



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, July 1, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 7 - Paul J. Hogan, Terrell D. Wilson, Mary K. Clulee, John R. 'Dick' Gibbs, William Woodruff, Traci A. Fletcher, and Julia Fisher-Perrier

Absent 2 - Wendy Benedetto, and Marilyn B. Bellock

Also Present

Parish President Larry Cochran, Legal Services Director Robert 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, Grants Officer Carla Chiasson, Interim Public Information Officer Adrienne Bourgeois, Justin Robert, Public Information Office

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm.

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Sister Kaviohn Lee
Fresh Faith Worship Center, New Sarpy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Clulee, seconded by Councilmember Fletcher, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 17, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Benedetto and Bellock

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2019-0197](#)

Proclamation: "Unity in the Community Pop-Up Shop Day"

Sponsors: Ms. Fletcher

Read

[2019-0202](#)

In Recognition: Ruben Bossier, St. Charles Parish Employee

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Read

[2019-0203](#)

In Recognition: Anthony Zeller, St. Charles Parish Employee

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Read

[2019-0204](#)

In Recognition: Rennan Duffour, St. Charles Parish Employee

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Read

[2019-0207](#)

In Recognition: Ronald Schindler, St. Charles Parish Employee

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Read

[2019-0198](#)

Proclamation: "243rd Anniversary of American Independence"

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Read

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)2019-0200

St. Charles Community Health Center

Mr. Mark Keiser, President/CEO, Access Health Louisiana, introduced Ms. Chatrian Kanger, Vice President of Population Health and Ms. Peggy Boris, Clinical Specialist, with the St. Charles Community Health Center.

Ms. Kanger gave the report.

Reported2019-0201

The Arc of St. Charles

Ms. Victoria Bryant, Executive Director
Ms. Maggie Guidry, Chief Operating Officer

Councilman Hogan spoke on the matter.
Chairman Fisher-Perrier spoke on the matter.

Reported

Chairman Fisher Perrier entertained a motion and a second to temporarily suspend Council Rule 14. and replace with the following:

No member may speak until recognized by the Chairman. The Chairman shall recognize members by order on the electronic voting system. If the electronic voting system is inoperable in whole or in part, or unavailable, then the Chairman shall name the member to speak in the order in which the requests are received. Each member shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoid personalities, and refrain from impugning the motives of any other member's argument or vote. While a member is speaking, no member shall hold any private discourse. The Chairman should be addressed during all meetings as "Mr. Chairman" or "Madame Chairman", as is gender appropriate.

A motion was made by Councilmember Clulee, seconded by Councilmember Gibbs, to temporarily suspend and replace Council Rule 14. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Benedetto and Bellock

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN FISHER-PERRIER AUTHORIZED THAT THE ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION, 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, JULY 22, 2019, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2019-0195](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a construction contract with Hard Rock Construction, LLC for Parish Project Number P180501, Highway 90 Sinkholes Remediation, in the amount of \$163,955.40.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 22, 2019

[2019-0205](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for the Parish of St. Charles, Chapter 5 Boats, Docks and Waterways, Section 5-5 Abandoned vessels in parish waterways.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 22, 2019

[2019-0213](#)

A resolution to amend the Parish Council Rules to provide further clarification therein.

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Council Rule 19. The rules may be repealed, altered, or amended by concurrence of a majority of all Councilmen, but motion for this purpose must be in writing, and lie over for at least one week after introduction before final passage. Final action Monday, July 22, 2019.

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 22, 2019

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 & ADOPTION TO BE HELD AT THE PUBLIC MEETING ON MONDAY, JULY 22, 2019, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2019-0210](#)

An ordinance adopting, setting forth, levying and imposing taxes on all property subject to taxation in the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, as required by Section 23 of Article VII of the Constitution of Louisiana and Revised Statute 47.1705(B) for General Parochial Purposes; constructing, acquiring, maintaining, operating, extending and/or improving levees, facilities and structures associated with outer flood protection systems within the Parish; constructing, maintaining, and operating the Parish Road Maintenance program, Parish Recreation program, Parish Fire Protection, Mosquito Control Program, E-911 Telephone System, Health Unit and Council on Aging program; Council on Aging Program (2); Road Lighting District No. 1; the ARC of St. Charles; paying any costs associated with acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating wastewater facilities and systems in the Parish.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Finance

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 22, 2019

[2019-0211](#)

An ordinance adopting, setting forth, levying and imposing taxes on all property subject to taxation in the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, as required by Section 23 of Article VII of the Constitution of Louisiana and Revised Statute 47.1705(B) for the purpose of maintaining, operating, constructing, improving and supporting public libraries of said Parish.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Finance

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on July 22, 2019

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

[2019-0183](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a professional service multi-phase project agreement with Evans-Graves Engineers, Inc., for providing all necessary professional engineering services for a project that improves conveyance capacity in a canal in the vicinity of Destrehan Pump Station (P.S.) No. 2. (Parish Project Number P190507).

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 19-7-1

Councilwoman Benedetto arrived in the meeting.

[2019-0183](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a professional service multi-phase project agreement with Evans-Graves Engineers, Inc., for providing all necessary professional engineering services for a project that improves conveyance capacity in a canal in the vicinity of Destrehan Pump Station (P.S.) No. 2. (Parish Project Number P190507).

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Council Discussion

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

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Bellock

Enactment No: 19-7-1

[2019-0184](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a professional service multi-phase project agreement with Shread-Kuyrkendall & Associates, Inc., for providing all necessary professional engineering services for a project that installs new 48-inch and 54-inch storm sewers along Fifth Street from Spruce Street to Engineer's Canal in Norco. (Parish Project Number P190506).

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 19-7-2

Council Discussion

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

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 7 - Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Benedetto and Bellock

Enactment No: 19-7-2

[2019-0190](#)

A resolution authorizing the Chairman or the Secretary to offer an **OBJECTION** to Mile 131, LLC, MVN-2018-1525EPP, WQC 190528-01 for a permit to install and maintain a new barge fleet consisting of nine (9) tiers of river barges, five (5) barges wide secured by steel monopiles, work shall be conducted by barge mounted crane, left descending bank of the Mississippi River, at about 131 miles above Head of Passes, in Montz, in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.

Sponsors: Ms. Fletcher

Reported:

Councilwoman Fletcher Recommended: Approval

Mr. Earl Matherne, Planning Administrator, spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 6419

Council Discussion

Mr. Matherne spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Bellock

Enactment No: 6419

[2019-0193](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a professional service multi-phase project agreement with Picciola & Associates, Inc., for providing all necessary professional engineering services for a project that increases the trash screen capacity and the size of the sump into Destrehan Pump Station (P.S.) No. 2. (Parish Project Number P181101).

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 19-7-3

Council Discussion

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

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Bellock

Enactment No: 19-7-3

[2019-0194](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for the Parish of St. Charles, Chapter 1 General Provisions, Section 1-2. Rules of construction and definitions by adding the definition of Holiday.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

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

Yea: 1 - Hogan

Nay: 7 - Benedetto, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Absent: 1 - Bellock

Failed

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

[2019-0199](#)

Mr. Conrad Adams: Paranoid to travel to personal property farm - production (movies)

Heard

[2019-0206](#)

Mr. Victor Buccola: Risk Management vs. Powers of Governing Authority - Who is governing SCP? (LSA T33:1236(13))

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Bellock

Time Extended

Councilman Hogan spoke on the matter.

Mr. Buccola spoke on the matter.

Heard

RESOLUTIONS

[2019-0212](#)

A resolution to approve and authorize the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Louisiana through the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority-Board (CPRA) and St. Charles Parish regarding the construction of the Paradis Canal Gate Project (BA-0209).

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Grants Office

Public comment opened on the motion to deviate; no public comment

A motion was made by Councilmember Clulee, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to deviate from the regular order of the agenda to take up File No. 2019-0212; a matter not on the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Bellock

Enactment No: 6420

Deviated

Enactment No: 6420

Reported:

Grants Office Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

Grants Officer Carla Chiasson spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Bellock

Enactment No: 6420

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Bellock

Enactment No: 6420

Returned

Enactment No: 6420

[2019-0208](#)

A resolution requesting that Parish President Larry Cochran provide the Parish Council with a complete written report regarding the matter which was discussed at the Special Projects/Public Safety, Health and Environmental Committee on June 19, 2019 regarding the apparent Misuse of Public Equipment on Private Property on July 1, 2018 in Paradis, Louisiana, in light of neither Parish President Cochran nor Public Works Director Clayton Faucheux attending the meeting to address the matter as was requested of them.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened; no public comment

Proposed resolution failed for lack of a majority by the following vote:**Yea:** 1 - Hogan**Nay:** 7 - Benedetto, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier**Absent:** 1 - Bellock**Failed**[2019-0209](#)

A resolution requesting that Parish President Larry Cochran address in a written report to the Council the matter which was discussed at the Special Projects/Public Safety, Health and Environmental Committee on June 19, 2019 regarding the apparent Misuse of Public Equipment on Private Property in early 2018 where the Parish performed clearing and ditch work on private property in a subdivision development that was to be done by the developer of River Road Estates Subdivision, in light of neither Parish President Cochran nor Public Works Director Clayton Faucheux attending the meeting to address the matter as was requested of them.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened; no public comment

Proposed resolution failed for lack of a majority by the following vote:**Yea:** 1 - Hogan

Nay: 7 - Benedetto, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Absent: 1 - Bellock

Failed

APPOINTMENTS

[2019-0185](#)

A resolution to appoint a member to the St. Charles Parish Civil Service Board.

Nominee:

Councilwoman Clulee nominated Mr. Ralph M. Wilderson

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember Clulee, seconded by Councilmember Gibbs, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2019-0185. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Bellock

Nomination(s) Closed

[2019-0186](#)

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

Nominee:

Councilman Gibbs nominated Ms. Beverly A. Delaune

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Benedetto, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2019-0186. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Bellock

Nomination(s) Closed

[2019-0187](#)

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

Deferred

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Benedetto, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:23 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Bellock

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary