



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
Courthouse
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Budget - Final

Council Chairman Larry Cochran

**Councilmembers Carolyn K. Schexnaydre, Jarvis Lewis,
Terrell D. Wilson, Mary Tastet, Wendy Benedetto, Paul J. Hogan,
Traci A. Fletcher, Julia Fisher-Perrier**

Thursday, October 29, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 7 - Carolyn K. Schexnaydre, Mary Tastet, Wendy Benedetto, Paul J. Hogan, Larry Cochran, Traci A. Fletcher, and Julia Fisher-Perrier

Absent 2 - Jarvis Lewis, and Terrell D. Wilson

Also Present

Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr.; Chief Operations Officer Bobby Donaldson; Public Works/Wastewater Director Sam Scholle; Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert; Finance Director Grant Dussom; Grant Officer Holly Fonseca; Public Information Officer Renee Simpson; Emergency Preparedness Director Ronald J. Perry; Economic Development & Tourism Director Corey Faucheux; Parks and Recreation Director Duane Foret; Personnel Officer Sandy Zimmer; Edward A. Dufresne Community Center Coordinator Erica Mire; R.S.V.P. Director Michelle Higgins; General Government Buildings Facilities Manager Philip Dufrene; Procurement Agent Jill Schmill; Information Technology Coordinator Erik Dufrene; L. J. Brady, Wastewater Department; Charles Oubre, Finance Department; Luis Martinez, GIS; Tristan Babin, Public Information Office; Dr. Brian Brogle, Coroner; Leann Benedict, St. Charles Parish Library Director; Mark Keiser, St. Charles Community Health Center Executive Director/CEO; Victoria Bryant, The Arc of St. Charles Executive Director; Pernell Pellegrin, The Arc of St. Charles; Ashley Waguespack, The Arc of St. Charles; Donny Hills, The Arc of St. Charles; April Keller, Council on Aging Executive Director; Neil Ferrari, Council on Aging; Kenneth W. Tate, Council on Aging; Mary Clulee, Council on Aging, Billy Picard, Council on Aging; Maria Booker, Council on Aging; Helen Mims, Council on Aging; Joe Rochelle; Aleshia J. Smith, Justice of the Peace-Elect; Anthony DiGerolamo, St. Charles Hospital Chief Executive Officer; Christopher Olsen, St. Charels Hospital Chief Financial Officer; Benjamin Bell, Housing Authority Director

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Silent Prayer

Pledge was led by Chairman Larry Cochran (Councilman, District V).

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

[2015-0197](#)

An ordinance to approve and adopt the appropriation of Funds for the St. Charles Parish Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2016.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Finance

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-11-22

General Fund:
Coroner - Deferred
Council Division A - Reported

Agencies & Boards:
Council on Aging - Reported - Council Discussion
Council on Aging CPA Neil Ferrari spoke on the matter.
Council on Aging Executive Director April Keller spoke on the matter.

Hospital Service District - Reported - Council Discussion
St. Charles Hospital Chief Financial Officer Christopher Olsen spoke on the matter.
St. Charles Hospital Chief Executive Officer Anthony DiGerolamo spoke on the matter.

Library - Reported

Councilman Wilson arrived in the meeting.

St. Charles Housing Authority - Reported - Council Discussion
St. Charles Housing Authority Director Benjamin Bell spoke on the matter.

Councilman Lewis arrived in the meeting.

General Fund:
Coroner - Reported - Council Discussion
Dr. Brian Brogle, Coroner, spoke on the matter.

Agencies & Boards:
St. Charles Community Health Center - Reported - Council Discussion
St. Charles Community Health Center Executive Director/CEO Mark F. Keiser spoke on the matter.

911 Communications District - Deferred
ARC of St. Charles - Reported - Council Discussion
ARC of St. Charles Executive Director Victoria Bryant spoke on the matter.

Speakers:
Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville
A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, to extend Mr. Allemand's time an additional three minutes. The motion carried 9 yeas.
Time Extended

A motion was made by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Tastet, to extend Mr. Allemand's time an additional three minutes. The motion carried 9 yeas.
Time Extended

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

AMENDMENT NO. 3 - General Fund - Ward Courts - Personal Services

Councilman Hogan motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier, to amend the proposed budget to add a 10% raise for all Justices of the Peace and Constables - to add \$11,905.00 to General Fund - Ward Courts - Personal Services. Motion carried 9 yeas. PASSED

AMENDMENT NO. 4 - Special Revenue Funds - Flood Protection Fund - Fund 123 - Improvements other than Buildings

Councilwoman Schexnaydre motioned, seconded by Councilman Hogan, to amend the proposed budget to transfer \$92,000.00 from the General Fund - Parish President - Personal Services - Assistant/Temporary Position to Special Revenue Funds - Flood Protection Fund - Fund 123 - Improvements other than Buildings for the Westbank Hurricane Protection Levee. Motioned carried 7 years, Councilwomen Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier voting nay. PASSED

AMENDMENT NO. 5 - Special Revenue Funds - Recreation - Fund 113 - Capital Outlay - Improvements other than Buildings

Councilwoman Fletcher motioned, seconded by Councilman Hogan, to amend the proposed budget to transfer \$50,000.00 from the General Fund to Special Revenue Funds - Recreation - Capital Outlay - Improvements other than Buildings for Bethune Park Improvements. Motioned carried 8 years, Councilwoman Schexnaydre voting nay. PASSED

AMENDMENT NO. 6 - Special Revenue Funds - Recreation - Fund 113 - Capital Outlay - Improvements other than Buildings

Councilwoman Fletcher motioned, seconded by Councilman Wilson, to amend the proposed budget to transfer \$5,000.00 from the General Fund to Special Revenue Funds - Recreation - Capital Outlay - Improvements other than Buildings for Montz Park Improvements. Motioned carried 8 years, Councilwoman Schexnaydre voting nay. PASSED

AMENDMENT NO. 7 - Special Revenue Funds - Road & Drainage, Drainage - Fund Number: 112 - Operating Services - Professional Services

Councilman Hogan motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Schexnaydre, to amend the proposed budget to add \$30,000.00 from the 2015 Budget to the proposed 2016 Budget to Special Revenue Funds - Road & Drainage, Drainage - Fund Number: 112 - Operating Services - Professional Services to raise the sunken vessel Pretty Boy. Motioned carried 9 years. PASSED

Councilwoman Schexnaydre motioned, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to amend the proposed budget to add \$50,000.00 to Road & Drainage - Paved Streets - Account Number: 112-420210 for new sidewalk near Destrehan High School.

Council Discussion

Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr., spoke on the matter.

Motion withdrawn by Councilwoman Schexnaydre.

Speakers:

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Council Discussion

File No. 2015-0197 Published/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on November 3, 2015

Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.

AMENDMENT NO. 8 - General Fund - GIS - Personal Services

Councilman Hogan motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier, to amend the proposed budget to \$39,280.00 to General Fund - GIS - Personal Services to add a new Clerk I position. Motion carried 9 yeas. PASSED

AMENDMENT NO. 9 - Special Revenue Funds - Road & Drainage, Drainage - Fund Number: 112 - Personal Services

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier motioned, seconded by Councilman Wilson, to amend the proposed budget to add \$90,740.00 to Special Revenue Funds - Road & Drainage, Drainage - Fund Number: 112 - Personal Services to add a new Senior Parish Engineer. Motioned carried 8 yeas, Councilman Hogan voting nay. PASSED

Council Discussion

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General Government Buildings Facilities Manager Philip Dufrene spoke on the matter.

RECAP OF AMENDMENTS[2015-0197](#)

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Amendments Recorded

Enactment No: 15-11-22

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN COCHRAN 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 3, 2015, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Hogan, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:29 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Tastet, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Tiffany K. Clark
Council Secretary