



# St. Charles Parish

## Meeting Minutes

### Parish Council

St. Charles Parish  
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### 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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Monday, May 20, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

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### ATTENDANCE

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

**Absent** 1 - Traci A. Fletcher

### Also Present

Parish President Larry Cochran, Executive Secretary Robin Delahoussaye, Chief Administrative Officer Billy Raymond, Executive Director Darrin Duhe, Executive Director Dwayne LaGrange, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Faucheux, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Waterworks Director Robbie Brou, Parks and Recreation Director Duane Foret, Dawn Higdon, Legal Assistant, Heather Keller, Public Information Office

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm.

### PRAYER / PLEDGE

Reverend Marilyn Diggs  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Boutte

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Bellock, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of May 6, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Fletcher

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

[2019-0157](#)

In Recognition: Mr. Roland Dartez, Police Jury Association

**Sponsors:** Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Chairman Fisher-Perrier deferred File No. 2019-0157 until later in the meeting.

**Deferred**

[2019-0153](#)

Proclamation: "Gospel Musical Festival Weekend"

**Sponsors:** Mr. Woodruff

**Read**

[2019-0154](#)

Proclamation: "Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month"

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran

**Read**

[2019-0157](#)

In Recognition: Mr. Roland Dartez, Police Jury Association

**Sponsors:** Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Police Jury Association Executive Director Guy Cormier accepted the In Recognition and spoke on behalf of Mr. Roland Dartez.

**Read**

Executive Director Guy Cormier asked Chairman Fisher-Perrier if he could give a quick update about what is happening in Legislative Session; Chairman Fisher-Perrier granted permission.

Mr. Cormier spoke on the matter.

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

Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.

[2019-0148](#)

A resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed Five Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$575,000) of Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds of the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, in one or more series; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval

Bond Counsel Recommended: Approval

Mr. Jerry Osborne, representing Foley & Judell, L.L.P., spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

Mr. Osborne spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 6409

**REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)**

[2019-0160](#)

Public Service Commission

Public Service Commissioner Eric Skrmetta

Chairman Fisher-Perrier spoke on the matter.

Mr. Skrmetta spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.

**Reported**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN FISHER-PERRIER 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, JUNE 3, 2019, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:**

[2019-0151](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a professional service agreement with Evans-Graves Engineers, Inc., for providing all necessary professional engineering services for a drainage maintenance project for Ormond Lakes Dredging (Watershed) Project No. P180806.

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

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on June 3, 2019**

[2019-0152](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a professional service multi-phase project agreement with Evans-Graves Engineers, Inc., for providing all necessary professional engineering services for a project that replaces an existing 30-inch pump with a 48-inch pump at the Schexnaydre Pump Station (P.S.). (Parish Project Number P190502).

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

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on June 3, 2019**

[2019-0163](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for the Ellington Drainage Pump Station Project No. P080905-5D, grant reference Project No. H.013148, as part of the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee Project, to increase the contract amount by \$36,252.00 and increase the contract time by fifty nine (59) days.

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

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on June 3, 2019**

[2019-0164](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement for Parish Project No P080802 Montz Master Drainage Plan Implementation with GCR Inc. to provide professional services regarding the acquisitions of servitude, fee simple parcels, and permitting.

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

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on June 3, 2019**

[2019-0165](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for the Parish of St. Charles, Chapter 1 General Provisions, Section 1-2. Rules of construction and definitions by adding the following after the 3rd section paragraph: "Upon ordinances being constructed and made part of this Code, the manifest intent of the parish council expressed by the ordinance shall be liberally construed in order that the true intent and meaning of the parish council shall be fully carried out in all cases by the Administration through its interpretation and application of the Code of Ordinances. In cases where the parish council takes actions which are contradictory to the Code of Ordinances, the Parish President has the duty and obligation to not approve and not enforce such actions".

**Sponsors:** Mr. Hogan

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on June 3, 2019**

## PLANNING AND ZONING PETITIONS

[2019-0144](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from O-L and C-3 to M-1 on portions of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, John Lambert Tract as requested by Renton Properties, LLC.

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

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Joey Murray, Murray Architects, representing Renton Properties, LLC

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 19-5-1

Council Discussion

Councilwoman Bellock asked if Mr. Edward Renton with Renton Properties, LLC to answer questions.

Mr. Renton spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 19-5-1

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

[2019-0140](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a professional service contract with Murray Architects for providing all necessary professional architectural services for a new building at the Public Works Department's West Bank Yard in Hahnville. (Parish Project Number P190401).

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

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Richard Mouton, Destrehan

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

Mr. Mouton spoke on the matter.

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 19-5-2

Council Discussion

Mr. Fauchaux spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Yea:** 7 - Benedetto, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 1 - Hogan

**Absent:** 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 19-5-2

[2019-0141](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a twelve (12) month Lease Contract Renewal between Satellite Shelters (LESSOR) and St. Charles Parish Public Works (LESSEE) for Contract number RO319076. The lease of a fifty foot (50') by fifty-six foot (56') modular building used as the office at the West Bank Public Works Yard, 166 Scorpio Ln, Hahnville, LA 70057. Public Works is seeking to have a permanent structure constructed that would allow for our staff to safely stay during storm events, and this renewal is necessary in the interim.

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

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 19-5-3

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 19-5-3

[2019-0142](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a contract with Ashley Savarino Unlimited Construction LLC for the Water Tower Demolition (Project No. WWKS 95) in the amount of \$167,500.00.

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

Reported:

Waterworks Department Recommended: Approval

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 19-5-4

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 19-5-4

[2019-0143](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a contract for Engineering Services between Shread-Kuyrkendall & Associates, Inc. and St. Charles Parish for necessary professional engineering services associated with the East Bank Transmission Line Repair/Replacement (WWKS 101).

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

Reported:

Waterworks Department Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Richard Mouton, Destrehan

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 19-5-5

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 19-5-5

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

[2019-0158](#)

Ms. Myrza Saad: Water encroachment on property located at 10 Houmas Place, Destrehan

Councilman Hogan asked Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert if he could meet with Ms. Saad.

Mr. Albert stepped out of the chambers to speak with Ms. Saad.

**Heard**

[2019-0159](#)

Ms. Debra Suffrin or Ms. Tyrell Cornwell: Overview of recent accomplishment of the St. Charles Women Club

Ms. Debra Suffrin, President of the St. Charles Women's Club introduced Ms. Tyrell Cornwell, incoming President.

Councilwoman Bellock spoke on the matter.

Ms. Suffrin spoke on the matter.

**Heard**



**RESOLUTIONS**

[2019-0146](#)

A resolution endorsing a waiver from the Subdivision Regulations of 1981, Section III. Geometric Standards B. Blocks 3. Arrangement, requiring lots to possess frontage on a street as requested by Yen Hamilton.

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

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval w/Stipulation Approval with a waiver from the requirement for lots to be arranged with public street frontage.

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval w/Stipulation Approval with a waiver from the requirement for lots to be arranged with public street frontage.

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 6410

[2019-0147](#)

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 North ½ Lot 2, Lot 3, and South ¾ of Lot 4, Ormond Oaks Subdivision, municipal address 202 Ormond Oaks Drive, Destrehan as requested by Jeffrey Vitrano.

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

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval w/Stipulation Approval contingent on the approval of an administrative resubdivision, combining the three existing lots into one lot of record.

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval w/Stipulation Approval contingent on the approval of an administrative resubdivision, combining the three existing lots into one lot of record.

Public comment opened

Mr. Jeffrey Vitrano, Destrehan

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Wilson and Fletcher

Enactment No: 6411

[2019-0149](#)

A resolution providing mandatory support for the Planning and Zoning Commission's approval for an accessory dwelling unit in an R-1A zoning district, with a waiver to Section VIII. Site Design Requirements, A.2. requiring permanent dust-free paving for off-street parking on Lot 15A, Square B, Murray Hill Subdivision, municipal address 224 Murray Hill Drive, Destrehan as requested by Sheldon and Sheri Simoneaux.

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

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval w/Stipulation Approval with a waiver from the required dust-free, permanent driveway surface contingent upon a revised floor plan that shows no more than one possible bedroom

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval w/Stipulation Approval with a waiver from the required dust-free, permanent driveway surface contingent upon a revised floor plan that shows no more than one possible bedroom

Public comment opened

Mr. Sheldon Simoneaux, Destrehan

Council Discussion

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

Mr. Simoneaux spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 6412

[2019-0150](#)

A resolution providing supporting authorization to endorse a waiver from the requirements of the Subdivision Regulations of 1981 to allow 17-feet of street paving (Section IV. Design Standards A. Streets 1. Pavement Width. b. Collector and Local Streets), as requested by Pecan Bayou Real Estate, LLC.

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

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval w/Stipulation Approval contingent upon approval of a waiver from the required 22 ft. wide street surface

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval w/Stipulation Approval contingent upon approval of a waiver from the required 22 ft. wide street surface

Public comment opened

Mr. Marco Juarez, Civil Engineer with Civil & Environmental Engineers

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 6413

[2019-0155](#)

A resolution expressing support of House Bill 335 of the 2019 Louisiana Legislative Session which provides for food service establishments serving imported crawfish or shrimp to inform patrons of the country of origin of said seafood; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Hogan

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

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

**Yea:** 2 - Hogan and Woodruff

**Nay:** 6 - Benedetto, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

**Absent:** 1 - Fletcher

**Failed**

*Councilwoman Benedetto departed the meeting.*

## APPOINTMENTS

### [2019-0129](#)

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

Nominee:

Councilwoman Bellock nominated Mr. Michael J. Dunn

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

**A motion was made by Councilmember Woodruff, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2019-0129. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Benedetto and Fletcher

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

After the Meetings and Announcements were read, Chairman Fisher-Perrier deferred to Councilwoman Bellock who announced a Voters Registration Drive scheduled for May 28, 2019 at the St. Rose Community Center and June 1, 2019 at the St. Rose Library for all St. Charles Parish residents.

## SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL

### [2019-0156](#)

Official Journal Appointment - Authorize Advertisement for Acceptance of Proposals

**Authorize the Advertisement for Acceptance of Proposals; carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Benedetto and Fletcher

#### **Authorized**

[2019-0161](#)

Calendar of Official Action for the 2020 Budget: Set Public Hearing Dates  
- Grant Dussom

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

Reported:

Finance Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearings scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 9 am, Wednesday,  
October 30, 2019 at 6 pm, and Monday, November 4, 2019, at 6 pm

**Accepted the Calendar of Official Action for the 2020 Budget; carried by the  
following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Benedetto and Fletcher

**Accepted**

[2019-0072](#)

Misuse of Public Equipment on Private Property on July 1, 2018 in  
Paradis, Louisiana, was referred by the Legal Department to the District  
Attorney, who has since advised in a meeting held on May 8, 2019, his  
position remains that after careful review, he finds no criminal intent, would  
decline to prosecute and refuse any charges brought against the  
individuals involved, and it was his understanding this matter was referred  
to St. Charles Parish officials, which he believes is the appropriate agency  
to deal with this particular matter and its policies and procedure for  
employees going forward.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Hogan

**Read**

[2019-0145](#)

Misuse of Public Equipment on Private Property in early 2018, when the Parish performed clearing and ditch work that was to be done by the developer of River Road Estates Subdivision shown on the construction plans, done by the Parish under the false pretense that it had a historical servitude in the work area, which documents obtained through normal channels and through public records request confirmed that the Parish has no historical servitude and that the first time the Parish ever performed work in this area was when it performed the illegal work in 2018, which is supported by a conversation had with two of the family members whose family owned the property from 1936 until sold for subdivision development in 2004, who stated that they have no knowledge of the Parish ever having worked on their property.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Hogan

**Read**

## ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Councilmember Gibbs, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:28 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 6 - Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 1 - Hogan

**Absent:** 2 - Benedetto and Fletcher

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

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**Michelle Impastato  
Council Secretary**