



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
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Final

***Council Chairman Julia Fisher-Perrier
Councilmembers Carolyn K. Schexnaydre, Jarvis Lewis,
Terrell D. Wilson, William Billy Woodruff, Wendy Benedetto,
Paul J. Hogan, Larry Cochran, Traci A. Fletcher***

Monday, June 16, 2014

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 8 - Carolyn K. Schexnaydre, Jarvis Lewis, Terrell D. Wilson, William Woodruff, Wendy Benedetto, Paul J. Hogan, Traci A. Fletcher, and Julia Fisher-Perrier

Absent 1 - Larry Cochran

Also Present

Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr., Chief Operations Officer Bobby Donaldson, Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe, Legal Director Leon C. Vial, III, Assistant Parish Attorney David Moyer, Public Works/Wastewater Director Sam Scholle, Planning & Zoning Director Kimberly Marousek, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Information Officer Renee Simpson, Emergency Preparedness Director Ronald J. Perry, CZM Administrator Earl Matherne, Executive Assistant/Office Manager Anedra Coleman

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Father Ray Hymel
St. Gertrude Catholic Church

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2014-0178](#)

In Recognition: Trash Bash Awards

2014 Spring Trash Bash Award: Most Litter Collected
Hope Church St. Charles

2014 Spring Trash Bash Award: Most Litter Collected:
S.T.A.R.T.

2014 Spring Trash Bash Award: Most Volunteers
Daisy Troop 21115

2014 Spring Trash Bash Award: Most Volunteers
Luling Methodist Church

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr.

Read

Councilman Cochran arrived in the meeting.

[2014-0165](#)

Proclamation: Catfish Festival

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Read

[2014-0166](#)

Proclamation: "238th Anniversary of American Independence"

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr.

Read

[2014-0175](#)

A resolution approving the issuance, sale and delivery of not exceeding \$10,000,000 of Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2014, of Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, and other matters relating thereto.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Bond Counsel

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval

Council Discussion

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

Mr. Fred Martinez, St. Charles Hospital Administrator spoke on the matter.

2014-0176 Hospital Service District No. 1 - Status Report

Reported by Mr. Fred Martinez

Mr. Pete November, Representative of Ochsner Health System spoke on the matter.

Further Council Discussion

Mr. Fred Martinez spoke on the matter.

Mr. Pete November spoke on the matter.

Mr. Jerry Osborne spoke on the matter.

Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr. spoke on the matter

Mr. John Landry, Luling, Hospital Board Chairman spoke on the matter.

Ms. Betty Portera, St. Rose, Hospital Board Member spoke on the matter.

Discussion: to suspend the Council Rules in accordance with Rule 19. to allow public input on File No. 2014-0175 which was not advertised for Public Hearing

A motion was made by Councilmember Schexnaydre, seconded by Councilmember Woodruff, to open File No. 2014-0175 for public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 6 - Schexnaydre, Wilson, Woodruff, Hogan, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 2 - Benedetto and Cochran

Absent: 1 - Lewis

Enactment No: 6084

Speakers:

Dr. V.N. Devarajan, St. Charles Parish Hospital

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 6084

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

Yea: 7 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 2 - Hogan and Cochran

Enactment No: 6084

Speakers:

Mr. David Wedge, Bayou Gauche

Mr. Mark Keiser, CEO, Access Health Louisiana

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 6084

Further Council Discussion

Mr. Mark Keiser spoke on the matter.

Councilman Cochran called for a Question.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 7 - Lewis, Wilson, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 2 - Schexnaydre and Woodruff

Enactment No: 6084

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2014-0176](#)

Hospital Service District No. 1 - Status Report

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Mr. Fred Martinez, St. Charles Parish Hospital Administrator presented the Hospital Service District No. 1 status report during File No. 2014-0175; a proposed resolution approving the issuance, sale and delivery of not exceeding \$10,000,000 of Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2014, of Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, and other matters relating thereto.

Reported

[2014-0177](#)

Sunset Drainage District - Update Report

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Report Deferred

[2014-0171](#)

Department of Planning & Zoning/CZM

Report Deferred

Councilwoman Benedetto departed the meeting.

[2014-0172](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr.

At the request of Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr., Emergency Preparedness Director Ronald J. Perry gave an update on the foul odor in St. Rose.

Council Discussion

Report Deferred

Councilwoman Schexnaydre requested a Point of Order to ask Legal Services Director Leon C. Vial, III, if Councilman Cochran should have voted on File No. 2014-0175 since his wife works at St. Charles Parish Hospital. Mr. Vial said his vote would not have made a difference but that would be an Ethics issue.

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, JULY 7, 2014, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2014-0180](#)

An ordinance of the Parish of St. Charles providing that the Code of Ordinances, Parish of St. Charles, be amended by revising Section 15-5, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, of said Code, to provide for the installation of “**NO PARKING**” signs on both sides of Kliner Road from its intersection with Highway 90 along the entire length of the street in Des Allemands.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 7, 2014

[2014-0181](#)

An ordinance to name an unnamed private shell road located at the end of Magnolia Ridge Road in Boutte as Fahrig Lane.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 7, 2014

[2014-0183](#)

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the land use zoning classification from R-1AM to C-2 for portion of Lot C, St. Rose S39,T-13-S, R9E (5,700 SF approx.), at 118 St. Rose Ave, St. Rose, as requested by Mahesh Konevu.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Planning & Zoning

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 7, 2014

[2010-0094](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances Appendix A, St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, Section VI. Zoning district criteria and regulations., B. Residential districts, [II.] R-1A(M). Single Family Residential Detached Conventional Homes, Manufactured Homes, and Mobile Homes-Medium density., 3. Special Provisions, by amending c. and adding e. and f.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 7, 2014

[2014-0184](#)

An ordinance to provide for the amendment of the St. Charles Parish Home Rule Charter Section B.2. of Article III to increase the annual base compensation of the Parish President to be effective for the 2016 term.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 7, 2014

[2014-0185](#)

An ordinance to provide for the amendment of the St. Charles Parish Home Rule Charter Section A.2. of Article III to increase the annual base compensation of the Parish Council to \$18,500 for each Councilman At Large and \$15,000 for each District Councilman and to increase it no more than three and seventy-five hundredths (3.75%) percent in any one year and not to exceed more than fifteen (15%) percent over any four year period to be effective for the 2016 term.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 7, 2014

[2014-0186](#)

An ordinance to provide for the amendment of the St. Charles Parish Home Rule Charter Section A.6.c. of Article III to add subsection v. to state that any person appointed by the Parish Council to fill a vacant council seat until such time that a special election is held shall be prohibited from seeking election to the same office whether or not they serve for the duration of the appointment. Any person appointed by the council to fill a vacant council seat where the vacancy is one year or less, the appointee is also prohibited from seeking election to the same office for the subsequent term whether or not they serve for the duration of the appointment.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 7, 2014

[2014-0187](#)

An ordinance to provide for the amendment of the St. Charles Parish Home Rule Charter Section F.4. of Article V to allow the Parish Council to pass ordinances as it sees fit to transfer part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance among programs within a department or office of the Parish Council, and/or to transfer part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance from one department or office to another, and/or to transfer funds from the General Fund to a department or fund within a department provided the ordinances pass with the unanimous approval by all Parish Councilmembers.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 7, 2014

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

[2014-0162](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the Lafourche Basin Levee District to purchase and/or expropriate the necessary real estate interests to construct the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee, Phase I - Magnolia Ridge, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, and to authorize the transfer of the necessary funding thereof.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Jody Fahrig, Boutte

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

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

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, to extend Mr. Fahrig's time until he is finished addressing the council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

Speakers:

Mr. Lucas Lilly, GCR, Inc.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Council Discussion

Mr. Lilly spoke on the matter.

Public Works/Wastewater Director Sam Scholle spoke on the matter.

Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr., spoke on the matter.

Mr. Jody Fahrig spoke on the matter.

Discussion: to table File No. 2014-0162

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, to table File No. 2014-0162. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 1 - Hogan

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

[2014-0163](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, to revise Chapter 15, Section 15-9 (a)(12), Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Speed Limits, to provide an exception to the fifteen (15) Miles Per Hour Speed Limit, to lower the speed limit on **Kliner Road in Des Allemands to ten (10) miles per hour.**

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. David Wedge, Bayou Gauche

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 14-6-2

Council Discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 7 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Hogan, Cochran and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 1 - Fletcher

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

Enactment No: 14-6-2

[2014-0164](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12. Libraries, by adding Section 12-4. Library Board of Control, to reorganize the St. Charles Parish Library Board of Control to increase the membership of the Board to seven (7) regular members to establish representation from each of the seven (7) council districts.

Sponsors: Ms. Fletcher

Discussion: to accept the revised version of File No. 2014-0164

A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Woodruff, to accept the revised version of File No. 2014-0164. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

Enactment No: 14-6-3

[2014-0164](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12. Libraries, by adding Section 12-4. Library Board of Control, to reorganize the St. Charles Parish Library Board of Control to increase the membership of the Board to seven (7) regular members to establish representation from each of the seven (7) council districts.

Sponsors: Ms. Fletcher

Reported:

Councilwoman Fletcher Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 14-6-3

Council Discussion

Amendment: to amend the proposed ordinance under "SECTION I., SECTION 12-4" to add at the end of the last paragraph "Members shall serve for no more than two (2) consecutive terms."

Further Council Discussion

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Schexnaydre, to amend File No. 2014-0164. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

Enactment No: 14-6-3

[2014-0164](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12. Libraries, by adding Section 12-4. Library Board of Control, to reorganize the St. Charles Parish Library Board of Control to increase the membership of the Board to seven (7) regular members to establish representation from each of the seven (7) council districts.

Sponsors: Ms. Fletcher

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AS AMENDED

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

Enactment No: 14-6-3

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN TABLED

[2014-0120](#)

An ordinance directing the Parish President to secure the permanent servitudes required for the future maintenance of the Parish maintained drainage along the western side of St. Gertrude Catholic Church from LA 631 Spur (Old U.S. 90) to the Grand Marais and to complete the installation of the subsurface drainage to the Grand Marais.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan and Ms. Schexnaydre

Tabled.

[2014-0151](#)

A resolution to appoint a member to the Library Service District Board of Control.

Chairman Fisher-Perrier announced that File No. 2014-0151 is no longer valid.

Tabled.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

[2014-0173](#)

Mr. Jody Fahrig: Opposition to proposed Ordinance 2014-0162

Mr. Fahrig addressed the council during public hearing on File No. 2014-0162; an ordinance to approve and authorize the Lafourche Basin Levee District to purchase and/or expropriate the necessary real estate interests to construct the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee, Phase I - Magnolia Ridge, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, and to authorize the transfer of the necessary funding thereof.

Heard

[2014-0174](#)

Mr. David Wedge: progress of the Sunset Drainage District, Closing of Hwy. 306 for filming, Airport Committee, Ethics, Income from the Airport, Audit if sales tax from the airport.

Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe spoke on the matter.

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

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

Heard

RESOLUTIONS

[2014-0179](#)

A resolution providing mandatory supporting authorization to endorse the resubdivision of Lots 12-A & 14-A of the Booker T. Washington Subdivision into Lots 12-B & 14-B at 438 and 430 S. Kinler Street, Boutte, and to waive the minimum lot size for proposed lot 14-B, as requested by Russell Diggs, Sr.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval w/Stipulation Approval of the resubdivision with a waiver to the minimum area requirement for proposed Lot 14-B

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval w/Stipulation Approval of the resubdivision with a waiver to the minimum area requirement for proposed Lot 14-B

Council Discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

Enactment No: 6085

APPOINTMENTS

[2014-0167](#)

Council Appointment to the River Region Caucus.

Vacancy Announced

[2014-0168](#)

Council Appointment to the River Region Caucus.

Vacancy Announced

[2014-0169](#)

Council Alternate Appointment to the River Region Caucus.

Vacancy Announced

[2014-0170](#)

Council Alternate Appointment to the River Region Caucus.

Vacancy Announced

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to suspend Council Rule No. 1 to extend the meeting past 10:00 pm to complete the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Hogan, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Benedetto and Cochran

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Fletcher, to deviate from the regular order of the agenda to take up Meetings, Announcements, Notices, Etc. prior to going into executive session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Hogan, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Benedetto and Cochran

Chairman Fisher-Perrier read the Meetings, Announcements, Notices, Etc.

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

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL

[2014-0182](#)

Executive Session: Housing Authority

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

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

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

Heard in Executive Session

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

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:08 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Tiffany K. Clark
Council Secretary