



# St. Charles Parish

## Meeting Minutes

### Parish Council

#### Budget - Final

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

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Wednesday, October 30, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

### ATTENDANCE

**Present** 7 - Wendy Benedetto, Paul J. Hogan, Mary K. Clulee, William Woodruff, Marilyn B. Bellock, Traci A. Fletcher, and Julia Fisher-Perrier

**Absent** 2 - Terrell D. Wilson, and John R. 'Dick' Gibbs

### Also Present

Parish President Larry Cochran, Executive Secretary Robin Delahoussaye, Chief Administrative Officer Billy Raymond, Executive Director Darrin Duhe, Executive Director Dwayne LaGrange, Executive Director Micah Cormier, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchaux, Senior Projects Manager Sam Scholle, Parks and Recreation Director Duane Foret, Justin Robert, Public Information Office, Mark Keiser, St. Charles Community Health Center/Access Health Executive Director/CEO, Peter Torsch, Community Health Center/Access Health, April Keller, Council on Aging Executive Director, Pernell Pellegrin, The Arc of St. Charles, Rosadel Webre, The Arc of St. Charles, Brian Brogle, Coroner, Fred Martinez, Coroner's Office, Retired Major Sam Zinna, President Communications District (911), Councilmember-Elect Bob Fisher

### CALL TO ORDER

### PRAYER / PLEDGE

Deacon Billy Raymond, Sr.  
Mt. Airy Baptist Church, Boutte

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

[2019-0161](#)

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**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran and Department of Finance

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 19-11-3

## Agencies &amp; Boards:

Arc of St. Charles - Reported

St. Charles Housing Authority - Deferred

St. Charles Community Health Center - Reported - Council Discussion

Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.

***Amendment (Boards/Agencies) - St. Charles Community Health Center/Access Health***

Councilman Hogan motioned, seconded by Councilman Woodruff, to amend the St. Charles Community Health Center/Access Health budget presentation to reflect an increase of \$199,999.36 in the total Variance rather than a decrease of \$199,999.36. Motion carried 7 yeas, Councilmembers Wilson and Gibbs absent.

Council on Aging - Reported - Council Discussion

Ms. April Keller, Council on Aging Executive Director spoke on the matter.

911 Communications District - Reported - Council Discussion

Retired Major Sam Zinna, President Communications District spoke on the matter.

## General Fund:

Council District VI - Reported

Coroner - Reported - Council Discussion

Mr. Brian Brogle, Coroner spoke on the matter.

Mr. Fred Martinez spoke on the matter.

***Councilman Dick Gibbs arrived in the meeting.***

Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.

Further Council Discussion

***AMENDMENT NO. 12 - General Fund - Coroner - Operating Services***

Councilman Hogan motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Benedetto, to amend the proposed budget to move \$250,000.00 from Coroner - Account 001-430160 - Operating Services - Professional Services to Grants for Seed money for Addictive Services/Mental Health. Motion carried 8 yeas, Councilman Wilson absent. PASSED

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

## Special Revenue Funds:

Recreation - Reported

## Capital Projects Funds:

Recreation Facilities Construction - Reported

***AMENDMENT NO. 13 - Special Revenue Funds - Recreation - Capital Outlay***

Councilman Woodruff motioned, seconded by Councilman Hogan, to amend the proposed budget to transfer \$300,000.00 from the General Fund to Fund 113 - Recreation - Capital Outlay - Improvements Other than Building for WPA Park Improvements in Des Allemands. Motion carried 8 yeas, Councilman Wilson absent. PASSED

***AMENDMENT NO. 14 - Special Revenue Funds - Recreation - Capital Outlay***

Councilwoman Benedetto motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Fletcher, to amend the proposed budget to transfer \$800,000.00 from the General Fund to Fund 113 - Recreation - Capital Outlay - Improvements Other than Building for Bridge Park Revitalization and transfer \$200,000.00 from the General Fund to Recreation Community Recreation Field Improvements (changing the current name from WB Bridge Park Improvements). Motion carried 8 yeas, Councilman Wilson absent. PASSED

## Council Discussion

Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.

Parks and Recreation Director Duane Foret spoke on the matter.

***AMENDMENT NO. 15 - Special Revenue Funds - Recreation - Capital Outlay***

Councilwoman Benedetto motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier, to amend the proposed budget to transfer \$100,000.00 from the General Fund to Fund 113 - Recreation - Capital Outlay - Improvements Other than Building for Ashton Soccer Field Restroom Facility. Motion carried 8 yeas, Councilman Wilson absent. PASSED

## Council Discussion

Parks and Recreation Director Duane Foret spoke on the matter.

***AMENDMENT NO. 16 - Special Revenue Funds - Recreation - Capital Outlay***

Councilwoman Benedetto motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier, to amend the proposed budget under Fund 113 - Recreation - Capital Outlay - Improvements Other than Building to correct the spelling of "Nottoway" to "Nottaway" and replace "New Sarpy" with "Destrehan". Motion carried 8 yeas, Councilman Wilson absent. PASSED

***AMENDMENT NO. 17 - Special Revenue Funds - Recreation - Capital Outlay***

Councilwoman Bellock motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Benedetto, to amend the proposed budget to transfer \$800,000.00 from the General Fund to Fund 113 - Recreation - Capital Outlay - Improvements Other than Building for IMTT Park Improvements. Motion carried 8 yeas, Councilman Wilson absent. PASSED

***AMENDMENT NO. 18 - Special Revenue Funds - Recreation - Capital Outlay***

Councilman Hogan motioned, seconded by Councilman Woodruff, to amend the proposed budget to transfer \$30,000.00 from the General Fund to Fund 113 - Recreation - Capital Outlay - Improvements Other than Building for JB Green Park Improvements. Motion carried 8 yeas, Councilman Wilson absent. PASSED

***AMENDMENT NO. 19 - Special Revenue Funds - Recreation - Capital Outlay***

Councilman Hogan motioned, seconded by Councilman Woodruff, to amend the proposed budget to transfer \$250,000.00 from the General Fund to Fund 113 - Recreation - Capital Outlay - Improvements Other than Building for DA Boat Launch and transfer \$150,000.00 from the General Fund to Fund 113 - Recreation - Capital Outlay - Architectural/Engineering for DA Boat Launch. Motion carried 6 yeas, Councilmembers Benedetto and Fisher-Perrier voting nay, Councilman Wilson absent. PASSED

**Council Discussion**

Councilman Hogan motioned to amend the proposed budget to transfer \$780,000.00 from the General Fund to Fund 113 for the Veterans Memorial Park (a new line item).

**Further Council Discussion**

Councilman Hogan motioned to amend the proposed budget to remove \$300,000.00 from General Government Buildings Account 001-400640 under 2019 and add \$300,000.00 into General Government Buildings Account 001-400640 under 2020 for Veterans Memorial Park.

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Chief Administrative Officer Billy Raymond spoke on the matter.

Motions withdrawn by Councilman Hogan.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

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***AMENDMENT NO. 21 - Special Revenue Funds - Road & Drainage - Capital Outlay***

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Benedetto, to amend the proposed budget to transfer \$1,000,000.00 from the General Fund to Fund 112 - Account 112-420260 - Road & Drainage - Drainage - Capital Outlay - Improvements Other than Building for Primrose Canal Stabilization. Motion carried 8 yeas, Councilman Wilson absent. PASSED

***AMENDMENT NO. 22 - Special Revenue Funds - Road & Drainage - Capital Outlay***

Councilwoman Fletcher motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Bellock, to amend the proposed budget to transfer \$500,000.00 from the General Fund to Fund 112 - Account 112-420210 - Road & Drainage - Paved Streets - Capital Outlay - Improvements Other than Buildings for 2020 Road Maintenance. Motion carried 8 yeas, Councilman Wilson absent. PASSED

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**RECAP OF AMENDMENTS**

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**Amendments Recorded**

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN FISHER-PERRIER 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, ARE TO BE PUBLISHED IN SUMMARY FORM AS FOLLOWS IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL WITH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019, 6:00 PM, 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 4, 2019**

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## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Gibbs, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:12 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Wilson

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

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Michelle Impastato  
Council Secretary