



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
Courthouse
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Final

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

Monday, October 18, 2021

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 9 - Beth A. Billings, 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, Legal Services Assistant Director Robert Raymond, Chief Administrative Officer Mike Palamone, Executive Director of Technology and Cybersecurity Anthony Ayo, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works/Wastewater Director Miles Bingham, Wastewater Assistant Director David deGeneres, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Earl Matherne, Planning Administrator, Grants Officer Carla Chiasson, Alissa Cavaretta, Public Information Office, Eric Zurcher, Public Information Office

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Reverend Earline Guidry
St. Charles United Methodist Church, Destrehan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember Fisher, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of August 23, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2021-0253](#)

Proclamation: "George Prince Ferry Memorial Day"

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Read

[2021-0254](#)

Proclamation: "Domestic Violence Awareness Month"

Sponsors: Ms. Bellock

Read

[2021-0255](#)

Proclamation: United Way Month in St. Charles Parish

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Read

[2021-0256](#)

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

Sponsors: Ms. Bellock

Read

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2021-0261](#)

Department of Public Works

Public Works/Wastewater Director Miles Bingham

Reported

[2021-0244](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Parish President Matthew Jewell called DRC Emergency Services to come up to the podium to speak regarding debris collection update.
DRC Emergency Services reported on the matter.
Councilwoman Darensbourg Gordon spoke on the matter.
Councilman Fisher spoke on the matter.
Chairman Bellock spoke on the matter.

President Jewell continued with his report.

President Jewell called Cox Communications to come up to the podium to speak regarding service update.
Cox Communications reported on the matter.
Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier spoke on the matter.
Councilman Dufrene spoke on the matter.
Councilwoman Darensbourg Gordon spoke on the matter.
President Jewell spoke on the matter.
Cox Communications spoke on the matter.
Councilman Fisher spoke on the matter.

Reported

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN BELLOCK AUTHORIZED THAT THE ORDINANCE, HAVING BEEN PRESENTED FOR INTRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, AND NOT REJECTED BY TWO-THIRDS OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS, IS TO BE PUBLISHED IN SUMMARY FORM AS FOLLOWS IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL WITH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2021-0266](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Principal Engineering, Inc., to perform engineering services for River Point - River Village Drainage Improvements (Project No. P210805), not to exceed \$128,170.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on November 1, 2021

Enactment No: 21-11-1

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN BELLOCK AUTHORIZED THAT THE ORDINANCE, HAVING BEEN PRESENTED FOR INTRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, AND NOT REJECTED BY TWO-THIRDS OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS, IS TO BE PUBLISHED IN SUMMARY FORM AS FOLLOWS IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL WITH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021, 9:00 A.M.; WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021, 1:00 P.M.; AND MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2021-0159](#)

An ordinance to approve and adopt the appropriation of Funds for the St. Charles Parish Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2022.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Finance

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on November 9, 2021

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

[2021-0223](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Richard C. Lambert Consultants, LLC., (RCLC), to perform engineering services for Barber Road Bank Stabilization (Project No. P210702), not to exceed \$243,028.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 21-10-2

Council Discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 21-10-2

[2021-0224](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. One (1) - FINAL for (Parish Project No. P190502), Schexnaydre Pump Station Improvements, to increase the contract amount by \$43,529.73, and increase the contract time by 88 days.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works/Wastewater

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 21-10-3

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 1 - Dufrene

Enactment No: 21-10-3

[2021-0232](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with WSP USA Inc., to perform engineering services for Oxidation Pond Hwy. 3127 (Project No. S190902), not to exceed \$192,000.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Wastewater Assistant Director David deGeneres spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 21-10-4

Council Discussion

Mr. deGeneres spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 21-10-4

[2021-0233](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Act of Sale by Dana A. Frickey through Designated Listing Firm GL Realty Group, LLC with Designated Agent Brandy D. Nichols for certain property located at 15090 River Road, Hahnville for the Hahnville Branch Library in the amount of \$625,000.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Reported:

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

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 21-10-5

Council Discussion

Ms. Benedict spoke on the matter.
Legal Services Director Corey Oubre spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 1 - Darensbourg Gordon

Enactment No: 21-10-5

[2021-0252](#)

An ordinance to suspend the enforcement of the Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Map elevation requirements for non-repetitive loss properties for a period of 12 months from the passage of this ordinance, for structures damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Ida.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 21-10-6

Council Discussion

Mr. Earl Matherne, Planning Administrator, spoke on the matter.
Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.
Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 21-10-6

RESOLUTIONS

[2021-0257](#)

A resolution to approve and authorize the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Louisiana Department of the Treasury and the State of Louisiana and St. Charles Parish regarding the allocation of \$950,000.00 to be utilized for infrastructure improvements and parks.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell, Grants Office and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Grants Office Recommended: Approval

Department of Public Works Recommended: Approval

Grants Officer Carla Chiasson spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6585

[2021-0258](#)

A resolution to approve and authorize the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Louisiana Department of the Treasury and the State of Louisiana and St. Charles Parish regarding the allocation of \$750,000.00 to be utilized for the Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway Extension.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell, Grants Office and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Grants Office Recommended: Approval

Department of Public Works Recommended: Approval

Grants Officer Carla Chiasson spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6586

[2021-0259](#)

A resolution to approve and authorize the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Louisiana Department of the Treasury and the State of Louisiana, and St. Charles Parish regarding the allocation of \$1,000,000.00 to be utilized for drainage improvements.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell, Grants Office and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Grants Office Recommended: Approval

Department of Public Works Recommended: Approval

Grants Officer Carla Chiasson spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6587

[2021-0260](#)

A resolution requesting the U. S. Postal Service change the zip code for the Town of Montz, Louisiana from 70068 to 70079, the existing zip code of Norco, Louisiana.

Sponsors: Mr. Fisher

Reported:

Councilman Fisher Recommended: Approval

Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6588

APPOINTMENTS

[2021-0226](#)

A resolution to appoint a member to The Industrial Development Board of the Parish of St. Charles.

Councilman Fisher nominated Mr. Ricky Bosco

Nomination(s) Accepted

Enactment No: 6591

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Dufrene, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2021-0226. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6591

Nomination(s) Closed

Enactment No: 6591

[2021-0227](#)

A resolution to appoint a member to The Industrial Development Board of the Parish of St. Charles.

Councilman Fisher nominated Mr. Robert A. Colon, Jr.

Nomination(s) Accepted

Enactment No: 6592

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember Billings, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2021-0227. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6592

Nomination(s) Closed

Enactment No: 6592

[2021-0228](#)

A resolution to appoint a member to The Industrial Development Board of the Parish of St. Charles.

Councilman Fisher nominated Mr. Corey Faucheux

Nomination(s) Accepted

Enactment No: 6593

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Billings, to Close Nomination(s) for file No. 2021-0228. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6593

Nomination(s) Closed

Enactment No: 6593

[2021-0262](#)

A resolution appointing a member to the St. Charles Parish Board of Adjustment as the District II Representative.

Vacancy Announced

[2021-0263](#)

A resolution appointing a member to the St. Charles Parish Board of Adjustment as the District IV Representative.

Vacancy Announced

[2021-0264](#)

A resolution appointing a member to the St. Charles Parish Board of Adjustment as the District V Representative.

Vacancy Announced

[2021-0265](#)

A resolution appointing a member to the St. Charles Parish Board of Adjustment as the District VI Representative.

Vacancy Announced

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Darensbourg Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Fisher, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:05 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yea:** 9 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg 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