



# 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**

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Monday, March 21, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

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### ATTENDANCE

**Present** 6 - Beth A. Billings, Holly Fonseca, La Sandra Darensbourg Gordon, Mary K. Clulee, Bob Fisher, and Julia Fisher-Cormier

**Absent** 3 - Dick Gibbs, Nicky Dufrene, and Marilyn B. Bellock

### Also Present

Parish President Matthew Jewell, Legal Services Director Corey Oubre, Legal Services Assistant Director Robert Raymond, Chief Administrative Officer Mike Palamone, Director of Communications/Public Information Officer Samantha de Castro, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works/Wastewater Director Miles Bingham, Wastewater Assistant Director David deGeneres, Senior Projects Manager Sam Scholle, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Grants Officer Carla Chiasson, Eric Zurcher, Public Information Office

### CALL TO ORDER

*Councilman Dufrene arrived in the meeting.*

### PRAYER / PLEDGE

Pastor Thomas Hines  
Hope Church, Destrehan

*Councilman Gibbs arrived in the meeting.*

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Darenbourg Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Billings, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 7, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Bellock

## SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

### [2022-0074](#)

Proclamation: "Child Abuse Prevention Month"

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell

**Read**

### [2022-0075](#)

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

**Sponsors:** Mr. Fisher

**Read**

### [2022-0077](#)

Proclamation: "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month"

**Sponsors:** Ms. Billings

**Read**

### [2022-0076](#)

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

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell

**Read**

**REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)**

[2022-0079](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell

Councilwoman Fisher-Cormier spoke on the matter.  
Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.  
Chairman Fisher 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, APRIL 4, 2022, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:**

[2022-0073](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Stuart Consulting Group, Inc., to perform engineering services for Ormond Center Drainage Improvements (Project No. P190505), in the amount not to exceed \$81,246.00.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on April 4, 2022**

[2022-0078](#)

An ordinance authorizing the issuance by the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana of its Taxable Limited Tax Bond in an amount not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell and Bond Counsel

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on April 4, 2022**

**PLANNING AND ZONING PETITIONS**

[2022-0069](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from R-1A to R-1A(M) on Lots 10 & 11, Block N, Magnolia Ridge Park Subdivision, municipal address 359 Lily Street, Boutte, as requested by Artis Nelson for John & Margarette Nelson.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Denial

Planning Commission Recommended: Denial

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Council Discussion

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

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

**Yea:** 0

**Nay:** 8 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Absent:** 1 - Bellock

**Failed**

[2022-0070](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from R-1A(M) to C-2 on Lot 1B, St. Rose Gardens, municipal address 118 St. Rose Avenue, St. Rose, as requested by Carla Elizabeth Portera Grunberg.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 22-3-8

Council Discussion

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Yea:** 8 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Bellock

Enactment No: 22-3-8

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

[2022-0060](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 (Final) for Parish Project No. S181201, Lone Star Sewer Rehabilitation, to decrease the contract amount by \$34,100.00, and increase the contract time by 122 days.

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

Reported:

Public Works/Wastewater Department Recommended: Approval  
Wastewater Assistant Director David deGeneres spoke on the matter.

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 22-3-9

Council Discussion

Mr. deGeneres spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Yea:** 8 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Bellock

Enactment No: 22-3-9

[2022-0061](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for Parish Project No S170601, Luling Oxidation Pond Rehabilitation and Upgrades, to increase the contract amount by \$489,238.60, and increase the contract time by 199 days.

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

Reported:

Public Works/Wastewater Department Recommended: Approval  
Wastewater Assistant Director David deGeneres spoke on the matter.

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 22-3-10

Council Discussion

Mr. deGeneres 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, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Bellock

Enactment No: 22-3-10

[2022-0062](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with C. H. Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC, to perform engineering services for Primrose Canal Cleaning and Improvements (Project No. P210202), in the amount not to exceed \$637,824.00.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 22-3-11

Council Discussion

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

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Yea:** 8 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Bellock

Enactment No: 22-3-11

[2022-0063](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a contract with Sealevel Construction, Inc., for Project No. P080905-5F, CPRA Project No. BA-0244, Ellington Structures-Kellogg Pump Station T-Wall, as part of the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee Project, in the amount of \$4,323,888.00.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval  
Senior Projects Manager Sam Scholle spoke on the matter.

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 22-3-12

Council Discussion  
Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Bellock

Enactment No: 22-3-12



[2022-0064](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 21-11-4, which approved the Professional Services Agreement with GIS Engineering, LLC, to perform engineering services for the Montz Pump Station No.2 (Parish Project Number P210806).

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 22-3-13

Council Discussion

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Yea:** 8 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Bellock

Enactment No: 22-3-13

[2022-0068](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Barowka and Bonura Engineers and Consultants, LLC, to perform engineering services for Hill Heights Drainage Improvements - Destrehan (Project No. P190802), in the amount not to exceed \$373,992.70.

**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: 22-3-14

Council Discussion

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

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Legal Services Director Corey Oubre spoke on the matter.

Amendment: to amend the proposed Agreement, to change "vinyl" to read "steel" throughout the entire agreement

Further Council Discussion

Public Hearing opened on the amendment

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 22-3-14

**A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Cormier, seconded by Councilmember Darensbourg Gordon, to Amend the proposed Agreement. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 8 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Bellock

Enactment No: 22-3-14

**Amended**

Enactment No: 22-3-14

Public Hearing opened

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 22-3-14

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AS AMENDED**

**Yea:** 8 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Bellock

Enactment No: 22-3-14

[2022-0071](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, as amended, Section XV.A.2, regarding Planning Commission meeting minutes.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Walter Pilie', Destrehan

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Council Discussion

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

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

**Yea:** 3 - Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee and Gibbs

**Nay:** 5 - Billings, Fonseca, Dufrene, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Absent:** 1 - Bellock

**Failed**

[2022-0080](#)

Executive Session: Update regarding St. Charles Parish's ongoing Hurricane Ida insurance claims and potential litigation issues

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell and Department of Legal Services

Public comment opened on the deviation; no public comment

**A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember Gibbs, to deviate from the regular order of the agenda to take up File No. 2022-0080; a matter not on the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Bellock

**Deviated**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Dufrene, to go into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Bellock

Chairman Fisher announced that all Councilmembers present, Parish President Matthew Jewell, Legal Services Director Corey Oubre, Legal Services Assistant Director Robert Raymond, Finance Director Grant Dussom, and Mr. Dominick Impastato, Attorney-At-Law, will be in Executive Session.

**Heard in Executive Session**

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

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Bellock

Chairman Fisher explained that Executive Session was regarding File No. 2022-0080 Update regarding St. Charles Parish's ongoing Hurricane Ida insurance claims and potential litigation issues.

**Returned**

[2022-0071](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, as amended, Section XV.A.2, regarding Planning Commission meeting minutes.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

**A motion was made by Councilmember Darensbourg Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to Reconsider the vote on File No. 2022-0071. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 8 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Bellock

**Reconsidered**

Public Hearing Requirements were previously satisfied

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

**Yea:** 2 - Clulee and Gibbs

**Nay:** 6 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Dufrene, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Absent:** 1 - Bellock

**Failed**

[2022-0081](#)

A resolution in support of the Planning and Zoning Commission’s approval of 2022-5-SPU for an accessory dwelling unit in an R-1B zoning district, Lot 733, Square 18, Ormond Country Club Estates Subdivision, 35 W. Woodlawn Drive, Destrehan as requested by Darryl and Kelly Daigrepoint.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Public comment opened on the deviation  
Ms. Kelly Daigrepoint, Destrehan

**A motion was made by Councilmember Billings, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to deviate from the regular order of the agenda to take up File No. 2022-0081; a matter not on the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 8 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Bellock

Enactment No: 6620

**Deviated**

Enactment No: 6620

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened

Ms. Kelly Daigrepoint Destrehan

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Bellock

Enactment No: 6620

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

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Bellock

Enactment No: 6620

**Returned**

Enactment No: 6620

## RESOLUTIONS

### [2022-0072](#)

A resolution adopting the St. Charles Parish Language Access Plan for Limited English Proficiency Persons for all federal grant programs.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell and Grants Office

Reported:

Grants Office Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened; no public comment

#### **VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Yea:** 8 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Bellock

Enactment No: 6621

## APPOINTMENTS

### [2022-0026](#)

A resolution to appoint a member to the St. Charles Parish Planning & Zoning Commission as the District III Representative.

Nominee:

Councilman Gibbs nominated Mr. James "Jimmy" Krajcer

#### **Nomination(s) Accepted**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Cormier, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2022-0026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 8 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Bellock

#### **Nomination(s) Closed**

[2022-0054](#)

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

Nominee:

Councilman Fisher nominated Ms. Robin Robicheaux

**Nomination(s) Accepted**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Cormier, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2022-0054. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 8 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Bellock

**Nomination(s) Closed**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Billings, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:19 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 8 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Bellock

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.**

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**Michelle Impastato**  
**Council Secretary**