



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
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Final

Council Chairman Larry Cochran
Councilmembers Carolyn K. Schexnaydre, Jarvis Lewis,
Terrell D. Wilson, William Billy Woodruff, Wendy Benedetto,
Paul J. Hogan, Traci A. Fletcher, Julia Fisher-Perrier

Monday, August 3, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 8 - Carolyn K. Schexnaydre, Jarvis Lewis, Terrell D. Wilson, William Woodruff, Wendy Benedetto, Paul J. Hogan, Larry Cochran, and Julia Fisher-Perrier

Absent 1 - Traci A. Fletcher

Also Present

Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr., Chief Operations Officer Bobby Donaldson, Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe, Legal Director Leon C. Vial, III, Assistant Parish Attorney David Moyer, Public Works/Wastewater Director Sam Scholle, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Information Officer Renee Simpson, Emergency Preparedness Director Ronald J. Perry, CZM Administrator Earl Matherne, Waterworks Director Robbie Brou

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Reverend Richard Williams
New Hope Baptist Church, Hahnville

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Schexnaydre, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of July 20, 2015. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2015-0260](#)

In Recognition: Johnny Bourgeois, Fire Service Instructor III

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Chief Paul Hymel spoke on behalf of the St. Rose Volunteer Fire Department.

Read

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2015-0256](#)

River Parishes Transit Authority - Mr. Robert Collins, Operations Manager

Council Discussion

Mr. Collins spoke on the matter.

Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr., spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2015-0257](#)

Department of Waterworks

Waterworks Director Robbie Brou

Council Discussion

Mr. Brou spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2015-0258](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr.

Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr., presented Finance Director Grant Dussom with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

Mr. Dussom spoke on the matter.

Reported

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, AUGUST 17, 2015, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2015-0259](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to revise Chapter 15, Section 15-9, to provide an exception to the Twenty-five (25) Miles Per Hour Speed Limit, to lower the speed limit on the portion of **Up the Bayou Road from Railroad Avenue traveling north to the dead end in Des Allemands to fifteen (15) miles per hour.**

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 17, 2015

[2015-0263](#)

An ordinance to approve the resubdivision of Parcel A of Angel Park addition to Mosella Townsite Subdivision and original Lot 9, Blk. 14 into Lots A1, A2, 3A, 4A, & 9B, with a waiver to the minimum frontage for Lots A-1 and A-2, at 200 Ruth Street and 102 Angel Drive Boutte, Zoning District R-1A and C-3, Council District 4, as requested by Terry & Josie Authement and Salvador A. Puglise.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 17, 2015

[2015-0265](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a contract with Barriere Construction Co., LLC for the construction of Parish Project No. P111002-18, Road Maintenance 2015, with Base Bid and Alternate No. 1, in the amount of \$1,311,898.80.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 17, 2015

[2015-0266](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana (CRCL) for the LaBranche Salinity Control Structure Project to be funded by the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana and St. Charles Parish.

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

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 17, 2015

[2015-0267](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 2 (Final) for Bertucci Contracting Company, LLC, for PO-43 East LaBranche Shoreline Protection Project, Coastal Impact Assistance Program to decrease the contract time by 212 days.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr., Department of Planning & Zoning and Coastal Zone Management Section

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 17, 2015

[2015-0268](#)

An ordinance to provide for the installation of an “**ALL WAY STOP**” sign at the intersection of 8th Street and Clayton Drive in Norco.

Sponsors: Ms. Fletcher

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 17, 2015

[2015-0269](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the Parish President to acquire a perpetual sewer servitude over land identified as a portion of Farm Lots 21, 22 & 23 of Ellington Plantation, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana which property is more particularly described in the Act of Servitude agreement attached hereto and made a part hereof, from Karen Majoria Gervais LeGlue, et al and/or all other owners of record, as their interests may appear, said property to be used by St. Charles Parish for sewer purposes in connection with the Primrose Sewer Force Main Project.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Wastewater

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 17, 2015

[2015-0270](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the Parish President to acquire a perpetual sewer servitude over land identified as a portion of Farm Lots 18, 19 & 20 of Ellington Plantation, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana which property is more particularly described in the Act of Servitude agreement attached hereto and made a part hereof, from Karen Majoria Gervais LeGlue, et al and/or all other owners of record, as their interests may appear, said property to be used by St. Charles Parish for sewer purposes in connection with the Primrose Sewer Force Main Project.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Wastewater

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on August 17, 2015

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[2015-0264](#)

An ordinance 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 constructing, acquiring, maintaining, operating, extending and/or improving levees, facilities and structures associated with outer flood protection systems within the Parish; and for the ARC of St. Charles.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Finance

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on September 8, 2015

PLANNING AND ZONING PETITIONS

[2015-0245](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing a Home Occupation operated by Joseph (Tony) Cancienne III - "All American Siding & Remodeling" - a contractor at 359 Courville Drive, Luling.

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

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval w/Stipulation

Approval with the following stipulations/recommendations:

- The applicant submits photos of the work trailer to the Department of Planning & Zoning

- The work trailer shall be parked only on the applicant's driveway

- No business signage shall be placed on applicant's property

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval w/Stipulation

Approval with the following stipulations/recommendations:

- The applicant submits photos of the work trailer to the Department of Planning & Zoning

- The work trailer shall be parked only on the applicant's driveway

- No business signage shall be placed on applicant's property

CZM Administrator Earl Matherne spoke on the matter.

Speakers:

Mr. Joseph "Tony" Cancienne, III, Luling

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-8-1

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 15-8-1

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

2015-0222

An ordinance of the Parish of St. Charles providing that the Code of Ordinances, Parish of St. Charles, be amended by removing in its entirety Chapter 5. Boats, Docks and Waterways, Article II. Airboats, Section 5-14. through Section 5-20. and replace with Sections 5-14. - 5-20. Reserved.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Captain Rodney Dufrene, Des Allemands

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Legal Services Director Leon C. Vial, III, suggested amending the proposed ordinance to leave the language in the Code for Sections 5-14, 5-18, 5-19, and 5-20.

Council Discussion

Captain Dufrene spoke on the matter.

Mr. Vial spoke on the matter.

Amendment: to amend the proposed ordinance in the "SUMMARY" and "SECTION I." to change "... by removing in its entirety Chapter 5. Boats, Docks and Waterways, Article II. Airboats, Section 5-14. through Section 5-20. and replace with Sections 5-14. - 5-20. Reserved" to read "... by removing in its entirety Chapter 5. Boats, Docks and Waterways, Article II. Airboats, Section 5-14. through Section 5-20."

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Schexnaydre, to amend File No. 2015-0222. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: 3 - Schexnaydre, Woodruff and Hogan

Nay: 5 - Lewis, Wilson, Benedetto, Cochran and Fisher-Perrier

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Motion Failed

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Yea: 2 - Schexnaydre and Hogan

Nay: 6 - Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Cochran and Fisher-Perrier

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Failed

[2015-0244](#)

An ordinance to approve a resubdivision of a portion of property abutting Gassen Subdivision as described on Acts of Sale from Robert P. Gueno to Joseph D Dufresne recorded in COB 441, Folio 802 and Cob 423, Folio 326 into Lots D-1, D-2, and DB-1 with a waiver to the hard surface frontage for Lot D-2 in T13S R21E, St. Charles Parish (13561 River Road) Luling as requested by Diahann L Dufresne.

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

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval

CZM Administrator Earl Matherne spoke on the matter.

Speakers:

Ms. Diahann L. Dufresne, Luling

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-8-2

Council Discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 15-8-2

[2015-0246](#)

An ordinance to approve a resubdivision of Lot FE-4, Subdivision of the Estate of S. Ciravolo into Lots FE-4A & FE-4B at 457 & 461 Magnolia Ridge Road, Boutte. Zoning District OL. Council District 4. as requested by Michael A Gassen.

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

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval

CZM Administrator Earl Matherne spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-8-3

Council Discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 15-8-3

[2015-0251](#)

An ordinance of the Parish of St. Charles providing that the Code of Ordinances, Parish of St. Charles, be amended by revising Appendix A., the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, Section VIII. Site Design Requirements, D. Landscaping Requirements, 2. General Requirements, a.

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

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval

CZM Administrator Earl Matherne spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-8-4

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 15-8-4

[2015-0253](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Construction Contract with Sealevel Construction, Inc. for Project No. P080905-4A, State Project No. H.010102, Willowridge Drainage Pump Station Project, as part of the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee Project, in the amount of \$5,572,160.00.

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

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-8-5

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

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 15-8-5

[2015-0254](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a License with the Department of the Army, U. S. Corps of Engineers, for the Bonnet Carre' Spillway - Montz Park, No. DACW 29-1-15-40.

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

Reported:
Chief Administrative Officer Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-8-6

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Enactment No: 15-8-6

[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

Public Hearing Requirements Not Satisfied

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to Postpone Indefinitely File No. 2015-0255. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Postponed Indefinitely

[2013-0210](#)

An ordinance instructing the Parish President to enter into an agreement, within fourteen (14) days following the effective date from the adoption of this ordinance, with a professional service provider utilizing the fund allotted in the 2015 Parish budget to raise and dispose of the sunken vessel "Pretty Boy" from the Scenic Waterway Bayou Des Allemands prior to the end of the year 2015.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Council Discussion

Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe spoke on the matter.

Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr., spoke on the matter.

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

Legal Services Director Leon C. Vial, III, spoke on the matter.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Schexnaydre, to Postpone Indefinitely File No. 2013-0210. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fletcher

Postponed Indefinitely

RESOLUTIONS

[2015-0261](#)

A resolution to amend the Parish Council Rules to revise Rule 11 to allow for the author of a proposed ordinance and/or proposed resolution to explain its purpose upon being given the floor after its reading by the Council Chairman and to provide for a second opportunity to speak following the discussion of other members.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Council Rule 19. The rules may be repealed, altered, or amended by concurrence of a majority of all Councilmen, but motion for this purpose must be in writing, and lie over for at least one week after introduction before final passage.

Held Over for Final Action on Monday, August 17, 2015

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier departed the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:29 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan and Cochran

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Tiffany K. Clark
Council Secretary