



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, January 22, 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 of Procurement, Personnel, and Government Buildings Darrin Duhe, Executive Director of Community Affairs Dwayne LaGrange, Executive Director of Technology and Communications Anthony Ayo, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Faucheux, Wastewater Assistant Director L.J. Brady, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Public Information Officer Tristan Babin, Risk Management Officer Rechelle Champagne

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Reverend Isiah Franklin, Jr.
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, St. Rose

Councilwoman Fletcher arrived in the meeting.

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2018-0008](#)

Proclamation: "Wear Red Day for Women in St. Charles Parish"

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Read

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2018-0009](#)

Risk Management/Safety

Risk Management Officer Rechelle Champagne

Councilman Gibbs spoke on the matter.

Ms. Champagne spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.

Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchaux spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2018-0010](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

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, FEBRUARY 5, 2018, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2017-0352](#)

An ordinance to amend St. Charles Parish Subdivision Regulations of 1981, to provide that a subdivider or developer is required to pay the cost of construction testing and not construction inspections.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 5, 2018

[2018-0014](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Construction Contract with Pontchartrain Partners, LLC for Project No. P080905-5C, Ellington Levee - Phase II Project, as part of the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee Project, in the amount of \$3,520,084.30.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 5, 2018

[2018-0015](#)

An ordinance approving, authorizing, and requiring the execution of an Agreement to Donate a portion of property by RNW Community, L.L.C. to St. Charles Parish in connection with the proposed construction of a public boat launch in Des Allemands, Louisiana.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on February 5, 2018

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

[2017-0414](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the Parish President to execute an Agreement between Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP, Entergy Louisiana, LLC, and St. Charles Parish for the purpose of Drainage Improvement Projects in Montz.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

Parish President Larry Cochran invited Mr. Kent Greene of Entergy up to speak on File No. 2017-0414.

Mr. Greene spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-1-9

Council Discussion

Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 18-1-9

[2017-0423](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Construction Contract with J.E. Franke Constructors, LLC, for Project No. P170601, St. Charles Norco Library Renovation/Addition in the amount of: \$1,110,025.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval
Ms. Leann Benedict, Library Director, spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-1-10

Council Discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 18-1-10

[2018-0004](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, to add Section 26. Golf Carts to provide for the operation of golf carts upon public roads or streets.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval
Legal Services Director Robert Raymond spoke on the matter.
Mr. Raymond requested an amendment to File No. 2018-0004 which is not a significant change to what has been advertised.

Amendment: to amend the proposed ordinance in "SECTION I." to change paragraph "(l) Any person violating the provisions of this section..." to paragraph "(m)" and insert a new paragraph "(l) All golf carts authorized by this section to be operated on parish streets shall be registered with the Sheriff of St. Charles Parish and shall display a decal issued by the Sheriff. Said registration shall be done at no charge to the registrant."

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, seconded by Councilmember Benedetto, to Amend File No. 2018-0004. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 18-1-11

Amended

Enactment No: 18-1-11

[2018-0004](#)

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Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Sheriff Greg Champagne spoke on the matter.

Speakers:

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Mr. Mike Troxler, Destrehan

Mr. Cory Savoie, Luling

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-1-11

Council Discussion

Sheriff Champagne spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AS AMENDED

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

Nay: 1 - Bellock

Enactment No: 18-1-11

[2018-0005](#)

An ordinance to amend the 2018 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget to add grant revenues to the General Fund - Fund 001, under account 001-400611 Coastal Zone Management in the amount of \$290,000 from the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana and to add \$324,000 to Improvements Other than Buildings for the LaBranche Salinity Barrier Project previously unexpended in the 2017 Budget.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Finance

Reported:

Finance Department Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 18-1-12

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 18-1-12

[2018-0007](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an Act of Donation of portion of property by RNW Community, L.L.C. to St. Charles Parish in connection with the proposed construction of a public boat launch in Des Allemands, Louisiana.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Cory Savoie, Luling

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Council Discussion

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to Table File No. 2018-0007. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 5 - Hogan, Wilson, Woodruff, Bellock and Fletcher

Nay: 4 - Benedetto, Clulee, Gibbs and Fisher-Perrier

Tabled.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN TABLED

[2017-0417](#)

A resolution to re-create the St. Charles Parish Coastal Zone Advisory Committee.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Remained Tabled

RESOLUTIONS

[2018-0006](#)

A resolution providing mandatory support for the Planning and Zoning Commission's approval to expand a religious institution on Lot C, Square C, Oakland Estates Subdivision, municipal address 10328 River Road, St. Rose, with a waiver to setback requirements, specifically item B.I.1.c.(4) under Section VI. Zoning District Criteria and Regulations, of the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Denial

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bellock, seconded by Councilmember Hogan, to Table File No. 2018-0006. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Tabled.

[2018-0011](#)

A resolution notifying the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the St. Charles Parish Department of Wastewater has reviewed the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report for **LA0073539 AI39862 - Destrehan Wastewater Treatment Plant**, and set forth the required action.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Wastewater

Reported:

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

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6327

[2018-0012](#)

A resolution notifying the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the St. Charles Parish Department of Wastewater has reviewed the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report for **LA0073521 AI43357 - Hahnville Wastewater Treatment Plant**, and set forth the required action.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Wastewater

Reported:

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

Public comment opened

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville
Mr. Brady spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 7 - Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Benedetto and Bellock

Enactment No: 6328

[2018-0013](#)

A resolution notifying the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the St. Charles Parish Department of Wastewater has reviewed the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report for **LA0032131 AI43356 - Luling Oxidation Pond**, and set forth the required action.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Wastewater

Reported:

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

Public comment opened

Mr. Milton Allemand, Hahnville
Mr. Brady spoke on the matter.
Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchaux spoke on the matter.
Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6329

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Fisher-Perrier, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:17 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Tiffany K. Clark
Council Secretary