



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
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Final

Council Chairman Bob Fisher
Councilmembers Michael A. Mobley, Holly Fonseca,
La Sandra D. Wilson, Heather Skiba, Walter Pilié,
Willie Comardelle, Michelle O'Daniels, Michele deBruler

Monday, April 1, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 9 - Michael A. Mobley, Holly Fonseca, La Sandra D. Wilson, Heather Skiba, Walter Pilié, Willie Comardelle, Michelle O'Daniels, Bob Fisher, and Michele deBruler

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 Samantha de Castro, Chief Operations Officer Darrin Duhe, Executive Director of Technology and Cybersecurity Anthony Ayo, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works Director Miles Bingham, Wastewater Director David deGeneres, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Grants Officer Carla Chiasson, General Government Buildings Facilities Manager Bob Messerly, Eric Zurcher, Public Information Office

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Pastor Troy D. Smith, Sr.
True Vine Baptist Church, Hahnville

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Skiba, seconded by Councilmember Comardelle, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 18, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Mobley, Fonseca, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Wilson

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2024-0122](#)

In Recognition: Hahnville High School Hi-Steppers Dance Team 2024 Dance Team Union and Small Varsity Team Performance National Champions

Sponsors: Ms. Fonseca

Read

[2024-0123](#)

Proclamation: United Way of St. Charles 5K Bridge Run Day in St. Charles Parish

Sponsors: Ms. Wilson

Read

[2024-0124](#)

Proclamation: "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week"

Sponsors: Mr. Fisher

Read

[2024-0125](#)

Proclamation: "Fair Housing Month in St. Charles Parish"

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Read

[2024-0126](#)

Proclamation: "National Community Development Week"

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Read

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2024-0127](#)

General Government Buildings

General Government Buildings Facilities Manager Bob Messerly reported.

Councilwoman Fonseca spoke on the matter.

Mr. Messerly spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman deBruler spoke on the matter.

Chairman Fisher spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2024-0134](#)

Housing Authority

Interim Director Youlondar Prevost reported.

Councilwoman Wilson spoke on the matter.

Ms. Prevost spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Fonseca spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman deBruler spoke on the matter.

Councilman Mobley spoke on the matter.

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Chairman Fisher spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2024-0128](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Parish President Matthew Jewell reported.

Chairman Fisher spoke on the matter.

Reported

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN FISHER 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, APRIL 15, 2024, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2024-0135](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an Agreement with the St. Charles Parish Department of Community Services and the St. Charles Parish School Board for a Summer Food Service Program from May 31, 2024 through July 12, 2024 (31 days).

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Community Services

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on April 15, 2024

[2024-0136](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Grace Hebert Curtis Architects, LLC, to perform architectural services for the St. Charles Parish Library Hahnville Branch, in the amount not to exceed \$387,941.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on April 15, 2024

PLANNING AND ZONING PETITIONS

[2024-0120](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from C-2 to C-3 on Lot X-5-A, Sunset Drainage District, 15396 Highway 90, Paradis as requested by Bobby Gorman Sr. for St. Charles Recycling, Inc.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Denial

Planning Commission Recommended: Denial

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

Speakers:

Ms. Stacey Marsalone, Metairie

A motion was made by Councilmember O'Daniels, seconded by Councilmember Skiba, to extend Ms. Marsalone's time an additional three minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Moble, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Time Extended

Speakers:

Ms. Lynnette Gorman, Paradis

Mr. Bobby Gorman, Paradis

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Council Discussion

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

Yea: 0

Nay: 9 - Moble, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Failed

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

[2024-0117](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration, Article I. In General, Section 2-12. Procedures for procurement of architects and engineers. I. Special Provisions., (a) and (b), to increase the contract fee threshold amount for consulting engineers and architectural services handled administratively to \$50,000.00 and to revise the required notice to the Parish Council of the award of contracts handled administratively.

Sponsors: Ms. Fonseca, Ms. Wilson and Mr. Fisher

Reported:

Councilwoman Fonseca Recommended: Approval
Councilwoman Wilson Recommended: Approval
Councilman Fisher Recommended: Approval
Councilwoman Fonseca spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 24-4-1

Council Discussion
Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 7 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Comardelle, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 2 - Pilié and O'Daniels

Enactment No: 24-4-1

[2023-0326](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Bunge North America, Inc., Bunge Chevron AG Renewables LLC and the Parish of St. Charles providing for the construction of a road connecting Jonathan Street to Lorraine Street.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval
Legal Services Director Corey Oubre spoke on the matter.

Speakers:

Mr. Jay Robicheaux, Bunge Community & Government Relations Manager, Norco
Mr. Jeff Grayson, Destrehan
Ms. Toni Potera Offner, Destrehan
Ms. Wendy Grayson, Destrehan

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 24-4-2

Council Discussion

Mr. Robicheaux spoke on the matter.
Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.
Mr. Robicheaux invited Mr. Kurt Ohalu, Director of Industrial Operations/Renewable Fuels, Bunge, to the podium to speak on the matter.
Mr. Ohalu spoke on the matter.

Councilman Comardelle stated his reason for abstaining.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Moblely, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Comardelle

Enactment No: 24-4-2

[2023-0328](#)

An ordinance to revoke and abandon Modoc Street, and portions of Jonathan Street, Pelican Street, Amie Street, Jean Street, and Destrehan Park Subdivision, as shown on the map by Michael P. Blanchard, PLS, signed and dated February 5, 2024.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval
Legal Services Director Corey Oubre spoke on the matter.

Speakers:

Mr. Jay Robicheaux, Bunge Community & Government Relations Manager, Norco
Ms. Cynthia Potera, Destrehan
Ms. Toni Potera Offner, Destrehan
Ms. Wendy Grayson, Destrehan

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 24-4-3

Council Discussion

Public Works Director Miles Bingham spoke on the matter.

Councilman Comardelle stated his reason for abstaining during File No. 2023-0326.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Comardelle

Enactment No: 24-4-3

[2024-0119](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for the Destrehan Pump Station (P.S.) No. 2 Conveyance Improvements, (Project No. P181101), to increase the contract amount by \$66,500.00 and increase contract time by eight (8) calendar days.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval
Public Works Director Miles Bingham spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 24-4-4

Council Discussion
Mr. Bingham spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 24-4-4

[2024-0121](#)

An ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 23-3-6 and to approve a purchase and/or expropriation of a 1,482 sq. ft. perpetual sewer servitude, a 2,223 sq. ft. temporary construction servitude, and a 1,767 sq. ft. perpetual access servitude over property owned by John T. Lambert, Jr. and Michael C. Melancon designated as Lot 1A of the John Lambert Tract for the St. Rose Sewer Network Upgrade Project.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Wastewater

Reported:

Wastewater Department Recommended: Approval
Legal Services Director Corey Oubre spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 24-4-5

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 24-4-5

RESOLUTIONS[2024-0129](#)

A resolution notifying the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the St. Charles Parish Department of Wastewater has reviewed the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report for **LA0073539 AI39862 - Destrehan Wastewater Treatment Plant**, and set forth the required action.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Wastewater

Reported:

Wastewater Department Recommended: Approval
Wastewater Director David deGeneres spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6762

[2024-0130](#)

A resolution notifying the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the St. Charles Parish Department of Wastewater has reviewed the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report for **LA0073521 AI43357 - Hahnville Wastewater Treatment Plant**, and set forth the required action.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Wastewater

Reported:

Wastewater Department Recommended: Approval
Wastewater Director David deGeneres spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6763

[2024-0131](#)

A resolution notifying the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the St. Charles Parish Department of Wastewater has reviewed the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report for **LA0032131 AI43356 - Luling Oxidation Pond**, and set forth the required action.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Wastewater

Reported:

Wastewater Department Recommended: Approval
Wastewater Director David deGeneres spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6764

[2024-0132](#)

A resolution endorsing a waiver from Appendix C, Subdivision Regulations of 1981, Section III. Geometric Standards, B. Blocks, 3. Arrangement as requested by Paul Hogan.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval
Planning Commission Recommended: Approval
Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened

Mr. Paul Hogan, Des Allemands

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6765

[2024-0133](#)

A resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development (DOTD) install cable barriers in the U.S. Highway 90 medians between Willowdale Blvd. in Luling and Live Oak Blvd. in Waggaman.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell, Ms. Fonseca, Ms. Wilson, Ms. Skiba, Mr. Pilié, Ms. O'Daniels, Mr. Fisher and Ms. deBruler

Reported:

- Councilwoman Fonseca Recommended: Approval
- Councilwoman Wilson Recommended: Approval
- Councilwoman Skiba Recommended: Approval
- Councilman Pilié Recommended: Approval
- Councilwoman O'Daniels Recommended: Approval
- Councilman Fisher Recommended: Approval
- Councilwoman deBruler Recommended: Approval

Amendment: to amend the proposed resolution to add Councilman Mobley and Councilman Comardelle as co-sponsors

Public comment opened; no public comment

A motion was made by Councilmember O'Daniels, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to Amend File No. 2024-0133. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yea:** 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler
- Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 6766

Amended

Enactment No: 6766

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Sponsors: Mr. Jewell, Ms. Fonseca, Mr. Mobley, Ms. Wilson, Ms. Skiba, Mr. Pilié, Mr. Comardelle, Ms. O'Daniels, Mr. Fisher and Ms. deBruler

Councilwoman Fonseca spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION AS AMENDED

- Yea:** 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6766

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember deBruler, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:14 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Mobley, Fonseca, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, Comardelle, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Nay: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary