



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
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Budget - Final

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

Thursday, November 2, 2023

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

Budget Hearing

ATTENDANCE

Present 6 - Beth A. Billings, Holly Fonseca, La Sandra Darensbourg Gordon, Mary K. Clulee, Bob Fisher, and Julia Fisher-Cormier
Absent 3 - Dick Gibbs, Nicky Dufrene, and Marilyn B. Bellock

Also Present

Parish President Matthew Jewell, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Billy Raymond, Chief Operations Officer Darrin Duhe, Director of Communications Samantha de Castro, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Senior Projects Manager Sam Scholle, Economic Development & Tourism Director Corey Faucheux, Francesca Blanchard, Public Information Office, Eric Zurcher, Public Information Office, Donna Breaux, Finance Department, Leann Benedict, Library Director, Victoria Bryant, The Arc of St. Charles Executive Director, Ashley Waguespack, The Arc of St. Charles, Pernell Pellegrin, The Arc of St. Charles, Magen Brutz, The Arc of St. Charles, Retired Major Sam Zinna, President Communications District (911), April Keller, Council on Aging, Community Health Center/Access Health, James Comeaux, Brian J. Champagne, Registrar of Voters, Barry Minnich, Coroner's Office, Judge Connie Aucoin, Thomas Duplantis, St. Charles Parish Hospital

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:01 pm.

PRAYER / PLEDGE

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

Councilwoman Marilyn B. Bellock arrived in the meeting.

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

[2023-0121](#)

An ordinance to approve and adopt the appropriation of Funds for the St. Charles Parish Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Finance

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 23-11-1

General Fund:

District Court Div. D - Reported - Council Discussion
Judge Connie Aucoin spoke on the matter.

Registrar of Voters - Reported - Council Discussion
Mr. Brian J. Champagne, Registrar of Voters spoke on the matter.

Coroner - Reported
Mr. Barry Minnich, Coroner's Office, reported on behalf of Dr. Brian Brogle.
Council Discussion
Mr. Minnich spoke on the matter.

Council District VII - Reported

Amendment No. 9

Name Change - Page 210 - Recreation - WB and EB Bike Path (not park)

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember Fisher, to approve Amendment No. 9. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Absent: Gibbs, Dufrene

Amendment No. 10

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Salaries	001-4006754120	\$40,393
Pension	001-4006754152	\$4,645
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Agencies & Boards:

Library - Reported - Council Discussion
Ms. Leann Benedict spoke on the matter.
Arc of St. Charles - Reported

St. Charles Housing Authority - Deferred to Monday, November 6, 2023
St. Charles Community Health Center - Reported - Council Discussion
Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.
Mr. James Comeaux, Community Health Center/Access Health, spoke on the matter.

Council on Aging - Reported - Council Discussion
Ms. April Keller, Council on Aging Executive Director spoke on the matter.

911 Communications District - Reported - Council Discussion
Retired Major Sam Zinna, President Communications District spoke on the matter.

Hospital Service District - Reported

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Amendments Recorded

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN BILLINGS 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 6, 2023, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2023-0121](#)

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Councilwoman Bellock motioned to amend the proposed budget to reduce \$60,000.00 from Account 001-410100 - Sheriff - Feeding and Maintenance of Prisoners to add \$30,000.00 to Account 001-430234 - Community Service Centers for Professional Services for education tutoring services and to add \$30,000.00 to Account 001-430234 - Community Service Centers for Educational, Recreational, and Culture for a partnership with IMTT.

Council Discussion

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Finance Director Grant M. Dussom spoke on the matter.

Motion withdrawn by Councilwoman Bellock.

Councilwoman Bellock motioned to amend the proposed budget to add \$300,000.00 to Account 112-420230 - Road & Drainage - Improvements other than Buildings - Sidewalks & Crosswalks for sidewalks on Palomino Drive in Bar None Subdivision.

Council Discussion

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Further Council Discussion

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on November 6, 2023

Enactment No: 23-11-1

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember Fisher, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 1:55 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary