



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
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Final

Council Chairman Dick Gibbs
Councilmembers Wendy Benedetto, Holly Fonseca,
La Sandra Darensbourg Gordon, Mary K. Clulee, Nicky Dufrene,
Marilyn B. Bellock, Bob Fisher, Julia Fisher-Perrier

Monday, February 3, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 9 - Wendy Benedetto, Holly Fonseca, La Sandra Darensbourg Gordon, Mary K. Clulee, Dick Gibbs, Nicky Dufrene, Marilyn B. Bellock, Bob Fisher, and Julia Fisher-Perrier

Also Present

Parish President Matthew Jewell, Legal Services Director Corey Oubre, Chief Administrative Officer Mike Palamone, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Billy Raymond, Chief Operations Officer Darrin Duhe, Executive Director of Technology and Cybersecurity Anthony Ayo, Director of Communications/Public Information Officer Samantha de Castro, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works/Wastewater Director Miles Bingham, Wastewater Assistant Director L.J. Brady, Senior Projects Manager Sam Scholle, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Heather Keller, Public Information Office

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Reverend Earline Guidry (Retired Pastor)
St. Charles United Methodist Church, Destrehan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to approve the minutes from the Organizational Meeting held January 13, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2020-0043](#)

In Recognition: La Sandra Darensbourg Gordon, Planning & Zoning Commission

Sponsors: Ms. Fonseca

Read

[2020-0044](#)

In Recognition: Bob Fisher, Board of Adjustment

Sponsors: Ms. Benedetto

Read

[2020-0045](#)

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

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Read

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2020-0047](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Reported

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN GIBBS 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 17, 2020, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2020-0042](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 (Final) for Parish Project No. P080502-18A, Oak Street Pump Station Improvements, to balance the contract quantities with actual quantities resulting in a decrease of \$103,895.00 in contract price and an increase in the contract time by 42 days.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 17, 2020

Enactment No: 20-2-3

[2020-0046](#)

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 the east side of Early Street, between the road and the canal, from its intersection with Highway 90 to a distance of 140 feet northeastward in Paradis.

Sponsors: Mr. Dufrene

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 17, 2020

Enactment No: 20-2-4

[2020-0048](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of Change Order No. 2 and final for the Water Tower Demolition (Project No. WWKS 95) to increase the contract time by 15 calendar days.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Waterworks

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 17, 2020

Enactment No: 20-2-5

[2020-0049](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 2 for Parish Project No P160302-6, Road Maintenance 2019, to balance the contract quantities with actual quantities resulting in an increase of \$66,825.75 and an increase in time of seven (7) days.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 17, 2020

Enactment No: 20-2-6

[2020-0050](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Engineering Services Contract between Huseman & Associates, LLC and St. Charles Parish to perform electrical and mechanical consulting engineering services associated with the replacement of the HVAC Unit #5 at the St. Charles Parish Courthouse located at 15045 River Rd., Hahnville, LA 70057.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and General Government Buildings

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 17, 2020

Enactment No: 20-2-7

[2019-0413](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from O-L to R-1A on approximately 38.4 acres in Fashion Plantation near 14855 River Road, Hahnville, as requested by JCJR St. Charles, LLC and Highway 18, LLC.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 17, 2020

Enactment No: 20-2-2

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

[2020-0041](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No.1 (Final) for Ellington Levee- Phase II, Project No. P080905-5C, as part of the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee Project, to decrease the contract amount by \$631,029.87 and increase contract time by twenty three (23) days.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval
Senior Projects Manager Sam Scholle spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 20-2-1

Council Discussion
Mr. Scholle spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 20-2-1

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN TABLED[2019-0208](#)

A resolution of the St. Charles Parish Council in exercising its duty and obligation in performing checks and balances, requests that Parish President Larry Cochran acknowledge receipt of and responds in writing to what was requested in the letter dated January 24, 2019, sent by Mr. Paul J. Hogan, Councilman-at-Large of Division B, having subsequently been resent twenty-three (23) times over the last eleven (11) months as part of a follow-up letter dated June 5, 2019 with no response or acknowledgement of receipt having ever being received, relative to the Administration allowing the misuse of public equipment on private property where a parish employee used a Parish manlift to cut down a tree in his nephews back yard in Paradis, Louisiana.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

File No. 2019-0208 Postponed Indefinitely per Parish Council Rule 8. #8.
Ordinances/Resolutions Which Have Been Tabled [Shall only appear on two (2) subsequent regular meeting Agendas]

Postponed Indefinitely (Council Rule 8)

[2019-0209](#)

