



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
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Final

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

Monday, March 15, 2021

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 9 - Bobby Donaldson, 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, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works/Wastewater Director Miles Bingham, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Grants Officer Carla Chiasson, Animal Control Director Jena Troxler, Risk Management Officer Monique Granier, R.S.V.P. Director Jeannie Arabie, Justin Robert, Public Information Office, Alissa Cavaretta, Public Information Office

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Father Ray Hymel
St. Gertrude Catholic Church, Des Allemands

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Donaldson, seconded by Councilmember Darensbourg Gordon, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of February 8, 2021 and the regular meeting of February 22, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2021-0067](#)

In Recognition: Evelyn Carter, Girl Scouts USA Medal of Honor Award Recipient

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Parish President Matthew Jewell presented Miss Evelyn Carter the Key to the Parish.

Read

[2021-0068](#)

In Recognition: Command Sergeant Major Clifford J. Ockman, Jr.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Read

[2021-0069](#)

Proclamation: "Need to Feed Month in St. Charles Parish"

Sponsors: Mr. Gibbs

Read

[2021-0070](#)

Proclamation: "Child Abuse Prevention Month"

Sponsors: Ms. Bellock

Read

[2021-0071](#)

Proclamation: "Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Financial Literacy Month"

Sponsors: Ms. Bellock

Read

[2021-0073](#)

Proclamation: "Fair Housing Month in St. Charles Parish"

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Read

[2021-0074](#)

Proclamation: "National Community Development Week"

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Read

[2021-0075](#)

Proclamation: "National Service Recognition Day"

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Read

[2021-0072](#)

Proclamation: "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month"

Sponsors: Mr. Donaldson

Read

[2021-0085](#)

Proclamation: "American Red Cross Month"

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Public comment opened on the deviation; no public comment

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Darensbourg Gordon, to deviate from the regular order of the agenda to take up File No. 2021-0085; a matter not on the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Deviated

Read

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to return to the regular order of the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Returned

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2021-0078](#)

Risk Management/Safety

Risk Management Officer Monique Granier

Reported

[2021-0080](#)

Animal Control

Animal Control Director Jena Troxler

Councilwoman Bellock spoke on the matter.

Ms. Troxler spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2021-0079](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Reported

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN BELLOCK 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, APRIL 5, 2021, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2021-0077](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Act of Donation by and between Chevron U.S.A. Inc. and St. Charles Parish for certain parcel of land comprising of approximately 109.8 acres for the purpose of a boat launch and park along Bayou Des Allemands.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on April 5, 2021

[2021-0082](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from C-3 and R-1A(M) to R-1A and the Future Land Use Designation from General Commercial and Moderate Density Residential to Low Density Residential on 3.255 acres, Lot 3-B, Coteau de France or Ranson Tract, 17344 Highway 90, Des Allemands, as requested by Michael Dufrene.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on April 5, 2021

[2021-0083](#)

An ordinance to rename Brazan Street, Hahnville to Stonecrest Drive.

Sponsors: Ms. Darensbourg Gordon

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on April 5, 2021

[2021-0084](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Agreement for Professional Services with Compliance Envirosystems, LLC for providing all necessary sewer system evaluations for St. Charles Parish, Project No. S210301.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on April 5, 2021

[2021-0086](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an Act of Dedication for River Road Estates Subdivision Phase 1, Hahnville.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on April 5, 2021

[2021-0087](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an Act of Donation by River Road Estates, LLC to Parish of St. Charles for 52,245 sq. ft. of land designated Pretty Acres Park in River Road Estates Subdivision, Hahnville.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on April 5, 2021

PLANNING AND ZONING PETITIONS

[2021-0061](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from M-1 to R-1B and the Future Land Use Designation from Business Park to Low Density Residential on 130,697 sq. ft., Lot J-2A, Plantation Business Campus, corner of River Road and Campus Drive East, Destrehan, as requested by Helm Developments, LLC.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Denial Denial due to not meeting any of the rezoning guidelines.

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Brad Murray, Destrehan

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to re-open File No. 2021-0061 for public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Public Hearing was previously satisfied.

Public Hearing Re-opened

Speakers:

Mr. Ed Renton, Destrehan (handed out petitions of opposition)

A motion was made by Councilmember Dufrene, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to extend Mr. Renton's time an additional three minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Time Extended

Speakers:

Mr. Darin Helm, representing Helm Developments, LLC, Luling

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Fisher, to extend Mr. Helm's time an additional three minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Time Extended

Speakers:

- Ms. Michelle O'Daniels, St. Rose
- Mr. Charles Mullin, Destrehan
- Mr. Tyler Marquette, New Orleans
- Mr. Michael Monteleon, St. Rose

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Council Discussion
 Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.
 Mr. Murray spoke on the matter.
 Ms. O'Daniels spoke on the matter.
 Mr. Helm spoke on the matter.
 Mr. Renton spoke on the matter.

Proposed ordinance failed for lack of a majority by the following vote:

Yea: 3 - Donaldson, Clulee and Gibbs

Nay: 6 - Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Failed

[2021-0062](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from R-1A(M) and M-1 to R-1M on approximately 23,700 sq. ft. of Lots 89A-6-A1-A, 89A-6-B, and 89A-6-C, Coteau de France or Ranson Tract, 16459, 16479, and 16481 LA 631, Des Allemands, as requested by Donald and Annabel Hogan.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

- P & Z Department Recommended: Approval
- Planning Commission Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

- Mr. Paul Hogan, Des Allemands

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 21-3-1

Council Discussion
 Mr. Hogan spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 21-3-1

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

[2021-0056](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a professional services agreement with Bryant Hammett & Associates, LLC for providing all necessary surveying services for the Primrose Canal Cleaning and Improvements Project (P210202).

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 21-3-2

Council Discussion

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Public Works/Wastewater Director Miles Bingham spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 21-3-2

[2021-0057](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Engineering Services Agreement with H. Davis Cole & Associates, LLC for providing all necessary services for the Murray Hill Drive and Destrehan Drive Drainage Improvements, Project No. P201001.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Walter Pilie', Destrehan

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 21-3-3

Council Discussion

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Public Works/Wastewater Director Miles Bingham spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 21-3-3

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN TABLED

[2021-0030](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Act of Donation by Ashton Plantation Estates, L.L.C. to St. Charles Parish for a certain parcel of land situated on the corner of Ashton Boulevard and the Union Pacific Railroad to be used to extend Deputy Jeff G. Watson Drive.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Gibbs, to Remove File No. 2021-0030 from the Table. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Removed from the Table

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing was previously satisfied.

Council Discussion

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Public Works/Wastewater Director Miles Bingham spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier called for the vote.

Proposed ordinance failed for lack of a majority by the following vote:

Yea: 4 - Donaldson, Fonseca, Clulee and Dufrene

Nay: 5 - Darenbourg Gordon, Gibbs, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Failed

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

[2021-0081](#)

Mr. Floyd Williams: Ditch drainage and speed limit signs

Not Heard

RESOLUTIONS

[2021-0064](#)

A resolution in support of Councilwoman Marilyn B. Bellock for At Large Member on the Executive Board of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Reported:

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier Recommended: Approval
Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

Amendment: to amend the proposed resolution by adding the entire council as co-sponsors

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Gibbs, to Amend File No. 2021-0064. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6548

Amended

Enactment No: 6548

[2021-0064](#)

A resolution in support of Councilwoman Marilyn B. Bellock for At Large Member on the Executive Board of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

Sponsors: Mr. Donaldson, Ms. Fonseca, Ms. Darensbourg Gordon, Ms. Clulee, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Dufrene, Ms. Bellock, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Fisher-Perrier

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION AS AMENDED

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6548

[2021-0076](#)

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; no public comment

Council Discussion

Amendment: to amend the proposed resolution by removing Councilwoman Clulee's home phone number on the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Dufrene, to Amend File No. 2021-0076. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6549

Amended

Enactment No: 6549

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION AS AMENDED

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6549

APPOINTMENTS

[2021-0038](#)

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

Nominee:

Councilwoman Clulee nominated Ms. Annie Harmon

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Dufrene, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2021-0038. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Donaldson, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Gibbs

Nomination(s) Closed

[2021-0065](#)

Accept resignation of Mr. Cory Savoie - St. Charles Parish Board of Adjustment District VII Representative

Resignation Accepted by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Donaldson, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Gibbs

Resignation Accepted

[2021-0066](#)

A resolution appointing a member to the St. Charles Parish Board of Adjustment as the District VII Representative.

Nominee:

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier nominated Mr. James "Whitebird" Robert

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Fisher, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2021-0066. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Nomination(s) Closed

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Gibbs, seconded by Councilmember Darenbourg Gordon, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:35 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Donaldson, Fonseca, Darenbourg 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