

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 14TH, 2022
CHAIRMAN MICHAEL WRIGHT
VICE-CHAIR LENNIX MADERE

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, June 14th, 2022, at 6:00 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, Robert Arcuri, Councilman District V, Thomas Malik, Councilman District VII

ABSENT: Tyra Duhe-Griffin, Tonia Schnyder, Michael Wright

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

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

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

There were no public comments.

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - June 13th - 19th, 2022 as Men's Health Week

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - May 24th, 2022, Council Meeting; Permit Approval - St. John the Baptist Parish 21st Annual Independence Day Celebration - Friday, July 1st, 2022, beginning at 6:00 PM with Fireworks starting at 9:00 PM - St. Peter Catholic Church, Reserve and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Edgard

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - May 24th, 2022, Council Meeting; Permit Approval - St. John the Baptist Parish 21st Annual Independence Day Celebration - Friday, July 1st, 2022, beginning at 6:00 PM with Fireworks starting at 9:00 PM - St. Peter Catholic Church, Reserve and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Edgard. The motion passed with Councilwomen Duhe-Griffin, Schnyder and Councilman Wright absent.

REPORTS

President's Report:

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCE(S)/NEW BUSINESS

Michael Wright - Selection of the L'Observateur as the Official Journal for St. John the Baptist Parish Government

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to appoint the L'Observateur as the Official Journal for St. John the Baptist Parish Government. The motion passed with Councilwomen Duhe-Griffin, Schnyder and Councilman Wright absent.

22-18 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the family re-subdivision of Lot C-1 of the Amedee Tract of Lot 9 of Hope Plantation into Lots C-1A & C-1B of the Amedee Tract of Lot 9 of Hope Plantation, located in the area generally bounded by Buster Street, Highway 44, S. Church Street, and Miano Street, Garyville, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZS-22-1304) (J. Hotard & C. Crumbley)

MOTION: Councilman Torres moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 22-18. The motion passed with 5 yeas (Becnel, Torres, Houston, Madere, Malik), 1 against (Arcuri), and 3 absent (Duhe-Griffin, Schnyder, Wright).

22-19 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of North ½ Lot 9, Mayflower Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by W. 1st Street, L & L Court, Highway 18, and Highway 3127, Edgard, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Two (R-2) zoning district as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-22-1303) (J. Hotard & C. Crumbley)

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 22-19. The motion passed 5 yeas (Becnel, Torres, Houston, Madere, Malik), 1 against (Arcuri), and 3 absent (Duhe-Griffin, Schnyder, Wright).

22-20 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 1-WKA, Reine Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by E. Airline Highway, Simon Street, and Kimball Drive, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA from the Commercial District Three (C-3) to the Industrial District One (I-1), as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-22-1297) (J. Hotard & C. Crumbley)

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 22-20. The motion passed with Councilwomen Duhe-Griffin, Schnyder and Councilman Wright absent.

22-21 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000) of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022, of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith (J. Hotard)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 22-21. The motion passed with 5 yeas (Becnel, Houston, Madere, Arcuri, Malik), 1 against (Torres) and 3 absent (Duhe-Griffin, Schnyder, Wright).

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-97 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to ratify the advertisement and solicitation of bids for Metal Roof Hurricane Ida Disaster Repairs

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-97. A Resolution of authorizing St. John the Baptist

Parish to ratify the advertisement and solicitation of bids for Metal Roof Hurricane Ida Disaster Repairs. **WHEREAS**, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and **WHEREAS**, St. John the Baptist Parish sustained extensive damage due to Hurricane Ida on August 29, 2021; and, **WHEREAS**, as a result, Parish facilities with metal roofing are in need of repairs and/or replacement. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to ratify the advertisement and solicitation of bids for Metal Roof Hurricane Ida Disaster Repairs. The motion passed with Councilwomen Duhe-Griffin, Schnyder and Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-98 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for Emergency Fencing Repairs to Del-Con, LLC

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-98. A Resolution of authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for Emergency Fencing Repairs to Del-Con, LLC. **WHEREAS**, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and **WHEREAS**, Del-Con, LLC of Berwick, LA submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid in the amount of \$287,895; and, **WHEREAS**, the bid submitted was \$133,381.17 less than the Engineer's construction cost estimate; and, **WHEREAS**, St. John the Baptist Parish suffered extensive damage due to Hurricane Ida and as a result, security chain link fencing at various water and wastewater facilities are in need of repair; and, **WHEREAS**, repairs will be funded through the Hurricane Ida Fund with FEMA reimbursement. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to award the bid for Emergency Fencing Repairs to Del-Con, LLC. The motion passed with Councilwomen Duhe-Griffin, Schnyder and Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-99 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to renew the contract with St. John Mosquito Control, LLC for Mosquito Control Services

