

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 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, September 28th, 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

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

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

MOTION: Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to recess the council meeting. The motion passed with unanimously.

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to go back into the regular meeting. The motion passed with Councilman Arcuri and Councilman Malik absent.

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

"Good Afternoon, Virgie Jarrow-Johnson. My comment comes from Item VIII; J) Resolution - R21-125. Just to say that I'm happy to see that we do have this Resolution that's been introduced by the Council, and we're very happy to know that there will be a dialogue that will be started. This is all that I have to say at this time, thank you very much for having to introduce it."

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Jaclyn Hotard, Parish President, read the proclamation for October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - October as Fire Prevention Month

Jaclyn Hotard, Parish President, read the proclamation for October as Fire Prevention Month.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM: Approval of Minutes - August 24th, 2021, Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to approve consent agenda item - Approval of Minutes - August 24th, 2021, Council Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

President's Report

Jaclyn Hotard - Monthly Financial Report (August 2021)

Jaclyn Hotard stated, "Thank you Chairman Becnel. The monthly financial report has been submitted to the Council."

Tom Malik - Finance Committee Report

Councilman Malik stated, "Yeah Mr. Chairman the Finance Committee met prior to this meeting, attended by the entire Council and all the items on the agenda approved. The Finance Committee approved the following Resolutions R21-134, R21-126, R21-127, R21-128, R21-129, R21-130, R21-131, R21-132, and R21-133."

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCES/NEW BUSINESS:

21-32 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving a re-subdivision of Lot 17, Square 3, Melius Subdivision, Extension #1, and a portion of the Lasseigne Tract, into Lot 17A, located in the area generally bounded by East 26th Street, East 27th Street, Farlough Drive, and Highway 44, Reserve, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on June 23, 2021 (PZS-21-1280) (J. Hotard & R. Pastorek)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 21-32. The motion passed with Councilman Madere absent.

21-33 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot B-2, Original Hope Plantation Subdivision from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Two (R-2) zoning district, located in the area generally bounded by Hymel Lane, Highway 44, Klibert Lane, and Miano Street, Garyville, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-21-1232) (J. Hotard & R. Pastorek)

MOTION: Councilman Torres moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 21-33. The motion passed with Councilman Madere absent.

21-34 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 7 of the Edwin Cambre Tract, inclusive of Lots 109, 110, 111, and 112, from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Three (R-3) zoning district located in the area generally bounded by Aycok Drive, Highway 628, and Cardinal Drive, LaPlace, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-21-1238) (J. Hotard & R. Pastorek)

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 21-34. The motion passed unanimously.

21-35 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 5 of the Edwin Cambre Tract, inclusive of Lots 125, 126, 127, and 128, from the

Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Three (R-3) zoning district located in the area generally bounded by Aycock Drive, Highway 628, and Cardinal Drive, LaPlace, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-21-1239) (J. Hotard & R. Pastorek)

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 21-35. The motion passed unanimously.

21-36(Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 9 of the Edwin Cambre Tract from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Three (R-3) zoning district located in the area generally bounded by Aycock Drive, Highway 628, and Cardinal Drive, LaPlace, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-21-1240) (J. Hotard & R. Pastorek)

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 21-36. The motion passed unanimously.

21-37(Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 4 of the Edwin Cambre Tract, inclusive of Lots 121, 122, 123, and 124, from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Three (R-3) zoning district located in the area generally bounded by Aycock Drive, Highway 628, and Cardinal Drive, LaPlace, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-21-1241) (J. Hotard & R. Pastorek)

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 21-37. The motion passed unanimously.

21-38(Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 10 of the Edwin Cambre Tract, inclusive of Lots 101, 102, 103, and 104, from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Three (R-3) zoning district located in the area generally bounded by Aycock Drive, Highway 628, and Cardinal Drive, LaPlace, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-21-1243) (J. Hotard & R. Pastorek)

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 21-38. The motion passed unanimously.

21-39(Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 2 of the Edwin Cambre Tract from the Residential District One(R-1) to the Residential District Three(R-3) zoning district located in the area generally bounded by Aycock Drive, Highway 628, and Cardinal Drive, LaPlace, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-21-1244) (J. Hotard & R. Pastorek)

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 21-39. The motion passed unanimously.

21-40 An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 3 of the Edwin Cambre Tract, inclusive of Lots 117, 118, 119, and 120, from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Three (R-3) zoning district located in the area generally bounded by Aycock Drive, Highway 628, and Cardinal Drive, LaPlace, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-21-1245) (J. Hotard & R. Pastorek)

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 21-40. The motion passed unanimously.

Kurt Becnel - Resolution - R21-125 - A Resolution to affirm the Town of Edgard as the Parish Seat for St. John the Baptist Parish

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution-R21-125. A Resolution to affirm the Town of Edgard as the parish seat for St. John the Baptist Parish. WHEREAS, in 1807 the territory of Orleans was divided into twelve counties. The county of the German Coast was one of these. Later this was divided into nineteen parishes. St. John was one of those parishes. It received its name from the religious parish of St. John the Baptist. The Parish Seat was established in the village of Lucy. WHEREAS, the building which served as the first courthouse is still standing. In 1848, the parish seat was moved to Edgard. WHEREAS, presently Edgard is the parish seat for St. John the Baptist Parish. WHEREAS, the official courthouse located in this parish is situated in the Town of Edgard, Louisiana. WHEREAS, the St. John the Baptist Parish Council affirms the Town of Edgard, Louisiana as the parish seat for St. John the Baptist Parish. WHEREAS, the Parish Council annually appropriates funding for the maintenance and general operations of the Parish courthouse in Edgard, Louisiana. WHEREAS, the Parish Council formally grants authorization to the Parish President to oversee the maintenance and general operations of the Parish courthouse in Edgard, Louisiana. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council that the Town of Edgard, Louisiana is affirmed as the parish seat for St. John the Baptist Parish, wherein the official courthouse for St. John the Baptist Parish shall continue to be situated. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the St. John the Baptist Parish that the Parish President is formally granted authorization to oversee the maintenance and general operations of the Parish courthouse in Edgard, Louisiana. The motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

There were no department/engineer reports.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

There were no ordinances to introduce.

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS:

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to amend the agenda to go into Executive Session before Correspondence Council Briefs. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

MOTION: Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss St. John the Baptist Parish District Attorney vs. St. John the Baptist Parish, et al., Docket No. C-77055 and Warren Treme, AIMS Grp., Inc., Fred Kinsley and AJSJS Dev., LLC v. St. John the Baptist Parish, et al., Civil Action No. 2:21-cv-01607 (E.D. La.). The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

St. John the Baptist Parish District Attorney vs. St. John the Baptist Parish, et al., Docket No. C-77055

Warren Treme, AIMS Grp., Inc., Fred Kinsley and AJSJS Dev., LLC v. St. John the Baptist Parish, et al., Civil Action No. 2:21-cv-01607 (E.D. La.)

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to go back into regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

Jackie Landeche stated, "There was no action taken as a result of the executive session tonight, so correspondence and council briefs."

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:49 PM, Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/Kurt P. Becnel
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary