

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 13th, 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, April 13th, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Lennix Madere, Jr., Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, 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, Tonia Schnyder, Councilwoman District VI, Thomas Malik, Councilman District VII, Michael Wright, Councilman-at-Large, Div. B

ABSENT: None

Councilwoman Schnyder led the Prayer. Councilman Arcuri led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Keith Green Jr. and Legal Clerk Kennilyn Schmill were present.

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

There was no public comment.

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to suspend the rules to amend an agenda item, agenda item VIII(D). The motion passed unanimously.

Kurt Becnel - Reginald Starks, Civil Service Board Chairman - Authorization to approve the recommendation of the Civil Service Board in the hiring of Gabrielle Griffin-Cannon for the position of Civil Service Administrator.

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to REMOVE the item Kurt - Reginald Starks, Civil Service Board Chairman - Authorization approve the recommendation of the Civil Service Board in the hiring of Gabrielle Griffin-Cannon for the position of Civil Service Administrator from the agenda under the advice of legal counsel. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

Jaclyn Hotard, Parish President, read the Proclamation - April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - April 11-17, 2021 as 911 Telecommunications Week

Jaclyn Hotard, Parish President, read the Proclamation - April 11-17, 2021 as 911 Telecommunications Week.

Tonia Schnyder - Presentation - Pamela Givens - Emmanuel's Place of Hope

Pamela Givens gave a brief presentation on Emmanuel's Place of Hope.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - March 23rd, 2021, Council Meeting; Parish President Jaclyn Hotard - Re-appointment of Iona Holloway and Daryl Klibert to the St. John the Baptist Parish Housing Authority Board

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - March 23rd, 2021, Council Meeting; Parish President Jaclyn Hotard - Re-appointment of Iona Holloway and Daryl Klibert to the St. John the Baptist Parish Housing Authority Board. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

President's Report:

Jaclyn Hotard read out the President's report.

Jaclyn Hotard - Report of LWCC Dividend Checks

Jaclyn Hotard gave a brief report on the LWCC Dividend Checks.

Stanley Bienemy - EDC Report

Stanley Bienemy gave a brief report on the Economic Development Department.

Tom Malik - Finance Committee Report

Councilman Malik stated, "Mr. Chairman, the finance committee met prior to this meeting and it consisted of all council members. The Finance Committee approved the following Resolutions R21-49, R21-50, R21-51, R51-52, R21-53, R21-54, R21-55, and R21-56."

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCES/NEW BUSINESS:

21-04(Public Hearing Held) 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)

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 21-04. The motion passed unanimously.

21-05(Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving a re-subdivision of Lots 214 & 215 into Lot 214-A of Lakeshore Estates Inc. Subdivision, located in the general area 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)

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 21-05. The motion passed unanimously.

Myra Alexis-Valentine - Resolution - R21-57 - A Resolution authorizing a Sub-Recipient Agreement between St. John the Baptist Parish and South Central Planning and Development Commission under the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) COVID-19 Heating Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) Program

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R21-57. A Resolution authorizing a Sub-Recipient Agreement between St. John the Baptist Parish and South Central Planning and Development Commission under the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) COVID-19 Heating Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) Program. The motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

There were no ordinances to introduce.

Announcement of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 11th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Edgard Courthouse, 2393 Hwy.18, Edgard, Louisiana, the St. John the Baptist Parish Council plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling elections to be held in (i) the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana to authorize the renewal of ad valorem taxes, the rededication of an ad valorem tax and the issuance of general obligation bonds therein and (ii) Road Lighting District No. 1 of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein.

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Duhé-Griffin seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss R. Bend Estates et al. v. St. John Parish, 40th JDC No. 69795, Div. C and Cape Horn Investments et al. v. St. John Parish, 40th JDC No. 72013, Div. A. The motion passed with unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

R. Bend Estates et al. v. St. John Parish, 40th JDC No. 69795, Div. C

Cape Horn Investments et al. v. St. John Parish, 40th JDC No. 72013, Div. A

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to go back into regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Becnel stated, "Well we just come out of Executive Session and no action was taken and no other discussion was made."

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to authorize Butler & Associates, authority to negotiate a settlement and attorney fees for St. John the Baptist in the case of Cape Horn Investments et al. v. St. John the Baptist, 40th JDC No. 72013, Div. A. The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS:

Councilwoman Houston excused herself from the meeting at 7:56 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:03 PM, Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Griffin seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Houston absent.

/s/Kurt P. Becnel
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary