



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, August 5, 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, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works Director Miles Bingham, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Waterworks Director Gregory Gorden, Economic Development & Tourism Director Corey Faucheux, Parks and Recreation Director Duane Foret, R.S.V.P. Director Jeanne Arabie, Eric Zurcher, Public Information Office, Gabrielle Wood, Public Information Office

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Deacon Donnie Hills
First Baptist Church, Paradis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Comardelle, seconded by Councilmember Skiba, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of July 22, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2024-0261](#)

In Recognition: 2024 7U Baseball USSSA All-Star World Series Champions

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Read

[2024-0262](#)

In Recognition: 2024 8U Baseball USSSA All-Star World Series Champions

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Read

[2024-0263](#)

In Recognition: Caleb Charles Roper, Eagle Scout

Sponsors: Mr. Fisher

Read

[2024-0264](#)

In Recognition: John William Reinagel, III, Eagle Scout

Sponsors: Mr. Pilié

Read

[2024-0265](#)

In Recognition: Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), serving the River Parishes for the past 47 years

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Read

[2024-0274](#)

Proclamation: "Fête-Dieu du Mississippi 2024"

Sponsors: Ms. Skiba

Public comment opened on the deviation; no public comment

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to deviate from the regular order of the agenda to take up File No. 2024-0274; a matter not on the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Deviated

Read

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

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

Nay: 0

Returned

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2024-0266](#)

Department of Waterworks

Waterworks Director Gregory Gorden reported.

Councilwoman Wilson spoke on the matter.

Mr. Gorden spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman O'Daniels spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2024-0267](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Parish President Matthew Jewell reported.

Councilman Pilié spoke on the matter.

President Jewell 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, AUGUST 19, 2024, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2024-0270](#)

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 **Fashion Boulevard and Duhe Drive in Fashion Plantation Estates Subdivision, Hahnville, to twenty (20) miles per hour.**

Sponsors: Ms. Wilson

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 19, 2024

[2024-0271](#)

An ordinance to rescind Ordinance Nos. 23-5-5 and 24-3-12 and to approve a purchase and/or expropriation of a 1.501 acre servitude designated as Parcel B-3 and an 8,687 square foot/0.199 acre servitude designated as P-106 over property owned by Kristi Gerstner Smith, for the Montz Pump Station and Drainage Modification Project.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 19, 2024

[2024-0272](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Lease Agreement between D.J.V., LLC and St. Charles Parish for the River Parishes Workforce Development Board office space in St. Charles Parish.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and General Government Buildings

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 19, 2024

[2024-0275](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Wetlands Mitigation Agreement by and between St. Charles Parish and Delta Land Services, L.L.C., for wetlands mitigation for the Montz Pump Station (Parish Project No. P210301), Montz Pump Station No. 2 (Parish Project No. P210806) and drainage improvements along Highway 61 permitted under the Montz Pump Stations and Drainage Improvement Project in the amount of \$175,800.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 19, 2024

ORDINANCE SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION AT THIS PUBLIC MEETING (INTRODUCED AT PREVIOUS MEETING)

[2024-0257](#)

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; Library Service 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. Jewell and Department of Finance

Reported:

Finance Department Recommended: Approval
Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.

Speakers:

Mr. Matthew Allshouse, Hahnville
Mr. David Simon, Destrehan

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to extend time an additional three minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 24-8-1

Time Extended

Enactment No: 24-8-1

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 24-8-1

Council Discussion
Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.
Mr. Dussom 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: 24-8-1

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

[2024-0214](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, Appendix A, as amended, Section VI. Zoning district criteria and regulations.; Section VIII. Site design requirements.; Section XXI. Sign Regulations.; to add the Highway 90 Corridor Overlay Zone (COZ), to add criteria for site plans and site plan review, and to add recommended sign definitions.

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.

Speakers:
Mr. Matthew Allshouse, Hahnville

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 24-8-2

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 24-8-2

RESOLUTIONS

[2024-0260](#)

A resolution endorsing a waiver from Appendix A, St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, Section VIII. Site Design Requirements, A. Off-street parking in general, item 2 as requested by the St. Charles Parish Department of Parks and Recreation.

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

Parks and Recreation Director Duane Foret spoke on the matter.
Mr. Ed Wahden, Luling

Council Discussion

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.
Public Works Director Miles Bingham spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6786

[2024-0268](#)

A resolution endorsing a waiver from Appendix C, Subdivision Regulations of 1981, Section III. Geometric Standards, C. Lots, 1. Size, b. Width as requested by Terrance Dunmiles and Marella Narcisse.

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; 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: 6787

[2024-0269](#)

A resolution authorizing the publication of a notice of intention to create Highway 90 Economic Development District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, under the authority of Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; providing for the employment of special counsel; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Reported:

Economic Development & Tourism Department Recommended: Approval
Economic Development and Tourism Director Corey Faucheux spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

Legal Services Director Corey Oubre spoke on the matter.

Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.

Mr. Phillip Sherman, Adams and Reese LLP, spoke on the matter.

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Mr. Faucheux spoke on the matter.

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember Fisher, to Table File No. 2024-0269. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Tabled.

[2024-0273](#)

A resolution confirming the Parish President’s prior authorization to execute documents in connection with the final payment of the Parish's taxable revenue bonds (Randa Properties LLC Project) Series 2002, in accordance with Ordinance 02-8-1; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Legal Services

Reported:

Legal Services Department Recommended: Approval
Legal Services Assistant Director Robert Raymond 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: 6788

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Skiba, seconded by Councilmember Comardelle, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:55 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