



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
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Final

Council Chairman Bob Fisher
Councilmembers Michael A. Mobley, Holly Fonseca,
La Sandra D. Wilson, Heather Skiba, Walter Pilié,
Willie Comardelle, Michelle O'Daniels, Michele deBruler

Monday, September 23, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 9 - Michael A. Mobley, Holly Fonseca, La Sandra D. Wilson, Heather Skiba, Walter Pilié, Willie Comardelle, Michelle O'Daniels, Bob Fisher, and Michele deBruler

Also Present

Parish President Matthew Jewell, Legal Services Director Corey Oubre, Legal Services Assistant Director Robert Raymond, Chief Administrative Officer Mike Palamone, Chief Operations Officer Darrin Duhe, Executive Director of Technology and Cybersecurity Anthony Ayo, Interim Director of Communications/Public Information Officer Francesca Holt Blanchard, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Emergency Preparedness Director Jason Tastet, Public Works Director Miles Bingham, Wastewater Director David deGeneres, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Economic Development & Tourism Director Corey Faucheux, Parks and Recreation Director Duane Foret, Gabrielle Wood, Public Information Office

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Pastor Thomas Hines
Hope Church, Destrehan

Chairman Fisher made statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Skiba, seconded by Councilmember deBruler, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 9, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2024-0290](#)

Board of Review

Sponsors: Mr. Fisher

Chairman Fisher spoke on the matter.
Legal Services Director Corey Oubre spoke on the matter.

Chairman Fisher announced receipt of the following Assessment appeals:

*Walgreens, 13500 Hwy. 90, Boutte, LA

No one was present to address the Board regarding the aforementioned appeals for the 2024 property tax assessment.

*Jasmine, LLC (Walgreens), 13500 Hwy. 90, Boutte, LA

No one was present to address the Board regarding the aforementioned appeals for the 2024 property tax assessment.

*Village Shopping Center Partnership (O'Reilly Auto Parts), 13352 Hwy. 90, Boutte, LA

No one was present to address the Board regarding the aforementioned appeals for the 2024 property tax assessment.

*Monsanto Company, 12501 River Rd., Luling, LA

Mr. William Marchbanks, DuCharme, McMillen & Associates, representing Monsanto Company, spoke on the matter.

Council Discussion

Mr. Tab Troxler, Assessor, addressed the Board of Review regarding the appeals.

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember deBruler, to accept and certify the 2024 Assessment Roll as submitted by the Assessor to the Louisiana Tax Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Moblely, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Certified Assessment List

[2024-0306](#)

In Recognition: Jade Elizabeth Chabaud, 2024 Miss Alligator Festival Queen

Sponsors: Ms. Wilson

Read

[2024-0307](#)

In Recognition: Miley Grace Daley, 2024 Teen Alligator Festival Queen

Sponsors: Ms. Skiba

Read

[2024-0308](#)

Proclamation: Alligator Weekend in St. Charles Parish
In Recognition: Mr. Charlie Chauvin - "Mr. Alligator"

Sponsors: Ms. Fonseca

Read

[2024-0309](#)

Proclamation: "National See Tracks? Think Train® Week"

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Read

[2024-0310](#)

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

Sponsors: Ms. O'Daniels

Read

[2024-0311](#)

Proclamation: "Domestic Violence Awareness Month"

Sponsors: Mr. Fisher

Read

[2024-0312](#)

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

Sponsors: Ms. deBruler

Read

[2024-0313](#)

Proclamation: "National 4-H Week"

Sponsors: Mr. Fisher

Read

[2024-0314](#)

Proclamation: "Fire Prevention Week"

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Read

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2024-0315](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Parish President Matthew Jewell reported.

President Jewell invited Emergency Preparedness Director Jason Tastet to the podium to speak on the matter.

Mr. Tastet spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Fonseca spoke on the matter.

Councilman Pilié spoke on the matter.

President Jewell spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Wilson spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman deBruler spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman O'Daniels 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, OCTOBER 7, 2024, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2024-0318](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from O-L to R-1A on Tracts 1 and 2, Flagville Subdivision, 201 Joe Louis Lane, Hahnville as requested by Suzanne Imbraguglio.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 7, 2024

[2024-0320](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 2 for the Destrehan Pump Station (P.S.) No. 2 Conveyance Improvements, (Project No. P181101), to decrease the contract amount by \$45,522.00 and increase the contract time by 82 calendar days.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 7, 2024

[2024-0321](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from O-L and R-1A(M) to R-1M on Lot DZ-1, 10577 River Road, Ama as requested by Craig and Melissa Perrier for Bayou Bahamas, LLC.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 7, 2024

[2024-0322](#)

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 Lot 31A, Square 1, St. Charles Terrace Annex Subdivision, 175 Annex Street, New Sarpy as requested by Malcolm Darensbourg, III, for M.A.D. III, LLC.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 7, 2024

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[2024-0201](#)

An ordinance to approve and adopt the appropriation of Funds for the St. Charles Parish Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Finance

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 29, 2024

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

[2024-0298](#)

An ordinance creating the “Highway 90 Economic Development District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana” to encourage economic development projects in accordance with and as authorized by Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; defining the boundaries thereof; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Reported:

Economic Development & Tourism Department Recommended: Approval
Economic Development and Tourism Director Corey Fauchaux spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 24-9-6

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 24-9-6

[2024-0299](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, to revise Chapter 3, Alcoholic Beverages, Article I., In General, Sec. 3-1., Location restrictions. (a) to add a procedure allowing the Parish Council to waive the 500 foot distance requirement for the issuance of a retailer (package house) alcohol license.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval
Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 24-9-7

Council Discussion
Mr. Albert spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 24-9-7

[2024-0302](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 2 (Final) for the Primrose Canal Cleaning and Improvements - Phase 1A (Project No. P210202), to increase the contract amount by \$30,720.00 and increase the contract time by 6 days.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval
Public Works Director Miles Bingham spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 24-9-8

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 24-9-8

[2024-0303](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Contract with NCMC, LLC for the Destrehan Wastewater Treatment Plant Aeration Basin Rehabilitation (Project No. S211202), in the amount of \$3,952,000.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Wastewater

Reported:

Wastewater Department Recommended: Approval
Wastewater Director David deGeneres spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 24-9-9

Council Discussion

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.
Mr. deGeneres spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 24-9-9

[2024-0304](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Contract with Jones Construction Solutions, LLC, for the East Bank Bridge Park Improvements (Project No. RECEBI23), in the amount of \$3,693,000.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Parks and Recreation

Reported:

Parks and Recreation Department Recommended: Approval
Parks and Recreation Director Duane Foret spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 24-9-10

Council Discussion

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.
Mr. Foret spoke on the matter.
Legal Services Director Corey Oubre spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 24-9-10

[2024-0305](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8, Elections, Sec. 8-2., Visible voting precinct boundaries and polling places., to provide for a permanent change of Polling Places for Precincts 4-1 and 4-1A.

Sponsors: Mr. Comardelle

Reported:

Councilman Comardelle Recommended: Approval
Councilman Comardelle spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 24-9-11

Amendment: To amend the proposed ordinance adding verbiage authorizing the Parish President to execute the Polling Lease Agreement.

A motion was made by Councilmember Comardelle, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to Amend File No. 2024-0305. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 24-9-11

Amended

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[2024-0305](#)

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Sponsors: Mr. Comardelle

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 24-9-11

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AS AMENDED

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 24-9-11

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

[2024-0316](#)

Mr. Drew Childs: Nuclear Regulatory Commission 2023 Assessment of Waterford, Unit 3

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

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Time Extended

Councilwoman Fonseca spoke on the matter.
Mr. Childs spoke on the matter.
Councilman Pilié spoke on the matter.
Chairman Fisher spoke on the matter.

Heard

RESOLUTIONS

[2024-0317](#)

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, Norco Fresh Market on Apple Street, Winn Dixie at 12519 Airline Drive (U.S. 61), and River Road Market at 13572 River Road, on October 18th and 19th or October 25th and 26th, 2024, between the hours of 8:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Sponsors: Mr. Fisher

Reported:

Councilman Fisher Recommended: Approval
Councilman Fisher spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6794

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Skiba, seconded by Councilmember O'Daniels, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:20 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Moblely, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary