GBCH0518), to increase the contract amount by \$256,228.00 and increase the contract time by 14 days.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and General Government Buildings

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 17, 2022

[2022-0289](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from C-2, C-3, and R-1A to M-2, Heavy Manufacturing and Industrial on the entirety of Squares 3, 6, 7, 9, & 10, Destrehan Park Subdivision, approximately 23 acres, as shown on the map by Acadia Land Surveying, LLC dated August 1, 2022, as requested by Bunge Chevron AG Renewables, LLC.

Sponsors: Ms. Clulee

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 17, 2022

[2022-0290](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Fairway Consulting and Engineering, LLC, to perform engineering services for the Kinler Lift Station Replacement (Project No. S220801), in the not to exceed amount of \$208,859.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works/Wastewater

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 17, 2022

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN FISHER 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 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022, 9:00 A.M.; THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022, 6:00 P.M.; MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2022-0166](#)

An ordinance to approve and adopt the appropriation of Funds for the St. Charles Parish Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Finance

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on November 1, 2022

**ORDINANCES SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING
(INTRODUCED AT PREVIOUS MEETING)**[2022-0273](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation to perform engineering services for Phase 3 Water Line Replacement in Bonnet Carre Spillway (Project No. WWKS 105), in the not to exceed amount of \$86,780.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Waterworks

Reported:

Waterworks Department Recommended: Approval
Waterworks Director Gregory Gorden spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 22-10-1

Council Discussion

Mr. Gorden spoke on the matter.

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock and Fisher

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 22-10-1

[2022-0274](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Danny J. Hebert, P.E., L.L.C., d.b.a. Civil & Environmental Consulting Engineers to perform engineering services for the LA 18 Cast Iron Water Main Replacement, Phase III (Project No. WWKS 113), in the not to exceed amount of \$120,150.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Waterworks

Reported:

Waterworks Department Recommended: Approval
Waterworks Director Gregory Gorden spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 22-10-2

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock and Fisher

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 22-10-2

[2022-0252](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration, Article I. In General, by adding Section 2-16.6. Civil Service Employee Pay Classification and Pay Plan Study.

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Cormier, Mr. Dufrene, Ms. Billings and Ms. Fonseca

Reported:

Councilwoman Fisher-Cormier Recommended: Approval

Councilman Dufrene Recommended: Approval

Councilwoman Billings Recommended: Approval

Councilwoman Fonseca Recommended: Approval

Councilman Gibbs motioned to amend the proposed ordinance, by adding Councilman Gibbs, Councilman Fisher, and Councilwoman Darensbourg Gordon as co-sponsors and remove Councilwoman Fonseca as co-sponsor.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Council Discussion

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter, requesting the proposed ordinance be withdrawn due to the same item being adopted at the Civil Service Meeting scheduled on Tuesday, October 4, 2022.

Councilwoman Clulee stated there is a motion on the floor to Amend File No. 2022-0252.

Amendment: to amend the proposed ordinance, by adding Councilman Gibbs, Councilman Fisher, and Councilwoman Darensbourg Gordon as co-sponsors and remove Councilwoman Fonseca as co-sponsor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gibbs, seconded by Councilmember Darensbourg Gordon, to Amend File No. 2022-0252. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene and Bellock

Nay: 1 - Fisher

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Cormier

Amended

2022-0252

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Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Cormier, Mr. Dufrene, Ms. Billings, Ms. Darenbourg Gordon, Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Fisher

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Further Council Discussion

A motion was made by Councilmember Dufrene, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to Postpone Indefinitely File No. 2022-0252. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Dufrene, Bellock and Fisher

Nay: 1 - Gibbs

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Cormier

Postponed Indefinitely

Councilwoman Bellock departed the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS2022-0283

A resolution to grant permission to the Knights of Columbus, Red Church Council No. 3634, 375 Spruce Street, Norco, LA 70079, to solicit contributions at the intersections of I-310 and River Road (Hwy 48) by the Eastbank Bridge Park, Ormond Boulevard and Airline Drive (U.S. 61), Ormond Boulevard and River Road, Norco Fresh Market on Apple Street, Winn Dixie at 12519 Airline Drive (U.S. 61), and River Road Market at 13572 River Road, on October 14th and 15th or October 21st and 22nd, 2022, between the hours of 8:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Sponsors: Mr. Fisher

Reported:

Councilman Fisher Recommended: Approval
Councilman Fisher spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

Legal Services Director Corey Oubre spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene and Fisher

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Bellock and Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 6669

APPOINTMENTS

2022-0249

A resolution appointing a member to the River Parishes Tourist Commission representing the St. Charles Parish Council.

Nominee:

Councilwoman Clulee nominated Mr. Noble J. Benoit

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember Fisher, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2022-0249. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene and Fisher

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Bellock and Fisher-Cormier

Nomination(s) Closed

Parish President Matthew Jewell thanked Mr. Joe Crifasi with Senator John Kennedy's office and Ms. Samantha Bopp with Senator Bill Cassidy's office for their attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Dufrene, seconded by Councilmember Darensbourg Gordon, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:16 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene and Fisher

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Bellock and Fisher-Cormier

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary