



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
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Final

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

Monday, September 17, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 8 - Paul J. Hogan, Terrell D. Wilson, Mary K. Clulee, John R. 'Dick' Gibbs, William Woodruff, Marilyn B. Bellock, Traci A. Fletcher, and Julia Fisher-Perrier

Absent 1 - Wendy Benedetto

Also Present

Parish President Larry Cochran, Executive Secretary Robin Delahoussaye, Legal Services Director Robert Raymond, Chief Administrative Officer Billy Raymond, Executive Director Darrin Duhe, Executive Director Dwayne LaGrange, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchoux, Wastewater Assistant Director L.J. Brady, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Interim Public Information Officer Adrienne Bourgeois, Personnel Officer Dayna Parker

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER

Bonnie Pepper Cook, SE District Constitution Week Chairman
Daughters of the American Revolution

PLEDGE

Sheila Curry, New Orleans Chapter Librarian
Daughters of the American Revolution

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of August 6, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2018-0225](#)

Board of Review

Sponsors: Mr. Gibbs

Chairman Gibbs stated that as advertised by the assessor in the official journal, the assessment list has been exposed daily for inspection by the taxpayers and other interested persons for a period of fifteen calendar days. The assessor has certified the assessment list to the council, acting as the board of review, to receive any written or oral complaints from taxpayers desiring to protest their assessment.

Chairman Gibbs announced for the record that no assessment appeals were submitted.

Mr. Tab Troxler, Assessor, commented on the 2018 Assessment Roll as submitted by the Assessor.

Council Discussion

Mr. Troxler spoke on the matter.

A motion was made by Councilmember Clulee, seconded by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, to accept and certify the 2018 Assessment Roll as submitted by the Assessor to the Louisiana Tax Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

Certified Assessment List

[2018-0238](#)

Proclamation: "Constitution Week"

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Read

[2018-0239](#)

In Recognition: Seven Renee' Champagne, Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Read

[2018-0246](#)

In Recognition: Ronnie Madere, Civil Service Board

Sponsors: Mr. Gibbs

Read

[2018-0240](#)

Proclamation: "National Hunting and Fishing Day"

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Read

[2018-0241](#)

Proclamation: Alligator Weekend in St. Charles Parish
In Recognition: Ms. Christine Trevett - "Ms. Alligator"

Sponsors: Ms. Clulee

Read

[2018-0242](#)

In Recognition: Kristal Marie Breaux, 2018 Alligator Festival Miss Queen

Sponsors: Mr. Woodruff

Read

[2018-0243](#)

In Recognition: Naomi Autumn Davis, 2018 Alligator Festival Teen Queen

Sponsors: Ms. Benedetto

Read

[2018-0244](#)

Proclamation: United Way Month in St. Charles Parish
Battle for the Paddle Cook-Off

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Read

[2018-0245](#)

Proclamation: "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in St. Charles Parish"

Sponsors: Ms. Bellock

Read

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2018-0250](#)

River Parishes Transit Authority

Ms. Evangeline Jackson Martin, General Manager

Councilwoman Bellock spoke on the matter.

Ms. Martin spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier spoke on the matter.

Mr. John Dias, RPTA Board Member spoke on the matter.

Councilman Hogan spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2018-0251](#)

St. Charles Council on Aging, Inc.

Ms. April Keller, Director

Reported

[2018-0230](#)

Department of Public Works

Report Deferred to October 1, 2018

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN GIBBS 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 1, 2018, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2018-0247](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3 Alcoholic Beverages, Article II. License, Section 3-15. Term, fee, permits required, transferability., (d) *Hours of operation, penalties.* (2) by deleting a. through f. and adding (2) a.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Woodruff and Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 1, 2018

Enactment No: 18-10-1

[2018-0249](#)

An ordinance to provide for the installation of an “**ALL-WAY STOP**” sign at the intersections of Early Street with Taylor Street and Early Street with Scott Street, in Paradis.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan and Mr. Woodruff

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 1, 2018

Enactment No: 18-10-2

[2018-0252](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LDNR) for “St. Charles Parish Local Coastal Program Implementation”.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran, Department of Planning & Zoning and Coastal Zone Management Section

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 1, 2018

Enactment No: 18-10-3

[2018-0253](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances Chapter 4, Animals and Fowl, Article I. In General, by revising Section 4-10. Keeping of animals not considered pets and keeping of exotic animals., (a) to reduce the required "no objection letter" provision to abutting property owners for chickens.

Sponsors: Mr. Woodruff

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 1, 2018

Enactment No: 18-10-4

[2018-0254](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the Parish President to accept the donation of improvements of the "up ramp access" to the Pedestrian/Bicycle Path on the crown of the Mississippi River in New Sarpy, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, from Valero Refining-New Orleans, L.L.C. which property is more particularly described in the Act of Donation of Improvements attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 1, 2018

[2018-0255](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to modify permit fees, Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article II, Section 6-15. Fees, by adding Warehousing as a Permit Type and setting fees for said permitting.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 1, 2018

Enactment No: 18-10-5

[2018-0258](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to add uses to the Medical Services (MS) Zoning District, Appendix A. Section VI.I.1.a, by adding Professional and sub-professional offices.

Sponsors: Ms. Clulee

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 1, 2018

Enactment No: 18-10-6

[2018-0259](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance No. 13-4-12, which approved a Professional Services Contract with Dr. Joseph N. Suhayda for the St. Charles Parish Digital-Flood Insurance Rate Map Appeal to increase the contract amount for basic consulting services and to amend the scope of work.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Coastal Zone Management Section

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 1, 2018

Enactment No: 18-10-7

[2018-0263](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for the St. Charles Parish Courthouse Chiller Replacement Project #GB-07-1-17 to increase the contract amount by \$53,464.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and General Government Buildings

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 1, 2018

Enactment No: 18-10-8

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

[2018-0233](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a professional service multi-phase project contract with MEYER ENGINEERS, LTD., for providing all necessary professional engineering services for the 2018 Montz Master Drainage Plan. (Parish Project Number P180803).

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-9-1

Council Discussion

Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchaux spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

Enactment No: 18-9-1

[2018-0234](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a professional service multi-phase project contract with DIGITAL ENGINEERING, for providing all necessary professional engineering services for a concrete-lined channel in a section of the Ormond Oaks ditch. (Parish Project Number P180802).

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-9-2

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

Enactment No: 18-9-2

[2018-0235](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a contract with BLD Services, LLC, for Parish Project No. S150301A St. Rose Sewer Network Upgrade, with a Bid in the amount of \$949,825.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Wastewater

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-9-3

Council Discussion

Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchaux spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

Enactment No: 18-9-3

[2018-0236](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a contract with BLD Services, LLC, for Parish Project No. S170701 Hahnville Wastewater Treatment Plant (UV Upgrade), with a Bid in the amount of \$741,500.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Wastewater

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-9-4

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

Enactment No: 18-9-4

[2018-0237](#)

A resolution providing supporting authorization to endorse the Preliminary Plat approval for Oak Alley Subdivision with waivers from the geometric standards regarding streets.

Sponsors: Mr. Gibbs

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Fletcher, to accept the revised version of File No. 2018-0237. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

Enactment No: 6370

Amended

Enactment No: 6370

[2018-0237](#)

A resolution providing supporting authorization to endorse the Preliminary Plat approval for Oak Alley Subdivision with waivers from the geometric standards regarding streets.

Sponsors: Mr. Gibbs

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval w/Stipulation Preliminary Plat: Approval with waivers from the geometric standards regarding streets.

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval w/Stipulation Preliminary Plat: Approval with waivers from the geometric standards regarding streets.

Speakers:

Mr. Michael Tabb, Murray Architects, Inc.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 6370

Council Discussion

Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchaux spoke on the matter.

Mr. Tabb spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION AS AMENDED

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

Enactment No: 6370

RESOLUTIONS

[2018-0248](#)

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, Greaud's Grocery Store on Apple Street, Winn Dixie at 12519 Airline Drive (U.S. 61), Destrehan, and River Road Market at 13572 River Road, Destrehan on October 19th and 20th, 2018, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

Sponsors: Ms. Fletcher

Reported:

Councilwoman Fletcher Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 7 - Hogan, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Benedetto and Wilson

Enactment No: 6371

[2018-0256](#)

A resolution providing mandatory support for the Planning and Zoning Commission's approval for an accessory dwelling unit in an R-1A zoning district on Lot 126A, Square 1, Evangeline City Subdivision, municipal address 525 Evangeline Road, Montz as requested by Justin and Lynn Naquin.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 7 - Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fletcher

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Benedetto and Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 6372

[2018-0257](#)

A resolution providing mandatory support for the Planning and Zoning Commission's approval for an accessory dwelling unit in an R-1A zoning district on Lot 19, Square 14, Willowridge Estates Phase V-A Subdivision, municipal address 118 Live Oak Lane, Luling as requested by Christopher Sperandeo.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

Enactment No: 6373

[2018-0260](#)

A resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development to re-stripe the center line on LA 631 (Old Spanish Trail) from LA 306 in Paradis to LA 52 (Paul Maillard Road) in Boutte.

Sponsors: Mr. Woodruff

Reported:

Councilman Woodruff Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

Amendment: to amend the proposed resolution in the "SUMMARY" and in the "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Section" to change "... to re-stripe the center line ..." to read "... to re-stripe the center line and the outer lines ..."

A motion was made by Councilmember Woodruff, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to Amend File No. 2018-0260. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

Enactment No: 6374

Amended

Enactment No: 6374

2018-0260

A resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development to re-stripe the center line and the outer lines on LA 631 (Old Spanish Trail) from LA 306 in Paradis to LA 52 (Paul Maillard Road) in Boutte.

Sponsors: Mr. Woodruff

Further Council Discussion

Amendment: to amend the proposed resolution in the "SUMMARY" and in the "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Section" to change "... to re-stripe the center line and the outer lines..." to read "... to re-stripe the center line and the outer lines and to add reflective pavement markers along the center line ..."

A motion was made by Councilmember Woodruff, seconded by Councilmember Bellock, to Amend File No. 2018-0260. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

Enactment No: 6374

Amended

Enactment No: 6374

2018-0260

A resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development to re-stripe the center line and the outer lines and to add reflective pavement markers along the center line on LA 631 (Old Spanish Trail) from LA 306 in Paradis to LA 52 (Paul Maillard Road) in Boutte.

Sponsors: Mr. Woodruff

Further Council Discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION AS AMENDED

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

Enactment No: 6374

[2018-0208](#)

A resolution requesting that Council Chairman Dick Gibbs, the District III Council representative currently serving as Council Chairman, respond to all requests for communications made to him as Chairman by any and all Councilmembers serving in their elected position doing the people’s business, and should Council Chairman Gibbs continue to choose or to find that he is unable to communicate with any councilmembers due to personal issues, personal feelings, or whatever the case may be, that he step down from serving as Council Chairman due to the fact that his lack of or unwillingness to communicate as Council Chairman is detrimental to the Council as a whole and ultimately to the residents of St. Charles Parish which the Council represents.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.

Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchoux spoke on the matter.

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

Yea: 1 - Hogan

Nay: 7 - Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

Failed

[2018-0261](#)

A resolution requesting the termination of St. Charles Parish Legal Director Robert Raymond by the Parish President due his failure to serve the Council at the level expected of him.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.

Legal Services Director Robert Raymond spoke on the matter.

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

Yea: 0

Nay: 8 - Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

Failed

APPOINTMENTS

[2018-0262](#)

A resolution to appoint a member to the River Parishes Tourist Commission.

Vacancy Announced

Chairman Gibbs expressed a special welcome to Michelle Impastato, the newly appointed Council Secretary.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Hogan, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:54 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary