

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
MARCH 23rd, 2021
CHAIRMAN KURT BECNEL
VICE-CHAIR MICHAEL WRIGHT

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the St. John the Baptist Parish Government Complex Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Kurt Becnel, Councilman District I, Warren Torres, Jr., Councilman District II, Tammy Houston, Councilwoman District III, Tyra Duhe-Griffin, Councilwoman District IV, Robert Arcuri, Councilman District V, Thomas Malik, Councilman District VII, Michael Wright, Councilman-at-Large, Div. B

ABSENT: Tonia Schnyder, Lennix Madere, Jr.

Councilman Duhe-Griffin led the Prayer. Councilman Torres led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Christopher Cortez and Legal Clerk Kennilyn Schmill were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (3 minutes per citizen)

There were no public comments.

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - April as Fair Housing Month

Jaclyn Hotard, Parish President, read the Proclamation - April as Fair Housing Month.

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - April 5-9, 2021 as National Community Development Week

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Stanley Bienemy/Rene Pastorek - Presentation - To explore opportunities to enhance I-10 Gateway Corridors through increased visibility, signage, and landscaping

The presentation can be viewed in its entirety at www.sjbparish.com.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - March 9th, 2021, Council Meeting; Permit Approval - Friends of the Manchac Greenway Bike Ride Sunday, April 18th, 8:30 AM until 11:30 AM, beginning at Bec's on the Lake; Permit Approval - St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church Eucharistic Procession - Palm Sunday, March 28th, beginning at 1:00 PM walking procession through Riverland Estates and driving procession through River Forest; Permit Approval - LaPlace Lions Club Poker Walk - Saturday, April 24th from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM - beginning at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Fir Street

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to approve consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - March 9th, 2021, Council Meeting; Permit Approval - Friends of the Manchac Greenway Bike Ride Sunday, April 18th, 8:30 AM until 11:30 AM, beginning at Bec's on the Lake; Permit Approval - St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church Eucharistic Procession - Palm Sunday, March 28th, beginning at 1:00 PM walking procession through Riverland Estates and driving procession through River Forest; Permit Approval - LaPlace Lions Club Poker Walk - Saturday, April 24th from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM - beginning at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Fir Street. The motion passed with Councilwoman Schnyder and Councilman Madere absent.

REPORTS:

President's Report:

The President's Report can be viewed in its entirety at www.sjbparish.com.

Jaclyn Hotard - Monthly Financial Report (February 2021)

Jaclyn Hotard stated, "The monthly financial report has been submitted to the Council for February 2021."

Tom Malik - Finance Committee Report

Councilman Malik stated, "Yes sir, Mr. Chairman. The finance committee met prior to this meeting and it consisted of seven (7) council members, two (2) absent. The Finance committee approved the following Resolutions R21-39, R21-40, R21-41, R21-42, and R21-48."

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCES/NEW BUSINESS

Jaclyn Hotard - Resolution - R21-43 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to explore opportunities to enhance I-10 Gateway Corridors through visibility, signage, and landscaping

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R21-43. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to explore opportunities to enhance I-10 Gateway Corridors through visibility, signage, and landscaping. The motion passed with Councilwoman Schnyder and Councilman Madere absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Michael Sanders - Resolution - R21-44 - A Resolution authorizing the Amendment of the REGALA Gymnasium Facility Use Policy

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R21-44. A Resolution authorizing the Amendment of the REGALA Gymnasium Facility Use Policy. The motion passed with Councilwoman Schnyder and Councilman Madere absent.

Myra Alexis-Valentine - Resolution - R21-45 - A Resolution supporting adoption of the Citizen Participation Plan

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R21-45. A Resolution supporting adoption of the Citizen

Participation Plan. The motion passed with Councilwoman Schnyder and Councilman Madere absent.

Myra Alexis-Valentine - Resolution - R21-46 - A Resolution supporting adoption of the Language Access Plan (LAP)

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R21-46. A Resolution supporting adoption of the Language Access Plan (LAP). The motion passed with Councilwoman Schnyder and Councilman Madere absent.

Myra Alexis-Valentine - Resolution - R21-47 - A Resolution recognizing the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the Community Development Block Grant Program

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R21-47. A Resolution recognizing the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the Community Development Block Grant Program. The motion passed with Councilwoman Schnyder and Councilman Madere absent.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Tonia Schnyder - Suzi Guerin - Update on concerns about sinkholes and canal sliding at Vicknair Canal

Suzi Guerin - Update on concerns about sinkholes and canal sliding at Vicknair Canal can be viewed in its entirety at www.sjbparish.com.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

21-04 An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lot A, Portion of Evergreen Plantation into Lot EP-1 of Evergreen Plantation, located in the area generally bounded by Hwy. 18, Hwy. 639, Hwy. 3127, and Hwy. 3213, Edgard, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on January 21, 2021(PZS-21-1268) (R. Pastorek)

21-05 An ordinance approving a re-subdivision of Lots 214 & 215 into Lot 214-A of Lakeshore Estates Inc. Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Des Allemands Blvd., Rue St. James and Hwy. 643, Vacherie, as shown in a survey prepared by Scott M. Bourgeois, P.L.S. on January 26, 2021(PZS-21-1267) (R. Pastorek)

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS:

The correspondence/council briefs can be viewed in its entirety at www.sjbparish.com.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:38 PM, Councilman Wright moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Schnyder and Councilman Madere absent.

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Council Secretary

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