



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

Monday, February 18, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 9 - Wendy Benedetto, Paul J. Hogan, Terrell D. Wilson, Mary K. Clulee, John R. 'Dick' Gibbs, William Woodruff, Marilyn B. Bellock, Traci A. Fletcher, and Julia Fisher-Perrier

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 Faucheux, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Grants Officer Carla Chiasson, Parks and Recreation Director Duane Foret, Justin Robert, Public Information Office

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Pastor Tim Buford
First Baptist Church of Luling

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2019-0031](#)

Proclamation: "Krewe of G-Old-Timers Day"

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Read

[2019-0032](#)

Proclamation: "Krewe of Montz Day"

Sponsors: Ms. Fletcher

Read

[2019-0033](#)

Proclamation: "Hardline Mardi Gras Fest"

Sponsors: Ms. Clulee

Read

[2019-0034](#)

Proclamation: "Krewe of Lul Day"

Sponsors: Ms. Clulee

Read

[2019-0035](#)

In Recognition: Mr. Vernon Higgins and Mrs. Susette St. Amant Higgins -
2019 King and Queen, Krewe of Lul

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Read

[2019-0036](#)

In Recognition: Mr. Maurice A. Loupe, Jr. - 2019 Grand Marshall, Krewe of
Lul

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Read

[2019-0037](#)

Proclamation: "Krewe of Des Allemands Day"

Sponsors: Mr. Woodruff

Read

[2019-0038](#)

In Recognition: Mr. Michael Cortez and Mrs. Mary Ann Kraemer Cortez -
2019 King and Queen, Krewe of Des Allemands

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Read

[2019-0039](#)

In Recognition: Ms. Jane Fonseca - 2019 Grand Marshall, Krewe of Des Allemands

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Read

[2019-0040](#)

In Recognition: Ms. Ruby Peltier Fonseca - 2019 Grand Marshall, Krewe of Des Allemands

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Read

[2019-0041](#)

Peanut Butter Collection Drive - Mr. Austin Reeder, CEO, St. Charles Hospital

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Read

[2019-0043](#)

Proclamation: Trash Bash Cleanup and Recycling Awareness Day in St. Charles Parish

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Read

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2019-0050](#)

Department of Parks & Recreation/Community Center

Parks & Recreation Director Duane Foret

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, MARCH 11, 2019, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2019-0042](#)

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 along the southwest corner of Easy Street and Touchard Lane in Des Allemands.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on March 11, 2019

[2019-0044](#)

An ordinance to rescind Resolution No. 6392 providing supporting authorization to endorse a waiver from the geometric standards regarding lot arrangement.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on March 11, 2019

[2019-0051](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 2 (Final) for the St. Charles Parish Courthouse Chiller Replacement Project #GB-07-1-17 to decrease the contract amount by \$100,000.00 and increase the contract time by 60 days.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and General Government Buildings

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on March 11, 2019

Enactment No: 19-3-1

[2019-0052](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Contract between Witt O'Brien's, LLC and St. Charles Parish in the amount of \$83,946.00 to update the St. Charles Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan, FEMA PDMC-PJ-06-LA-2017-002.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Emergency Preparedness

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on March 11, 2019

Enactment No: 19-3-2

[2019-0053](#)

An ordinance to amend the dangerous dog laws found in the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 4, Animals and Fowl, Article I. In General, Section 4-1. Definitions., Section 4-6. Fierce, dangerous or vicious animal., Section 4-7. Penalties., Section 4-10. Keeping of animals not considered pets and keeping of exotic animals and to add Section 4-6.1. Animal Classification Appeals Committee., and Section 4-6.2. Liability insurance, liability bond, property surety bond for dangerous dogs.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Animal Control

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on March 11, 2019

Enactment No: 19-3-3

[2019-0054](#)

An ordinance to assign the name "Union Carbide Loop" to a private drive approximately 11,815 feet long off LA Highway 3142 which accesses several locations that should be in the E-911 address system.

Sponsors: Mr. Wilson

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on March 11, 2019

Enactment No: 19-3-4

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

[2019-0026](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of Change Order No. 5 for the Norco Library Renovation/Addition located at 590 Apple Street in Norco to decrease the contract amount by \$52.75 and increase the contract time by 12 days.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval
Ms. Leann Benedict, Library Director, spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 19-2-8

Council Discussion
Ms. Benedict spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 19-2-8

[2019-0027](#)

An ordinance to adopt the *St. Charles Parish Comprehensive Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan*.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval
Speakers:

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 19-2-9

Council Discussion
Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.
Mr. Gavin Gillen, Civil Engineer, All South Consulting Engineers, LLC spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 19-2-9

[2019-0028](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Professional Service Multi-Phase Project Contract with Civil & Environmental Consulting Engineers, for providing all necessary professional engineering services for a 1,270-foot road extension of the Rue La Cannes roadway. (Parish Project Number P190102).

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 19-2-10

Council Discussion

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

Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.

Councilman Hogan motioned to make the execution of the contract contingent upon getting approval from DOTD to cross the State right-of-way; motion failed for lack of a second.

At the request of Parish President Larry Cochran, Mr. Danny Hebert with Civil & Environmental Consulting Engineers, spoke on the matter.

Further Council Discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 1 - Hogan

Enactment No: 19-2-10

[2019-0029](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Engineering Services Contract between Civil & Environmental Consulting Engineers and St. Charles Parish for the design of a Dog Park near the St. Charles Parish Animal Shelter.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Parks and Recreation

Reported:

Parks & Recreation Department Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 19-2-11

Council Discussion
Parks & Recreation Director Duane Foret spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 1 - Hogan

Enactment No: 19-2-11

[2019-0030](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a professional service contract with Digital Engineering, for providing all necessary professional engineering services for a hydrologic/hydraulic analysis of the Ormond Oaks area. (Parish Project Number P180802).

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Reported:
Public Works Department Recommended: Approval
Speakers:
Mr. Walter Pilie, Destrehan

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

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 19-2-12

Time Extended

Enactment No: 19-2-12

Speakers:
Ms. Tina Berteau, Destrehan
Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville
Mr. Victor Buccola, Destrehan

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 19-2-12

Council Discussion
Mr. Pilie spoke on the matter.
President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.
Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchoux spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 19-2-12

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 Landscaping Service Business and Lawn Care Service Business, 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) Lawn Care / Landscaping Businesses, and amending Section VII. Supplemental use and performance regulations, 1. by adding Lawn Care / Landscaping Businesses.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Reported:

- P & Z Department Recommended: Denial
 - Planning Commission Recommended: Denial
 - Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval
- Councilman Hogan spoke on the matter.

Amendment: to amend the proposed ordinance to change "Lawn Care / Landscaping Businesses" to "Lawn Care Service" throughout the proposed ordinance and to amend in "SECTION I." to read "Lawn Care Service: A business offering gardening and lawn maintenance activities, such as mowing lawn and overgrowth, edging, weeding, or trimming of hedges and shrubbery."

Chairman Fisher-Perrier asked Legal Services Director Robert Raymond if the proposed amendments are significant.

Mr. Raymond stated that the changes are not significant.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to Amend File No. 2019-0015. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 19-2-13

Amended

Enactment No: 19-2-13

[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) Lawn Care Service, and amending Section VII. Supplemental use and performance regulations, 1. by adding Lawn Care Service.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Speakers:

Mr. Steven Hafkesbring, St. Rose

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

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 19-2-13

Time Extended

Enactment No: 19-2-13

Speakers:

Ms. Anne Hafkesbring, St. Rose

Mr. Glen Nelson, St. Rose

Ms. Amy Hingle, Destrehan

Mr. Victor Buccola, Destrehan

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 19-2-13

Council Discussion

Councilman Hogan read into the record an email submitted by Mr. Tyrone Johnson on his behalf.

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

Ms. Hafkesbring spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AS AMENDED

Yea: 6 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 3 - Woodruff, Bellock and Fletcher

Enactment No: 19-2-13

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN TABLED

[2019-0025](#)

A resolution to rescind Resolution No. 6392 providing supporting authorization to endorse a waiver from the geometric standards regarding lot arrangement.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Councilman Hogan motioned to remove File No. 2019-0025 from the Table. Motion failed for the lack of a second.

Remained Tabled

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

[2019-0045](#)

Mr. Paul J. Hogan, PE: Resolution 2019-0025, Resolution 6392, Subdivision Regulations, Failure of our Governmental System

Heard

Chairman Fisher-Perrier began reading File No. 2019-0046. Councilwoman Fletcher called Point of Order stating that File No. 2019-0048 was skipped. Chairman Fisher-Perrier then moved back to File No. 2019-0048.

RESOLUTIONS

[2019-0048](#)

A resolution adopting the amended St. Charles Parish Citizen Participation Plan for implementation in the participation of all Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Programs for the Parish.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Grants Office

Reported:

Grants Office Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6394

[2019-0046](#)

A resolution of the St. Charles Parish Council, being the governing authority of the Sunset Drainage District, requesting that the Council Secretary advertise a Sunset Drainage District meeting to be held in the Council Chambers at 6:00 pm on Monday, February 25, 2019, Monday, March 6, 2019, or any other available days prior to April 1, 2019 which the Council Secretary finds she is able to schedule, to discuss compliance or lack thereof with the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and to get an update on the development of plans to address any areas of the Sunset Drainage District levee which have sank or may sink to below an acceptable elevation.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Council Discussion

Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.

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

Yea: 1 - Hogan

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

Failed

[2019-0049](#)

A resolution requesting that the Administration hire a firm to conduct a Phase I Environmental Study on the property proposed for donation for the new Des Allemands Boat Launch, that it advises the Council of who is selected to perform the study upon the selection being made, that it advises of the date they are released to begin the study, and that it provides a copy of the completed study upon it being provided to the administration, and provided there are no significant findings, that the administration immediately takes the steps needed to hire a surveyor to perform a land survey of the property and that it advises the Council of the surveyor selected once one has been selected.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Public comment not opened

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Benedetto, to Table File No. 2019-0049. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Tabled.

APPOINTMENTS

[2019-0047](#)

A resolution to appoint a member to the St. Charles Parish Library Board of Control as the District V Representative.

Vacancy Announced

Councilwoman Benedetto called Point of Order stating that on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, Dunleith Drive will be out of electricity from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm due to Entergy replacing poles.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Woodruff, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:55 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary