

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 28th, 2020
VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE
CHAIRMAN LENNIX MADERE
VICE-CHAIR KURT BECNEL

CERTIFICATE

The St. John the Baptist Parish Council, through its Chairman, Lennix Madere, Jr., hereby certifies as follows: In accordance with Executive Proclamations JBE 2020-30 issued by Governor John Bel Edwards on March 16, 2020, and concurrence by the Attorney General on March 19th, 2020, this Notice shall serve as certification by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council of its inability to operate in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law due to a lack of quorum as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Pursuant to Section 4 of JBE 2020-30 the St. John the Baptist Parish Council will provide for attendance at its essential government meeting on Tuesday, July 28th, 2020 via video conference in order to obtain a quorum of its members. Therefore, in accordance with JBE 2020-30, the St. John the Baptist Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, July 28th, 2020 at 6:00 PM will be held via video conference and in a manner that will allow for observation and input by members of the public, as set forth in the notice posted on Monday, July 27th, 2020. All other Open Meetings Law requirements have been met.

The St. John the Baptist Parish Council members will meet via Zoom video/teleconference at the posted date and time.

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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

Councilman Wright led the Prayer. Councilman Malik led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Keith Green, Jr., Christopher Cortez and Kennilyn Schmill were present via video conference.

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (90 seconds per citizen)

There were no public comments.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

There was no introduction of businesses.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - July 14th, 2020, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion for discussion.

There was lengthy discussion in regards - to the minutes not being available for review before the meeting. (This can be viewed in its entirety at www.sjbparish.com)

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve consent agenda items consisting of - Approval of Minutes - July 14th, 2020, Regular Meeting. The motion passed with 5 Yeas, 3 against (Becnel, Duhe-Griffin, Houston) and 1 abstaining (Torres).

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCES:

20-17(Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending ordinance 20-04 relative to the annual Operating budgets for St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds, and Capital Project Funds for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. (J. Hotard)

Robert Figuero stated, *"These amendments reflect changes to estimated revenues and expenditures to actual revenues and expenditures for 2020. Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 20-17. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Councilman Wright stated, *"Thank you Mr. Chairman, at this time I'll offer a motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee."*

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Tonia Schnyder - (Carry Over 07-14-20) Discussion regarding the Sewer Lift Station at 1809 Cambridge Drive

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Robbie Arcuri - Update on the upgrades to the Lions Water treatment plant

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Robbie Arcuri - Update on the Mississippi River Water source funding for LaPlace

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Robbie Arcuri - Update on the milling and overlaying of sections of the I-55 Service Road

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Robert Figuero - Monthly Financial Report (June 2020)

Robert Figuero stated, "It was emailed out to everyone, if there's any questions I'd be happy to answer them."

Tammy Houston - Discussion and consideration regarding the Council determining and adopting its own rules and order of business

There was lengthy discussion regarding the Council determining and adopting its own rules and order of business. (This can be viewed in its entirety at www.sjbparish.com)

Tyra Duhe-Griffin/Lennix Madere - Discussion regarding parish wide drainage - possible hiring of drainage crew

There was lengthy discussion in regarding parish wide drainage - possible hiring of drainage crew. (This can be viewed in its entirety at www.sjbparish.com)

Tammy Houston - Status of the unkept property on Tassin Court

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to REMOVE - Status of the unkept property on Tassin Court from the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Tonia Schnyder - Update on COVID-19 testing sites

There was lengthy discussion in regards - to Update on COVID-19 testing sites. (This can be viewed in its entirety at www.sjbparish.com)

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

20-18 An ordinance to amend Ordinance 96-141 to add the following Holiday: Juneteenth Day (Third Saturday in June) (T. Houston)

- 20-19** An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot C, Elvina Plantation generally bounded by W. Airline Highway, Interstate 10, U.S. Highway 51 and Windsor Street, LaPlace from the Commercial District Three (C-3) and Residential District One (R-1) to the Rural District (RURAL), as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-20-1181) (J. Hotard)
- 20-20** An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lots 1 and 2, Cureau Subdivision into Lot 1A, Cureau Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by W. Airline Highway, River Road, E. 24th Street and E. 22nd Street, Reserve, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on May 25, 2019. (PZS-20-1245) (J. Hotard)
- 20-21** An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of the John Esparros Tract into Lots 1-JE and 2-JE of the John Esparros Tract, located in the area generally bounded by the Mississippi River, the Y&MV Railroad, McReine Road, and Miya Lane, LaPlace, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on April 30, 2020. (PZS-20-1243) (J. Hotard)

PRESIDENT REPORT:

The president report can be viewed in its entirety at www.sjbpaish.com

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:50 PM, Councilman Wright moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with unanimously.

/s/Lennix Madere
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary

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