



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

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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

Monday, October 5, 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

Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe, Legal Director Leon C. Vial, III, Assistant Parish Attorney David Moyer, Public Works/Wastewater Director Sam Scholle, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Grant Officer Holly Fonseca, Public Information Officer Renee Simpson, Emergency Preparedness Director Ronald J. Perry

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Pastor Gary McCall
Bible Center Church

Councilman Lewis arrived in the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Fletcher, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 8, 2015. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Tastet, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Wilson

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2015-0345](#)

In Recognition: Julie P. Carmouche-Jackson, Justice of the Peace,
District V

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Read

[2015-0346](#)

In Recognition: Trish Broussard Martin, Boutte River Region Lion's Club
Ms. Queen III

Sponsors: Ms. Schexnaydre

Read

[2015-0347](#)

In Recognition: Kaitlynn Elizabeth Miller, Boutte River Region Lion's
Club Miss Queen III

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Read

[2015-0348](#)

In Recognition: Kaitlyn Rose Kramer, Boutte River Region Lion's Club
Teen Queen III

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Read

[2015-0349](#)

In Recognition: Karley Beth Miller, Boutte River Region Lion's Club
Junior Miss Queen III

Sponsors: Mrs. Tastet

Read

[2015-0350](#)

In Recognition: Joleigh Elise Martin, Boutte River Region Lion's Club
Ambassador Queen II

Sponsors: Mr. Lewis

Read

[2015-0351](#)

In Recognition: Alison Gassen Cazaubon, Boutte River Region Lion's Club Lady Lion

Sponsors: Mr. Wilson

Read

[2015-0354](#)

Proclamation: "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in St. Charles Parish"

Sponsors: Ms. Benedetto

Read

[2015-0361](#)

Proclamation: "Domestic Violence Awareness Month"

Sponsors: Ms. Benedetto

Read

[2015-0356](#)

Proclamation: "Fire Prevention Week"

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Read

[2015-0359](#)

A resolution to declare the St. Charles Parish Council's and Parish President's support of and comradery with all fire fighters across these great United States, and to recognize and honor all of the men and women who currently serve or who have served as fire fighters, and in particular those who served or have served in St. Charles Parish and the State of Louisiana.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, to deviate from the regular order of the agenda to take up File No. 2015-0359. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Tastet, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Wilson

Enactment No: 6190

Deviated

Enactment No: 6190

Chairman Cochran recognized the Volunteer Fire Fighters that were in attendance.

Reported:

Councilman Cochran Recommended: Approval

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Tastet, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Wilson

Enactment No: 6190

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

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Tastet, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Wilson

Enactment No: 6190

Returned

Enactment No: 6190

[2015-0358](#)

Proclamation: "National 4-H Week"

Sponsors: Ms. Fletcher

Read

[2015-0360](#)

Proclamation: "National Night Out"

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr.

Read

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)[2015-0362](#)

Department of Public Works

Public Works/Wastewater Director Sam Scholle

Council Discussion

Mr. Scholle spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2015-0363](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr.

Deferred

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN COCHRAN 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, OCTOBER 19, 2015, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2015-0352](#)

An ordinance of the Parish of St. Charles providing that the Code of Ordinances, Parish of St. Charles, be amended by revising Section 15-5, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, of said Code, to provide for the installation of “**NO PARKING**” signs at the corner of Kinler Street and Hackberry Street in Luling.

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 19, 2015

[2015-0353](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the St. Charles Community C.A.R.E. Center Foundation, Inc. for the provision of services.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr., Ms. Schexnaydre, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Tastet, Ms. Benedetto, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Fletcher and Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 19, 2015

[2015-0364](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for Parish Project No P120801, Randolph Pump Station Improvements, to increase the contract amount by \$73,305.50 and contract time by 14 days.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 19, 2015

[2015-0365](#)

An ordinance of the Parish of St. Charles providing that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16 Nuisances, Article III. Weeds and Grass, Etc., Section 16-26. Notice to abate. and Section 16-27. Abatement by parish. by amending the abatement procedures related to the required notification period.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Planning & Zoning

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 19, 2015

[2015-0370](#)

An ordinance of the Parish of St. Charles providing that the Code of Ordinances, Parish of St. Charles, be amended by revising Chapter 16 Nuisances, Article III. Weeds, Grass, Etc., Section 16-26. Notice to Abate and Section 16-27. Abatement by parish to amend the abatement procedures related to the required notification period.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 19, 2015

[2015-0366](#)

An ordinance to amend Chapter 22.5 Vehicles For Hire, Article II. Taxicabs to increase the application fee, amend the residence requirement, clarify the vehicle standard, and adopt the regional taxicab rate structure by reference.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Planning & Zoning

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 19, 2015

[2015-0367](#)

An ordinance to adopt the St. Charles Parish Local Coastal Program.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Coastal Zone Management Section

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 19, 2015

[2015-0368](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances by adding Chapter 26, the St. Charles Parish Local Coastal Program.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Coastal Zone Management Section

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 19, 2015

[2015-0369](#)

An ordinance instructing the Parish President to enter into a contract to perform a budgeted task, which he is legally obligated to do, and that it be done within fourteen (14) days following the Council's passing of this ordinance, and that the contract be entered into with Couvillion Group, LLC in the amount of \$29,000 which is the amount the Administration received in a bid it had requested and received and that it utilize the \$30,000 allotted in the 2015 Parish budget to perform the budgeted task of raising and disposing the sunken vessel "Pretty Boy" from the Scenic Waterway Bayou Des Allemands, and to authorize the employment of Special Legal Counsel to be selected by the Council Chairman for the purpose of 1) taking any and all legal action required on behalf of the St. Charles Parish Council in order to have a court of competent jurisdiction compel the Parish President to perform his legal obligation related to this matter should the Parish President not provide the Council with an executed contract with Couvillion Group, LLC within the time allotted above, and/or 2) to defend the St. Charles Parish Council should the Parish President elect to file suit against the St. Charles Parish Council as a result of the passing of this ordinance or any legal action required as a result of anything having to do with any of the subject matter noted above or contained within the following whereas', and be it known that the St. Charles Parish Council does hereby deem and declared that any part of this ordinance not found to be invalid by an agency or authority shall not invalidate the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 19, 2015

[2015-0255](#)

An ordinance of the Parish of St. Charles, providing that the Code of Ordinances, Parish of St. Charles, be amended by revising Chapter 19 Planning and Development, Article I. In General, Section 19-1. Planning and Zoning Commission, (b), to add term limits on Council appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 19, 2015

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, ARE TO BE PUBLISHED IN SUMMARY FORM AS FOLLOWS IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL WITH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015, 8:00 A.M.; THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2015, 6:00 P.M.; AND TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2015, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on October 27, 2015

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

[2015-0339](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Construction Contract with Volute, Inc. for Parish Project No. P081102-6, Dunleith Canal Bank Stabilization - Phase V, in the amount of \$1,038,206.00 which includes the Base Bid, Alternate No. 1 and Alternate No. 2.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-10-1

Council Discussion

Public Works/Wastewater Director Sam Scholle spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Tastet, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Wilson

Enactment No: 15-10-1

[2015-0340](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Construction Contract with Sealevel Construction, Inc. for Project No. P080905-3C, State Project No. H.009257, Willowridge Levee Improvements - Phase III, Willowdale PS T-Wall and Levee Extension Project, as part of the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee Project, in the amount of \$7,440,171.00.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-10-2

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Tastet, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Wilson

Enactment No: 15-10-2

[2015-0341](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for St. Charles Parish, Chapter 11 Health & Sanitation, Article III. Open Outdoor Burning, Section 11-29. Exceptions to prohibition against outdoor burning. (2) by revising location of burning.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Chief Oliver Dufrene, Jr., Paradis Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Ms. Phoebe Sellers Cellos, Boutte

A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Benedetto, to extend Ms. Cellos' time an additional three minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Tastet, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Wilson

Time Extended

Speakers:

- Mr. Billy Woodruff, Des Allemands
- Mr. Greg Cellos, Boutte

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Council Discussion

Public Works/Wastewater Director Sam Scholle spoke on the matter.
 Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe spoke on the matter.

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

Yea: 0

Nay: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Tastet, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Absent: 1 - Wilson

Failed

[2015-0342](#)

An ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 15-6-9 to correct the error in Section I. thereof.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-10-3

Council Discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Tastet, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Wilson

Enactment No: 15-10-3

[2015-0343](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Lease with the Secretary of the Army for the twenty-six acre Bonnet Carre' Spillway Recreation Site. (Lease No. DACW29-1-15-39).

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Chief Administrative Officer

Reported:

Chief Administrative Officer Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-10-4

Council Discussion
Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Tastet, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Wilson

Enactment No: 15-10-4

[2015-0344](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances by revising Chapter 21, Article I, removing Section (e), and amending Section (f) regarding the installation of culverts on streets containing open swale drainage.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Public Works

Reported:
Public Works Department Recommended: Approval
Speakers:
Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-10-5

Council Discussion
Public Works/Wastewater Director Sam Scholle spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Tastet, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Wilson

Enactment No: 15-10-5

[2015-0316](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Contract with Tasch Electric LLC., for construction of R56 standard electrical grounding and an uninterruptable power supply at the St. Charles Parish Emergency Operations Center at 15026 River Road in Hahnville, Base bid in the amount of \$350,000.00, Parish Project No. P150701.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Emergency Preparedness

Reported:

Emergency Preparedness Department Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Mr. David Moyer, Luling

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-10-6

Council Discussion

Emergency Preparedness Director Ronald J. Perry spoke on the matter.

Mr. Jason Tastet, Emergency Preparedness Department, spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Tastet, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Wilson

Enactment No: 15-10-6

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN TABLED

[2015-0294](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the land use zoning reclassification from C-3 to M-1 on a 21.7 acre portion of land located at 13840 Old Spanish Trail, Boutte, as requested by TuJack G. Hoover.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Planning & Zoning

Tabled.

[2015-0330](#)

A resolution providing mandatory supporting authorization for approval of a Special Permit Use for an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) on land zoned R-1A with the condition that all utilities are extended from the primary structure at 11202 River Road, as requested by John M. Cole.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Planning & Zoning

Tabled.

RESOLUTIONS[2015-0355](#)

A resolution to approve and authorize the execution of a Contract between the State of Louisiana Division of Administration and St. Charles Parish for funding of the West Bank A Plant Clarifier Refurbishment in Luling through the Louisiana Office of Community Development's FY 2014-2015 Community Water Enrichment Fund, CWEF File #1415-CWEF-STC-0001.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Grants Office

Reported:

Grants Office Recommended: Approval

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Tastet, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Wilson

Enactment No: 6191

[2015-0357](#)

A resolution requesting that the Attorney General provide an Opinion as to what requirements or obligations are there, if any, in regards to the frequency and number of official meetings per year that are to be held by the Sunset Drainage District, of which the St. Charles Parish Council is its governing authority, to conduct Sunset Drainage District business.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Tastet, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Wilson

Enactment No: 6192

APPOINTMENTS

[2013-0293](#)

A resolution to appoint a member to the Industrial Development Board.

Deferred

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Hogan, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:37 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Tastet, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Wilson

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Tiffany K. Clark
Council Secretary