



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 17, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent 1 - Jarvis Lewis

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, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Information Officer Renee Simpson, Emergency Preparedness Director Ronald J. Perry, CZM Administrator Earl Matherne

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm.

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Reverend Allen C. LaGrange, Sr.
True Vine Baptist Church, Hahnville

Councilman Lewis arrived in the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of August 3, 2015. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2015-0271](#)

In Recognition: Terry Chiasson, Equipment Operator IV, Department of Public Works

Sponsors: Mr. Woodruff

Read

[2015-0272](#)

In Recognition: Ms. Myra Edgar Brown

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr.

Chairman Cochran deferred File No. 2015-0272 until later in the meeting.

Deferred

[2015-0273](#)

Proclamation: "ALD Awareness Month in St. Charles Parish"

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Read

[2015-0274](#)

Proclamation: "Art of Respect Day"

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Read

[2015-0272](#)

In Recognition: Ms. Myra Edgar Brown

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr.

Read

Councilman Woodruff requested Point of Privilege announcing he will be resigning on August 31, 2015, as District II Councilman.

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2015-0275](#)

Library Service District

Ms. Leann Benedict, Library Director

Reported

[2015-0276](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr.

Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr. presented Public Information Officer Renee Simpson and Public Information Aide Tristan Babin with two meritorious awards for audiovisual productions and graphic design from the National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO) as part of its 2015 Awards of Excellence.

Ms. Simpson spoke on the matter.

Mr. Babin spoke on the matter.

Council Discussion

Councilman Hogan asked President St. Pierre for an update on the raising and disposing of the sunken vessel "Pretty Boy".

President St. Pierre 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 AT THE PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[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

Enactment No: 15-9-2

[2015-0277](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for St. Charles Parish, Chapter 24. Noise, Section 24-4. Maximum permissible sound limits to add (d), prohibit noise from private garbage collection.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

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

[2015-0278](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Donation of Servitude acquiring additional width to an existing public right-of-way over property identified as Tract 5A of Elkinsville Subdivision, St. Rose, Louisiana, for adequate access to a recreational playground in that area.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Legal Services

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

[2015-0279](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the naming of a right of way in the Elkinsville Subdivision after Palmer Elkins, founder of Elkinsville.

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

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

[2015-0289](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing a Home Occupation operated by Roland Salazar - "Roland and Sons Home Improvement, LLC" - a home improvement contractor at 301 St. John Street, Luling.

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

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

[2015-0290](#)

An ordinance to accept the Department of the Army Easement for pipeline right-of-way (8" waterline) in the Bonnet Carre' Spillway, No. DACW29-2-94-77.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr., Chief Administrative Officer and Department of Waterworks

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

[2015-0291](#)

An ordinance to amend the 2015 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget to add Grant Revenues in the amount of \$50,000 and associated expenses - Improvements Other Than Buildings, for refurbishing the NORCO Food Incubator.

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

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

[2015-0292](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Donation of Servitude of property bordering Schexnaydre Lane in Destrehan, Louisiana, part of the Destrehan High School Campus facility, for safer foot traffic from Thomas Colby Drive to Destrehan High School.

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

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

[2015-0293](#)

An ordinance requesting authorization for St. Charles Parish to award an Engineering Service Professional Services Agreement for St. Charles Parish to conduct an interior Drainage Study for the east bank of St. Charles Parish, LAMP FEMA Challenge SCP Project # P140801.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr., Department of Public Works, Ms. Schexnaydre, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Woodruff, Ms. Benedetto, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Fletcher and Ms. Fisher-Perrier

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

[2015-0295](#)

An ordinance authorizing and accepting a Professional Services Agreement for St. Charles Parish to conduct modeling and a flood insurance map appeal for the west bank of St. Charles Parish, LAMP FEMA Challenge SCP Project # LAMP-OO1.

Sponsors: Mr. St. Pierre Jr., Coastal Zone Management Section, Ms. Schexnaydre, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Woodruff, Ms. Benedetto, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Fletcher and Ms. Fisher-Perrier

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

[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

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

ORDINANCES SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING (INTRODUCED AT PREVIOUS MEETING)

[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

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-8-7

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Benedetto

Enactment No: 15-8-7

[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

Reported:

- P & Z Department Recommended: Approval
- Planning Commission Recommended: Approval
- Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Terry Authement, Boutte

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-8-8

Council Discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 15-8-8

[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

Reported:

- Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-8-9

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 15-8-9

[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

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval
CZM Administrator Earl Matherne spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-8-10

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 15-8-10

[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

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval

CZM Section Recommended: Approval

CZM Administrator Earl Matherne spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-8-11

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 15-8-11

[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

Reported:

Councilwoman Fletcher Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-8-12

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 15-8-12

[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

Reported:

Wastewater Department Recommended: Approval
Wastewater Assistant Director L.J. Brady spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-8-13

Council Discussion

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier explained her reason for abstaining.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 15-8-13

[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

Reported:

Wastewater Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 15-8-14

Council Discussion

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier explained her reason for abstaining.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 15-8-14

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

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe spoke on the matter.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Schexnaydre, to Postpone Indefinitely File No. 2015-0261. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Postponed Indefinitely

APPOINTMENTS

[2015-0280](#)

A resolution to appoint a member to the Civil Service Board.

Nominee:

Chairman Cochran nominated Mr. Brett Terrebonne

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Woodruff, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2015-0280. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Nomination(s) Closed

[2015-0281](#)

A resolution to appoint a member to the Civil Service Board.

Nominee:

Chairman Cochran nominated Ms. Sara Champion

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2015-0281. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Nomination(s) Closed

[2015-0282](#)

A resolution to appoint Chief Deputy Joe Cardella to the St. Charles Parish Communications District representing the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office.

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF DEPUTY JOE CARDELLA

Yea: 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6174

[2015-0283](#)

A resolution to appoint Mr. Armond Bourque to the St. Charles Parish Communications District representing the St. Charles Firemen's Association.

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF ARMOND BOURQUE

Yea: 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6175

[2015-0284](#)

Accept resignation of Mr. Stanley Foster - Planning & Zoning
Commission District IV Representative

Resignation Accepted by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and
Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Resigned

[2015-0285](#)

A resolution to appoint a member to the Planning & Zoning Commission
as the District IV Representative.

Vacancy Announced

[2015-0286](#)

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

Vacancy Announced

[2015-0287](#)

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

Vacancy Announced

[2015-0288](#)

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

Vacancy Announced

[2013-0293](#)

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

Vacancy Announced

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Woodruff, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Tiffany K. Clark
Council Secretary