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-99. A Resolution of authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to renew the contract with St. John Mosquito Control, LLC for Mosquito Control Services. **WHEREAS**, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and **WHEREAS**, this renewal is for five (5) additional years of the original 2017 contract; and, **WHEREAS**, the renewal will maintain the same payment terms and is funded through Mosquito Fund. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to renew the contract with St. John Mosquito Control, LLC for Mosquito Control Services. The motion passed with Councilwomen Duhe-

Griffin, Schnyder and Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-100 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to amend the Professional Services Agreement with Digital Engineering and Imaging, Inc. for Hurricane Ida Disaster Recovery Damage Assessment and A/E Services Project

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-100. A Resolution of authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to amend the Professional Services Agreement with Digital Engineering and Imaging, Inc. for Hurricane Ida Disaster Recovery Damage Assessment and A/E Services Project. **WHEREAS**, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and **WHEREAS**, Digital Engineering and Imaging, Inc. is the Engineer for services related to Hurricane Ida Disaster Assessment Services; and **WHEREAS**, Amendment No. 2 is for A/E Services that are required in order to complete repairs to Public Infrastructure including Public Buildings, Utilities and Public Works Infrastructure that was damaged by Hurricane Ida; and, **WHEREAS**, the cost of this Amendment will be funded by a 90/10 cost-share through FEMA Reimbursement and various departments. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to amend the Professional Services Agreement between St. John the Baptist Parish and Digital Engineering and Imaging, Inc. The motion passed with 5 yeas (Becnel, Houston, Madere, Arcuri, Malik), 1 against (Torres) and 3 absent (Duhe-Griffin, Schnyder, Wright).

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-101 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into an Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement with the Pontchartrain Levee District for the Annual Independence Day Celebration

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-101. A Resolution of authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into an Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement with the Pontchartrain Levee District for the Annual Independence Day Celebration. **WHEREAS**, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and **WHEREAS**, the Annual Independence Day Celebration Fireworks Show takes place from a barge on the Mississippi River, Friday, July 1, 2022 on the east and west banks of the river; and, **WHEREAS**, the Pontchartrain Levee District is the public body with authority to regulate activities on the levee system related to maintenance and integrity of the levee structure; and, **WHEREAS**, this Agreement is required by the Pontchartrain Levee District to host the Annual Independence Day Celebration Fireworks show; and, **WHEREAS**, St. John the Baptist Parish will agree to maintain an insurance policy for public liability and property damage, with the Pontchartrain Levee District as the named additional insured, in the amount of \$1,000,000. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that Parish President Jaclyn Hotard is hereby duly authorized and empowered on behalf of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council to sign and execute the Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement between St. John the Baptist Parish and the Pontchartrain Levee District. The

motion passed with Councilwomen Duhe-Griffin, Schnyder and Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Reed Alexander - Resolution - R22-102 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with McKim & Creed, Inc. for the River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks and Clarifier Rehabilitation Project

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-102. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with McKim & Creed, Inc. for the River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks and Clarifier Rehabilitation Project. **WHEREAS**, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and **WHEREAS**, McKim & Creed, Inc. of Gonzales, LA has been selected as the Engineer for the River Road WWTP Headworks and Clarifier Rehabilitation Project; and, **WHEREAS**, the Headworks and Clarifier at the River Road WWTP needs to be rehabilitated to continue to provide reliable wastewater treatment in its service area; and, **WHEREAS**, the estimated cost of the Agreement is \$215,228 will be funded through the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Clean Water State Revolving Loan. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that Parish President, Jaclyn Hotard is hereby duly authorized and empowered on behalf of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council to sign and execute the Professional Services Agreement between St. John the Baptist Parish and McKim & Creed, Inc. The motion passed with Councilwomen Duhe-Griffin, Schnyder and Councilman Wright absent.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

There was no introduction of ordinances.

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to suspend the rules to amend the agenda to REMOVE Executive Session, St. John the Baptist Parish District Attorney vs. St. John the Baptist Parish, et al., Docket No. C-77055. The motion passed with Councilwomen Duhe-Griffin, Schnyder and Councilman Wright absent.

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to REMOVE Executive Session, St. John the Baptist Parish District Attorney vs. St. John the Baptist Parish, et al., Docket No. C-77055 from the agenda. The motion passed with Councilwomen Duhe-Griffin, Schnyder and Councilman Wright absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS:

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:01 PM, Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwomen Duhe-Griffin, Schnyder and Councilman Wright absent.

/s/Lennix Madere, Jr.
COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary