



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, March 4, 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, Wastewater Director David deGeneres, Senior Projects Manager Sam Scholle, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Parks and Recreation Director Duane Foret, Eric Zurcher, Public Information Office, Blaine Faucheux, Public Information Office

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Pastor Thomas Hines
Hope Church, Destrehan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Comardelle, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of February 19, 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.)

[2024-0094](#)

In Recognition: Creative Family Solutions, 25th Anniversary

Sponsors: Ms. Fonseca and Ms. Skiba

Read

[2024-0095](#)

Proclamation: “AmeriCorps Week in St. Charles Parish”

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Read

[2024-0096](#)

Proclamation: “National Kidney Month” and “World Kidney Day” in St. Charles Parish

Sponsors: Mr. Fisher

Read

[2024-0097](#)

Proclamation: “National Nutrition Month”

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Read

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2024-0098](#)

Department of Parks & Recreation/Edward A. Dufresne Community Center
Parks and Recreation Director Duane Foret reported.

Mr. Foret invited Ms. Alissa Cavaretta, Assistant Director of St. Charles Parish Parks and Recreation, Public Relations, to the podium to introduce the new Parks and Recreation website.

Councilwoman Wilson spoke on the matter.

Mr. Foret spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2024-0099](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Parish President Matthew Jewell reported.

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, MARCH 18, 2024, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2024-0100](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 1, which approved the Professional Services Agreement with All South Consulting Engineers, LLC, for the 2023 Wastewater Rate Study (Project No. S230601), in the not to exceed amount of \$7,500.00, bringing the overall contract amount to \$22,500.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Wastewater

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on March 18, 2024

[2024-0101](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an Act of Donation and Transfer by and between Chevron U.S.A. Inc. ("Chevron") and St. Charles Parish for certain parcels of land comprising approximately 32.392 acres for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Sunset Pump Station.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on March 18, 2024

[2024-0103](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance 22-5-8, which approved the Professional Services Agreement with Principal Engineering, Inc., to perform A/E Services for Department of Waterworks East and West Bank Generators and Structure (Project No. WWKS 111), in the amount of \$135,259.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Waterworks

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on March 18, 2024

[2024-0104](#)

An ordinance to approve a purchase and/or expropriate a 1.501 acre servitude designated as Parcel B-3 and a 8,687 square foot 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 March 18, 2024

[2024-0105](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for the West Bank Bridge Park Improvements, Phase I, (Project No. RECWB122) to increase the contract amount by \$198,096.00 and increase the contract time by 50 days.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Parks and Recreation

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on March 18, 2024

PLANNING AND ZONING PETITIONS

[2024-0086](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from R-1A(M) to R-2 on Lots 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, and 52, Square D, Oak Ridge Park, 1014, 1018, and 1028 Paul Frederick Street, Luling as requested by Alvin Gordon, III.

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 Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 24-3-1

Councilwoman Wilson stated her reason for abstaining.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Wilson

Enactment No: 24-3-1

[2024-0087](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from R-1A(M) to R-3 on Lots D-1 and D-2, Square 14, 315-317 Smith Street and 212 Highway 3160, Hahnville as requested by Troy A. Bailey.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Denial

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 24-3-2

Council Discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 24-3-2

[2024-0088](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from O-L to R-1M and M-1 on Lot 19, Pecan Grove Plantation Subdivision, 12320 River Road, Destrehan as requested by Anna Nelson for DNA Real Estate, LLC.

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. Allen Bryant, Destrehan

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 24-3-3

Council Discussion

Councilwoman deBruler invited Mr. Danny Hebert, Civil & Environmental Consulting Engineers, to the podium to speak on the matter.

Mr. Hebert spoke on the matter.

Mr. Albert spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 2 - Mobley and O'Daniels

Enactment No: 24-3-3

[2024-0089](#)

An Ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981 to change the zoning classification from O-L and R-1A(M) to R-1A on Lots P-1, 1B-1-A, 1A-1, and those properties designated as the Roussel Tract and Lot 3605A, approximately 42.5 acres between Dixieland and Country Cottage Subdivisions, 17956 and 17962 River Road, Montz as requested by Denver Perilloux, Terry & Dana Perilloux, Robert Oubre, and Chris M. Trepagnier for OT Properties, LLC & Three 4 Three, LLC.

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. David Moyer, Luling

Mr. Robert Gonsoulin, Montz

Ms. Melanie Schexnayder, Montz

Mr. Amner Irizarry, Montz

Ms. Marcia Culver, Montz

Mr. Jared Burford, Montz

Ms. Stephanie Kropog, Montz

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

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

Nay: 0

Time Extended

Speakers:

Mr. Scott Laiche, Montz

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Council Discussion

Councilwoman Skiba invited Mr. Moyer to the podium to speak on the matter.

Mr. Moyer spoke on the matter.

Mr. Albert spoke on the matter.

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

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

Yea: 2 - Fonseca and Comardelle

Nay: 7 - Mobley, Wilson, Skiba, Pilié, O'Daniels, Fisher and deBruler

Failed

Chairman Fisher announced there will be a five minute recess.

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

[2024-0085](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an Agreement between Adams and Reese, LLP, and St. Charles Parish for governmental affairs representation.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Legal Services

Reported:

Legal Services Department Recommended: Approval
Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 24-3-4

Council Discussion
President Jewell 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: 24-3-4

[2024-0090](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. One (1) for the Barber Road Bank Stabilization, (Project No. P210702), to increase the contract amount by \$64,659.69 and increase the contract time by 7 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.

Council Discussion
Mr. Bingham spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 24-3-5

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 24-3-5

[2024-0091](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 1 to a Professional Services Agreement with Stuart Consulting Group, Inc., for engineering services for the Eastbank Lift Stations Rehabilitation (Project No. S211203), in the amount not to exceed \$46,090.50.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Wastewater

Reported:

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

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 24-3-6

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 24-3-6

[2024-0092](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with G.E.C., Inc., to perform engineering services for the Hahnville WWTP Capacity Upgrades (Project No. S240201), in the amount not to exceed \$107,500.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Wastewater

Reported:

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

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 24-3-7

Council Discussion
Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.
Mr. deGeneres 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: 24-3-7

[2024-0093](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the Parish President to execute a Lease Agreement with Jackie Bee Investments, LLC, to temporarily house the Clerk of Court, Tax Collections and Licenses offices.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and General Government Buildings

Reported:

General Government Buildings Recommended: Approval
Chief Operations Officer Darrin Duhe spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 24-3-8

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 24-3-8

APPOINTMENTS

[2024-0071](#)

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

Nominee:

Councilwoman O'Daniels nominated Ms. Stephanie Mire

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember Skiba, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2024-0071. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Nomination(s) Closed

SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL

[2024-0102](#)

A resolution of the St. Charles Parish Council, acting as governing authority of the Sunset Drainage District, supporting the proposed Act of Donation and Transfer by Chevron U.S.A. to St. Charles Parish authorizing the Sunset Drainage District to appear as Intervenor.

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

Chairman Fisher stated that the St. Charles Parish Council is now sitting as the governing authority of the Sunset Drainage District:

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval

St. Charles Parish Council Recommended: Approval

Parish President Matthew Jewell 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: 6758

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember deBruler, seconded by Councilmember Skiba, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:02 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