



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
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Final

Council Chairman Dick Gibbs
Councilmembers Wendy Benedetto, Paul J. Hogan,
Terrell D. Wilson, Mary K. Clulee, William Billy Woodruff,
Marilyn B. Bellock, Traci A. Fletcher, Julia Fisher-Perrier

Monday, August 6, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 8 - Wendy Benedetto, Paul J. Hogan, Terrell D. Wilson, Mary K. Clulee, John R. 'Dick' Gibbs, William Woodruff, Marilyn B. Bellock, and Julia Fisher-Perrier

Absent 1 - Traci A. Fletcher

Also Present

Parish President Larry Cochran, Executive Secretary Robin Delahoussaye, Legal Services Director Robert Raymond, Chief Administrative Officer Billy Raymond, Executive Director Darrin Duhe, Executive Director Dwayne LaGrange, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchoux, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Waterworks Director Robbie Brou, General Government Buildings Facilities Manager Bob Messerly, Adrienne Bourgeois, Public Information Office

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Pastor Tim Buford
First Baptist Church, Luling

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of July 9, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2018-0203](#)

Proclamation: "Vehicular Heatstroke Awareness Month"

Sponsors: Ms. Clulee

Read

[2018-0034](#)

Executive Session: Council Personnel

Sponsors: Ms. Benedetto, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Clulee, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Woodruff, Ms. Bellock, Ms. Fletcher and Ms. Fisher-Perrier

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to deviate from the regular order of the agenda to take up File No. 2018-0034. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Public comment opened; no public comment

Deviated

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Bellock, to go into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Chairman Gibbs announced that all Councilmembers will be in Executive Session and will return shortly.

Heard in Executive Session

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

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Chairman Gibbs explained that Executive Session was regarding File No. 2018-0034 Council Personnel.

Returned

[2018-0209](#)

Appoint Council Secretary

Sponsors: Mr. Gibbs

Nominees:

Councilman Wilson nominated Candidate No. 1

Councilman Hogan nominated Candidate No. 2

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Hogan, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2018-0209. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Nomination(s) Closed

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2018-0204](#)

Department of Waterworks

Waterworks Director Robbie Brou

Councilman Wilson spoke on the matter.

Mr. Brou spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.

Councilman Hogan spoke on the matter.

Reported

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN GIBBS 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 20, 2018, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2018-0210](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for Parish Project No S080503-4 Upgrades to Anna and Ama Lift Stations to increase the contract amount by \$22,290.74 and increase the number of days by 49.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 20, 2018

Enactment No: 18-8-4

[2018-0211](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a professional service multi-phase project contract with T. BAKER SMITH, LLC, for providing all necessary professional surveying and engineering services to repair sinkholes at two locations on Highway 90 (Parish Project Number P180501).

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 20, 2018

Enactment No: 18-8-5

[2018-0212](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a contract with Pedal Valves, Inc. for AMI Meter Installation (Project No. WWKS 94) in the amount of \$90,000.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Waterworks

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 20, 2018

Enactment No: 18-8-6

[2018-0213](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from C-2 to R-1A(M) on Lot 30A, Square 4, St. Charles Terrace Annex Subdivision (7,800 square feet) as requested by Felicia Jackson on behalf of the property owner Anthony Reynaud.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 20, 2018

[2018-0214](#)

An ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 18-5-3 which installed “**ALL-WAY STOP**” signs at the intersections of Asphodel Drive with Bocage Drive and Ashland Drive in Luling.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 20, 2018

Enactment No: 18-8-7

[2018-0215](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of Amendment No. 3 to Ordinance No. 99-9-25, an Intergovernmental Agreement with St. Charles Parish Law Enforcement District to increase the per day fee for the housing of local prisoners.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Chief Administrative Officer

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 20, 2018

Enactment No: 18-8-8

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

2018-0200

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Lease between St. Charles Parish and The United States of America, Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, for the Terminal Doppler Weather Radar in Norco.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval
Chief Administrative Officer Billy Raymond spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-8-1

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 18-8-1

2018-0202

An ordinance to amend the 2018 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget, Amendment No. 5, to add revenues totaling \$25,427,801 and expenditures totaling \$26,946,176 for the Roads and Drainage Fund - Fund 112, Parish Transportation Fund 102, Flood Protection Fund 123, and Capital Projects Fund 310 (West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee) for construction, architectural/engineering, and other fees unexpended in 2017 for various parish projects that were not completed during 2017.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Finance

Reported:

Finance Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-8-2

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 18-8-2

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN TABLED

[2018-0193](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Agreement between Tauzin Consultants, LLC and St. Charles Parish for governmental affairs representation.

Sponsors: Ms. Benedetto, Ms. Clulee, Mr. Gibbs, Ms. Bellock and Ms. Fisher-Perrier

A motion was made by Councilmember Clulee, seconded by Councilmember Woodruff, to remove File No. 2018-0193 from the Table. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 18-8-3

Removed from the Table

Enactment No: 18-8-3

Reported:

- Councilwoman Benedetto Recommended: Approval
 - Councilwoman Clulee Recommended: Approval
 - Councilman Gibbs Recommended: Approval
 - Councilwoman Bellock Recommended: Approval
 - Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier Recommended: Approval
- Councilwoman Benedetto spoke on the matter.

Public hearing requirements were previously satisfied.

Chairman Gibbs requested that the agreement start date be made retroactive to July 1, 2018.

Amendment: to amend the agreement to make the starting date retroactive to July 1, 2018.

A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, to Amend the proposed agreement. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Benedetto, Hogan, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 1 - Wilson

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 18-8-3

Amended

Enactment No: 18-8-3

Council Discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AS AMENDED

Yea: 6 - Benedetto, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 2 - Hogan and Wilson

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 18-8-3

RESOLUTIONS

[2018-0208](#)

A resolution requesting that Council Chairman Dick Gibbs, the District III Council representative currently serving as Council Chairman, respond to all requests for communications made to him as Chairman by any and all Councilmembers serving in their elected position doing the people's business, and should Council Chairman Gibbs continue to choose or to find that he is unable to communicate with any councilmembers due to personal issues, personal feelings, or whatever the case may be, that he step down from serving as Council Chairman due to the fact that his lack of or unwillingness to communicate as Council Chairman is detrimental to the Council as a whole and ultimately to the residents of St. Charles Parish which the Council represents.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Public comment not opened

A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to Postpone Indefinitely File No. 2018-0208. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Benedetto, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 1 - Hogan

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Postponed Indefinitely

APPOINTMENTS

[2018-0167](#)

Council appointment to the River Region Caucus

Deferred

[2018-0168](#)

Council appointment to the River Region Caucus

Deferred

[2018-0169](#)

Council Alternate Appointment to the River Region Caucus

Deferred

[2018-0170](#)

Council Alternate Appointment to the River Region Caucus

Deferred

[2018-0184](#)

A resolution to appoint Mr. Thomas Barreca, Jr., to the St. Charles Parish Communications District representing the St. Charles Parish Council.

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. THOMAS BARRECA, JR.

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 6360

[2018-0201](#)

A resolution to appoint Mr. John Dias to the River Parishes Transit Authority.

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. JOHN DIAS

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 6361

[2018-0205](#)

A resolution to appoint Chief Sergio Morales to the St. Charles Parish Communications District representing Emergency Medical Services as requested by St. Charles Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 Board of Commissioners.

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF SERGIO MORALES

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 6362

[2018-0206](#)

A resolution to appoint Mr. Craig Petit to the St. Charles Parish Communications District representing the St. Charles Parish President's Office.

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. CRAIG PETIT

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 6363

SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL[2018-0207](#)

Executive Session: Courthouse Building

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Benedetto, to go into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Chairman Gibbs announced that all Councilmembers, the Parish President, Chief Administrative Officer Billy Raymond, Government Buildings Facilities Manager Bob Messerly, and the Executive Staff will be in Executive Session and will return shortly.

Heard in Executive Session

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

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Chairman Gibbs explained that Executive Session was regarding File No. 2018-0207 Courthouse Building.

Returned

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Hogan, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:15 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Valarie Berthelot
Interim Council Secretary