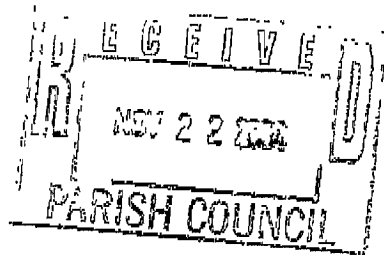


2004-0467

PETITION TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

St. Charles Parish Council Chairman Today's Date: 11/19/04  
P. O. Box 302  
Hahnville, LA 70057  
(985) 783-5000



Dear Chairman:

Please place my name to address the Council on:

DATE: DEC 6, 2004  
SPECIFIC TOPIC: PROPOSED BALLPARK IN DES ALLEMANDS

one subject only

(\*see specific guidelines on reverse and refer to

Parish Charter- Article VII., Sec. I.)

DOCUMENTS, IF ANY: YES  NO

NAME: PAUL HOGAN

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 250

Des Allemands, LA 70030

PHONE: 504-615-4862

SIGNATURE: [Signature]

Dear Constituent: Thank you for your active participation. Your views and comments will be considered by the Council in making our decisions. The Council has a considerable amount of business to conduct in a limited amount of time, therefore, please note the following items that are expected of you:

The Home Rule Charter provides for citizens to address the Council. It makes no provision for initiating debate, discussion, or question and answer sessions with Councilmembers or Administration Officials. Your right is also guaranteed to examine public documents as you prepare your presentation. Should you have any questions for Councilmembers and/or Department Heads as you prepare, please forward such inquiries to the Council Office to insure a timely response. Should you wish to speak to any Official or Department personally, a complete list of contact information will be furnished at your request.

Please be brief and limit your comments to the specific subject matter on which you have requested to address the Council.

Please forward supporting documents to the Council Secretary for distribution to the Parish Council before your scheduled appearance in order for the Council to prepare themselves, if necessary.

Upon completion of your allotted time to address the Council, please respect the time given to Council members to respond to your comments by not interrupting or interjecting remarks.

Slanderous remarks and comments will not be tolerated. If slanderous remarks or comments are made, your opportunity to address the Council will end, regardless of the remaining time left to address the Council.

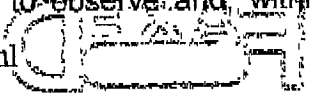
Repetitious comments and subject matter will be strictly limited.

A confirmation letter will follow when your name is placed on the agenda.

Sincerely,  
LANCE MARINO  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

RIGHT TO DIRECT PARTICIPATION  
COUNCIL GUIDELINES

No person shall be denied the right to observe and, within Council guidelines, to  
<http://www.st-charles.la.us/council/Righttoletter.html>



Council (person to address the Council); p. 12 (Des Allemands park site)

DRAFT SPEECH FOR DECEMBER 6, 2004 COUNCIL MEETING

Good evening Council,

DEC 2 2004  
PARISH COUNCIL

My public comment on this issue will start with a list of questions:

Why did Councilman Marino introduce this ordinance to buy property in Councilman Walls district instead of Councilman Walls who has been relentless in wanting to secure that site and no other?

What changed the Council's mind on having a meeting with me and the local community after the Council saw the public outcry at the October 18 Council meeting?

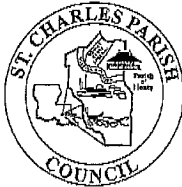
What caused Councilman Marino to go from "seeing the need for a meeting due to public concerns with the J.B. Green site" to "taking the lead on the purchase of the J.B. Green site" for our Councilman?

What is the real reason behind the Council wanting to buy this property?

Who are you buying it for since the community does not want it as they keep telling you and as I have been telling you for 2-1/2 years?

Why are you buying it since the community does not want it?

Why would this Council want to provide a site on a street that the community does not



**PARISH OF ST. CHARLES**  
OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL SECRETARY

December 1, 2004

Mr. Paul J. Hogan  
P.O. Box 250  
Des Allemands, LA 70030

Dear Mr. Hogan:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence asking to address the Parish Council.

Please be advised that your name has been placed on the Agenda for the meeting to be held Monday, December 6, 2004, 6:00 P.M., Council Chambers, Courthouse, Hahnville.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us.

Sincerely,

BARBARA JACOB-TUCKER  
COUNCIL SECRETARY

BJT/sm

cc: Parish Council

Why does the Council want to purchase this site which is across the street from M-1 zoned property which already has an existing facility which stores chlorine gas on site from time to time?

Why does this Council want to provide a site that is completely wooded that will cost the taxpayer a substantial amount of money to remove the trees and stumps to an offsite location?

Why does this Council want to purchase a piece of property that is an old slough that flood every time it rains and that will cost the taxpayers a substantial amount of money to fill to make it useable?

Why did this Council and especially Councilman Walls refuse to answer my questions for the last four months on what the total cost would be to purchase, clear, and fill the site?

Is it because it would show that the total cost would be well above the Parish's cost to purchase the property I offered?

Is it because it would end up costing Councilman Wall's uncle the sale of the J.B. Green site?

Is there any other reason why Councilman Walls would adamantly refuse to find out what the total cost would be?

Should the Parish purchase property that is not in the best financial interest of the taxpayers?

Should the Parish purchase property before it confirms that it's not in the best interest of the taxpayers?

Why has Councilman Walls refused to sit with me to discuss this issue as I requested of him since he took office?

Is it because to do see the light and to do the right thing would end up costing Councilman Wall's uncle the sale of the J.B. Green site?

I offered to sell the 50 year old 2-1/2 acre Old Spanish Trail Ballpark that the community wants for \$51,400 along with me giving a charitable donation equal to the difference in that price and what the property is worth today. Its cleared and ready for immediate use with no additional cost. It does not flood. Its what the community wants.

Why has this 4-month old offer never been considered or discussed with me?

Why was the meeting to discuss and try to work thing out never held with me?

Is this proposed purchase being done out of spite?

Name one positive physical characteristic about the J.B. Green site compared to the site I offered?

Name one positive financial aspect about the J.B. Green site taking into consideration what it will cost to improve the site as compared to cost of the site I offered?

The purchase of this property is not in the best interest of this community as they told you in a petition with over 70 signatures back in May and as they told you once again at the October 18 Council meeting. This Council chose to ignore them each time. The purchase of this property is not in the best interest of the taxpayers as my offer proves. The only possible way this Council can possible try and justify this site as being in the best financial interest of the taxpayers would be to claim that it will not cost any additional money because the Parish can clear and fill the site using Parish personnel. For that to be the case, it would mean that the workers work for free, the trucks and equipment were free, the fuel is free, the insurance is free, the supervision is free, the disposal of the trees and stumps in a landfill is free, the dirt to fill the site is free, and so on.

Since none of this stuff is free, the total cost would have to be less that \$13,200 for this to be the better deal. But how can it be? Just the dirt needed to fill the site will cost twice that much.

The site I offered was used as a ballpark by the community for over 50 years. It's cleared. It does not flood. It has people living all around it. It's centrally located. It's what the community wants. It's the all around better deal that this Council seems to refuse to want to accept out of spite or due to the relationship with the J.B. Green property owner. There is no other logical reason!

This Council needs to get over any hang-ups it has and do what's best for this community and the taxpayers.

And lastly, If this passes, the three people that the community can thank and needs to remember for not saving the Old Spanish Trail Ballpark is our past Councilman Terry Authement, our current Councilman Derryl Walls, and Reverend Mitch Bolden of the Antioch Baptist Church.