



# St. Charles Parish

## Meeting Minutes

### Parish Council

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### Final

**Council Chairman Dick Gibbs**  
**Councilmembers Bobby Donaldson, Holly Fonseca,**  
**La Sandra Darenbourg Gordon, Mary K. Clulee, Nicky Dufrene,**  
**Marilyn B. Bellock, Bob Fisher, Julia Fisher-Perrier**

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Monday, October 19, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

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### ATTENDANCE

**Present** 9 - Bobby Donaldson, Holly Fonseca, La Sandra Darenbourg 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, 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, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Dawn Higdon, Legal Assistant, Justin Robert, Public Information Office

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:11 pm due to committee meeting held prior to the council meeting.

### PRAYER

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

### PLEDGE

Faith Becnel

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A motion was made by Councilmember Bellock, seconded by Councilmember Darenbourg Gordon, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of October 5, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

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

[2020-0251](#)

Tribute: Honorable Wendy Benedetto, Councilwoman-At-Large, Division A

**Sponsors:** Ms. Fisher-Perrier, Mr. Donaldson, Ms. Fonseca, Ms. Darensbourg Gordon, Ms. Clulee, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Dufrene, Ms. Bellock and Mr. Fisher

Chairman Gibbs spoke on the matter.  
Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.  
Councilwoman Bellock spoke on the matter.  
Councilwoman Darensbourg Gordon spoke on the matter.

**Read**

[2020-0195](#)

In Recognition: Faith Becnel, 2020 American Idol Top 20 Contestant

**Sponsors:** Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Ms. Wendy Benedetto spoke on the matter.

**Read**

[2020-0304](#)

In Recognition: Valarie Berthelot, St. Charles Parish Council Office

**Sponsors:** Mr. Donaldson, Ms. Fonseca, Ms. Darensbourg Gordon, Ms. Clulee, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Dufrene, Ms. Bellock, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Public comment opened on the deviation; no public comment

**A motion was made by Councilmember Clulee, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to deviate from the regular order of the agenda to take up File No. 2020-0304; a matter not on the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Deviated**

Councilman Donaldson spoke on the matter.

**Read**

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

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

**Nay:** 0

**Returned**

[2020-0296](#)

Executive Session: 29th JDC No. 84,115-E - Progressive Waste Solutions of LA Inc. vs. St. Charles Parish

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell and Department of Legal Services

Public comment opened on the deviation; no public comment

**A motion was made by Councilmember Clulee, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to deviate from the regular order of the agenda to take up File No. 2020-0296. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Deviated**

Chairman Gibbs announced that all Councilmembers, Parish President Matthew Jewell, Legal Services Director Corey Oubre, Legal Services Assistant Director Robert Raymond, and Ms. Rochelle Champagne Fahrig, St. Charles Parish District Attorney’s Office will be in Executive Session.

**Heard in Executive Session**

Chairman Gibbs explained that File No. 2020-0296 29th JDC No. 84,115-E - Progressive Waste Solutions of LA Inc. vs. St. Charles Parish was discussed in Executive Session.

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

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

**Nay:** 0

**Returned**

**REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)**

[2020-0246](#)

Library Board of Control

Ms. Leann Benedict, Director

Councilwoman Fonseca spoke on the matter.  
Ms. Benedict spoke on the matter.  
Councilwoman Darensbourg Gordon spoke on the matter.  
Chairman Gibbs spoke on the matter.

**Reported**

[2020-0298](#)

Department of Legal Services

Legal Services Director Corey Oubre

Chairman Gibbs spoke on the matter.

**Reported**

[2020-0299](#)

Department of Public Works

Public Works/Wastewater Director Miles Bingham

Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.

Mr. Bingham spoke on the matter.

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Mr. Bingham thanked Director of Communications Samantha de Castro and her staff for creating the video.

Councilwoman Darensbourg Gordon spoke on the matter.

Chairman Gibbs spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier spoke on the matter.

Chief Administrative Officer Mike Palamone spoke on the matter.

Councilman Donaldson spoke on the matter.

Councilman Dufrene spoke on the matter.

**Reported**

[2020-0300](#)

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 ORDINANCE, 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 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020, 9:00 A.M.; THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2020, 6:00 P.M.; AND MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:**

[2020-0153](#)

An ordinance to approve and adopt the appropriation of Funds for the St. Charles Parish Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

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

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 27, 2020**

**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, NOVEMBER 2, 2020, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:**

[2020-0297](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from R-1A to R-1A(M) on Lots 63 and 64, Prospect Plantation Subdivision, approximately 4,800 square feet in New Sarpy, as requested by Lynette Lane.

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

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on November 2, 2020**

[2020-0301](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from C-2 to R-1A(M) on Lot 69-A-1A, Coteau de France or Ranson Tract Subdivision, approximately 1.3 acres in Des Allemands, as requested by Paul J. Hogan.

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

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on November 2, 2020**

[2020-0302](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from C-2 to R-1A on Lot 4, Square 4, Village of Hahnville, approximately .66 acres in Hahnville, as requested by A-1 Developers, LLC.

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

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on November 2, 2020**

[2020-0303](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the Parish President to execute a Servitude Amendment and Agreement on behalf of St. Charles Parish in favor of Chevron U.S.A. Inc., said servitude located adjacent to various canals within the Sunset Drainage District in Sections 10, 15, 22, 23, 26, 27, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 38, 39, 43, T14S-R20E and Sections 4, 5, 6, 9, T15SR20E.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on November 2, 2020**

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

[2020-0283](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a contract with LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC, for the Access Road and Parking Lot for Ed Reed Park (Project No. P171201) in the amount of \$221,785.00.

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

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 20-10-6

Council Discussion

Public Works/Wastewater Director Miles Bingham spoke on the matter.

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

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

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 20-10-6

[2020-0289](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to revise Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 15-9. Speed Limits (a) to provide an exception to the Twenty-five (25) Miles Per Hour Speed Limit, to lower the speed limit on **River Oaks Drive in Destrehan to fifteen (15) miles per hour.**

**Sponsors:** Ms. Darenbourg Gordon

Reported:

Councilwoman Darenbourg Gordon Recommended: Approval

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 20-10-7

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

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

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 20-10-7

[2020-0290](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Cooperative Agreement with the LSU Ag Center for the continued support of the St. Charles Parish Cooperative Extension Service through November 1, 2025.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Billy Raymond spoke on the matter.

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 20-10-8

Council Discussion

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

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

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 20-10-8

**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN TABLED**

[2020-0244](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, as amended, Section XV.D to rezoning requests to meet a minimum of two (2) rezoning guidelines and criteria in order to receive a recommendation for approval from Planning Staff.

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

**Remained Tabled**

[2020-0266](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the Parish President to execute a Lease agreement with Raven Land, LLC for the County Agent’s Office in St. Charles Parish.

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

File No. 2020-0266 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)**

**APPOINTMENTS**

[2020-0291](#)

Accept resignation of Mr. Trey Granier - St. Charles Parish Planning & Zoning Commission District III Representative

**Resignation Accepted by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Resignation Accepted**

[2020-0292](#)

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

Nominee:

Councilman Gibbs nominated Mr. David Schexnaydre

**Nomination(s) Accepted**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Fisher, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2020-0292. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Nomination(s) Closed**

[2020-0293](#)

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

**Vacancy Announced**

[2020-0294](#)

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

**Vacancy Announced**

[2020-0295](#)

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

**Vacancy Announced**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Bellock, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

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

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**Michelle Impastato  
Council Secretary**