A resolution of the St. Charles Parish Council in exercising its duty and obligation in performing checks and balances, requests that Parish President Larry Cochran acknowledge receipt of and responds in writing to what was requested in the letter dated July 9, 2019, sent by Mr. Paul J. Hogan, Councilman-at-Large of Division B, having subsequently been resent twenty-two (22) times over the last five (5) months with no response or acknowledgement of receipt having ever being received, relative to the Administration performing clearing and digging a ditch for a subdivision developer in Hahnville, Louisiana, under the false pretense that the Parish had an historical servitude in the location where the work was performed.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

File No. 2019-0209 Postponed Indefinitely per Parish Council Rule 8. #8.
Ordinances/Resolutions Which Have Been Tabled [Shall only appear on two (2) subsequent regular meeting Agendas]

Postponed Indefinitely (Council Rule 8)

[2019-0402](#)

A resolution of the St. Charles Parish Council requesting that Parish Legal Advisor Robert Raymond advise the Council, immediately following the passing of this resolution, as to whether or not a public hearing must be held prior to tabling an agenda item, in light of R.S. 42:14 as was requested in a letter dated March 27, 2019, sent by Mr. Paul J. Hogan, Councilman-at-Large of Division B, having subsequently been resent twenty (20) times over the last nine (9) months with no response or acknowledgement of receipt having ever being received.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

File No. 2019-0402 Postponed Indefinitely per Parish Council Rule 8. #8.
Ordinances/Resolutions Which Have Been Tabled [Shall only appear on two (2) subsequent regular meeting Agendas]

Postponed Indefinitely (Council Rule 8)

[2019-0403](#)

A resolution requesting that the Planning & Zoning Department draft an ordinance to provide an exception to the four (4) feet fence height requirement for the front yard setbacks in cases where a lot exists from street to street between two (2) streets and has two (2) fronts, but one (1) frontage setback area is requested to be fenced off with a fence in excess of four (4) feet and used as a rear yard.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

File No. 2019-0403 Postponed Indefinitely per Parish Council Rule 8. #8.
Ordinances/Resolutions Which Have Been Tabled [Shall only appear on two (2) subsequent regular meeting Agendas]

Postponed Indefinitely (Council Rule 8)

[2019-0404](#)

A resolution requesting that the Planning & Zoning and Public Works Departments develop a procedure, to be codified by ordinance, which allows property owners to pave the street right-of-way located in front of their lot in order to provide for additional paved parking for their personal use within Parish right-of-ways.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

File No. 2019-0404 Postponed Indefinitely per Parish Council Rule 8. #8.
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Postponed Indefinitely (Council Rule 8)

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Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Councilwoman Benedetto explained her reason for abstaining.

A motion was made by Councilmember Clulee, seconded by Councilmember Darensbourg Gordon, to Remove File No. 2019-0413 from the Table and to Reintroduce File No. 2019-0413 for public hearing on February 17, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Benedetto

Enactment No: 20-2-2

Rmv'd and Reintroduced

Enactment No: 20-2-2

[2019-0236](#)

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 Floats, and amending Section IV. General provisions, by adding restrictions for Floats.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Remained Tabled

[2019-0411](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for the Parish of St. Charles, Appendix C, Subdivision Regulations of 1981, Section I. General. B. Definitions: Right-of-way, Section II. Subdivision procedure. E. Preliminary Plat Requirements. 2. Mandatory Plat Requirements t., F. Subdivision Construction. 2. Construction Plan Mandatory Submission Requirements b. Recreation Impact Acknowledgement., G. Final Plat Requirements. 2. Mandatory Submission Requirements. h. and o., 3. Final Plat/Additional Submission Requirements. c. Act of Dedication., H. Acceptance of Improvements. 1. Procedure., 2. Maintenance Agreement/Surety Bond., 4. b. Streets., Section III. Geometric standards. A. Streets. 3. Street Names: a. (6) Road, Street, Drive, or Avenue: and c. Extension of Existing Street., and Section IV. Design standards. E. Miscellaneous: 2. Traffic Control Signs, Signals, and Devices.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Remained Tabled

APPOINTMENTS

[2019-0379](#)

A resolution appointing Ms. Barbara M. Fuselier to the South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority Board.

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. BARBARA M. FUSELIER

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6467

[2020-0024](#)

A resolution appointing Ms. Katina Summers to the St. Charles Parish Board of Adjustment as the District VI Representative.

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. KATINA SUMMERS

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6468

[2020-0026](#)

A resolution to appoint a member to the St. Charles Parish Planning & Zoning Commission as the District I Representative.

Deferred

[2020-0035](#)

A resolution to appoint Mr. Corey Faucheux to the River Parishes Transit Authority.

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. COREY FAUCHEUX

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6469

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Dufrene, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:31 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

**Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary**