



# St. Charles Parish

## Meeting Minutes

### Parish Council

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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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Tuesday, January 22, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

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### ATTENDANCE

**Present** 6 - Paul J. Hogan, Mary K. Clulee, John R. 'Dick' Gibbs, William Woodruff, Marilyn B. Bellock, and Julia Fisher-Perrier

**Absent** 3 - Wendy Benedetto, Terrell D. Wilson, and Traci A. Fletcher

### Also Present

Parish President Larry Cochran, Executive Secretary Robin Delahoussaye, Legal Services Director Robert Raymond, Chief Administrative Officer Billy Raymond, Executive Director Darrin Duhe, Executive Director Dwayne LaGrange, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchoux, Senior Projects Manager Sam Scholle, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Earl Matherne, Planning Administrator, Parks and Recreation Director Duane Foret, Risk Management Officer Rechell Champagne, Justin Robert, Public Information Office

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm.

*Councilwoman Fletcher arrived in the meeting.*

### PRAYER / PLEDGE

Deacon Billy Raymond, Sr.  
Mt. Airy Baptist Church, Boutte

*Councilwoman Benedetto and Councilman Wilson arrived in the meeting.*

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Bellock, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 7, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yea:** 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

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

### [2019-0012](#)

In Recognition: "Share The Dream" 2018-2019 Essay Contest Winners:  
Category K-3: Jayden Young-1st Place; Riley Tero-2nd Place; Juliana Santos-3rd Place  
Category 4-6: Rhiley Bickham-1st Place; Chrishell Hitchens-2nd Place; Iyana Johnson-3rd Place  
Category 7-8: Nathanael Celestine-1st Place; Arinae Ellis-2nd Place; Taj Nash-3rd Place  
Category 9-12: Desiree Slaughter-Etter-1st Place; Alette Matthews-2nd Place; Virginia Huerta-3rd Place

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran

**Read**

### [2019-0013](#)

Proclamation: "Wear Red Day for Women in St. Charles Parish"

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran

**Read**

**REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)**

Discussion: to deviate from the regular order of the agenda to take up the Parish President's Report, which was not on the agenda per Chairman Fisher-Perrier.

Public comment opened on the deviation; no public comment

**A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Fletcher, to deviate from the regular order of the agenda to take up an item not on the agenda.**

**Yea:** 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

**Deviated**

In place of the Parish President's Report, Dr. Joseph Suhayda gave an update on the Flood Insurance, LAMP, Flood Map appeal since there was not enough time to present it at the Hurricane Protection Projects Committee Meeting held before tonight's Parish Council Meeting.

**Reported**

Public comment opened on the motion to return to the regular order of the agenda; no public comment

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

**Yea:** 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

**Returned**

[2019-0014](#)

Risk Management/Safety

Risk Management Officer Rechell Champagne

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, FEBRUARY 4, 2019, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:**

[2019-0007](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from C-2 to R-3 on Lots 5, south half of 6, north half of 6, and an 18.5 foot portion of Lot 7, Square 2, Good Hope Plantation Subdivision as requested by Supreme Developers, LLC.

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

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 4, 2019**

[2019-0008](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from C-3 to R-3 on Lots 3, 4, 14, 15, Block 6, Almedia or Mosella Subdivision as requested by Brennen and Melissa Friloux.

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

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 4, 2019**

[2019-0009](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, Section III, Definitions, to revise the definitions of child daycare center and child daycare home and to revise Section XXII. Regulations for Home Occupations, to clarify the regulations for child care.

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

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 4, 2019**

[2019-0010](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of Change Order No. 1 and Final for the LA 18 Cast Iron Water Main Replacement, Phase II (Project No. WWKS 89) to increase the contract time by 8 calendar days and to decrease the contract amount by \$33,743.44.

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

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 4, 2019**

[2019-0015](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for the Parish of St. Charles, Appendix A, Zoning Ordinance of 1981, Section III. Definitions by adding Lawn Care Service, and amending Section VI. Zoning district criteria and regulations, A. Open Land District, [I.] O-L. Open Land District, 1. Use Regulations, a., by adding (13) for Lawn Care Service, and amending Section VII. Supplemental use and performance regulations, 1. by adding Lawn Care Service.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Hogan

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 4, 2019**

[2019-0018](#)

An ordinance requesting authorization for St. Charles Parish to award a Data Collection and Reporting Professional Services Agreement for the Upper Barataria Basin Risk Reduction Study, a critical part of the USACE Chief's Report for UBBRR Levee Alignment, SCP Project # P190101.

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

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 4, 2019**

[2019-0019](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Agreement between St. Charles Parish and Murray Architects, Inc. to provide design services for the Killona Community Center to be located at 210 A Hwy. 3141, Killona.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran and General Government Buildings

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 4, 2019**

[2019-0020](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV. Finance, Division 1. Generally, Section 2-75. Reimbursement of Legal Fees and Attorney’s Fees as a result of a Criminal, Civil, and/or Ethics Complaint and/or Investigation.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Gibbs

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 4, 2019**

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

[2019-0002](#)

An ordinance to amend the 2019 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget, Amendment No. 1, to add grant revenues totaling \$538,486 and expenditures totaling \$1,012,154 for the Roads and Drainage Fund - Fund 112 for Engineer’s Pump Station Improvements not completed in 2018, and to add expenditures totaling \$549,654 for the Paradis Gate in Capital Projects Fund 310 (West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee unexpended in 2018).

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

Reported:

Finance Department Recommended: Approval

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 19-1-9

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Yea:** 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 19-1-9

[2019-0003](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Agreement between St. Charles Parish and Bec's at the Lake Restaurant and Catering to provide Professional Concessions Services at the Edward A. Dufresne Community Center and the St. Charles Parish Westbank Bridge Park.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran and Department of Parks and Recreation

Reported:

Parks & Recreation Department Recommended: Approval

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 19-1-10

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Yea:** 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 19-1-10

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

[2019-0011](#)

Ms. Leah Guidry: Planning & Zoning Codes - Where is Code Enforcement - Obvious Violations

Chairman Fisher-Perrier advised Ms. Guidry to stay on topic.

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

**Heard**

[2019-0017](#)

Mr. Julian S. Madere: Sunset drain District, Levees, and Internal Canal

Councilman Woodruff spoke on the matter.

Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.

Councilman Hogan spoke on the matter.

**Heard**

**RESOLUTIONS**

[2019-0005](#)

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 Lot 9, Block L, Good Hope Subdivision, municipal address 332 Apple Street, Norco as requested by Bliss Davis.

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

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Denial

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval w/Stipulation Approval with stipulation that when the ADU is completed and their current home is sold, the applicants are to reside in the primary structure within 3 years.

Public comment opened

Mr. Chris Borgason, Destrehan

Council Discussion

Mr. Borgason spoke on the matter.

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Yea:** 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 6391



[2019-0006](#)

A resolution providing supporting authorization to endorse a waiver from the geometric standards regarding lot arrangement.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Gibbs

Reported:

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

Public comment opened

Mr. Joey Murray, Murray Architects, representing MHI Investments, LLC, St. Rose

Council Discussion

Legal Services Director Robert Raymond spoke on the matter.  
Mr. Albert spoke on the matter.  
Mr. Earl Matherne, Planning Administrator, spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Hogan

Enactment No: 6392

[2019-0016](#)

A resolution in support of the Joint Resolution introduced by U. S. Senator Ted Cruz proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Hogan and Ms. Bellock

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval  
Councilwoman Bellock Recommended: Approval  
Councilman Hogan spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

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

**Yea:** 3 - Hogan, Woodruff and Bellock

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

**Failed**

Chairman Fisher-Perrier recognized two Boy Scouts in the audience from Troop 370.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Bellock, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:16 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Wilson

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

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**Michelle Impastato  
Council Secretary**