

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 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, September 27th, 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, 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 Becnel led the Prayer. Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin led the Pledge.

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

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

Public comments on Item H, Ordinance 22-44, were given by Virgie Jarrow Johnson, Vice-President, St. John the Baptist Parish Library Board of Control.

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - October as Fire Prevention Month

Jaclyn Hotard - Recognition - Artis Williams, St. John United Way

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - September 13th, 2022, Council Meeting; Parish President Jaclyn Hotard - Appointment of Kena Morrison to the St. John the Baptist Parish Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve consent agenda items - Approval of Minutes - September 13th, 2022, Council Meeting; Parish President Jaclyn Hotard - Appointment of Kena Morrison to the St. John the Baptist Parish Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. The motion passed with 8 Yeas and 1 Nay (Torres).

REPORTS

President's Report:

Jaclyn Hotard - Monthly Financial Report (August 2022)

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

22-37 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance granting approval to further extend the valid period of time of Conditional Subdivision approval for an additional twelve (12) months for River Oaks Subdivision, Phase V, Lots 205-239, 245-252, 264-282, and Parcels H-11, H-13, C, and D, located south of the proposed Woodland Drive right-of-way, west of the Vicknair Canal, east of St. Andrews Boulevard, and north of River Oaks Subdivision, Phases II and III; situated in Sections 66 and 67, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana; which were granted Preliminary/Conditional approval on August 9, 2005 (Ordinance No. 05-46) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 22-37. The motion passed unanimously.

22-38 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance granting approval to further extend the valid period of time of Conditional Subdivision approval for an additional twelve (12) months for Belle Terre Commercial Subdivision, Phase I, Parcel B, Lots 4-22; Parcel C, Lots 2,3 & 6-9; and Parcel DS-4; Phase 2, Parcel B, Lots 23-49; and Parcel E, Lots 1-42; Parcel DS-2; and Parcel DS-3; all situated in Sections 69 and 70, T-11-S, R-7-E, Southeast District of Louisiana, east of the Mississippi River, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana; which were granted Conditional approval on June 12, 2007 (Ordinance No. 07-33) and October 9, 2007 (Ordinance No. 07-65) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 22-38. The motion passed unanimously.

22-39 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance creating a Department of Community Services of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, and establishing its duties and functions as follows: responsible for matters and programs related to health, welfare, social action, emergency assistance, federal and state assistance programs, non-profit assistance, and recreation and educational programs (J. Hotard)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 22-39. The motion passed with 6 Yeas, 2 Nays (Duhe-Griffin, Torres) and 1 Abstaining (Schnyder).

22-40 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to transfer the functions, daily operations, and personnel of the Department of Health and Human Services to the Department of Community Services of St. John the Baptist Parish (J. Hotard)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 22-40. The motion passed with 6 Yeas, 2 Nays (Duhe-Griffin, Torres) and 1 Abstaining (Schnyder).

22-41 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to abolish the Department of Health and Human Services of St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana (J. Hotard)

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 22-41. The motion passed with 6 Yeas, 2 Nays (Duhe-Griffin, Torres) and 1 Abstaining (Schnyder).

22-42 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to authorize the Parish President to execute a Lease Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for lease of premises located at 151 E. 3rd Street, Edgard, LA 70049 (J. Hotard)

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 22-42. The motion passed unanimously.

22-43 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance authorizing the Parish President to execute an Act of Sale for the purchase of that certain immovable property located at Highway 44, Horace Maurin Lot, bounded by Estate of Geo Haik and Estate of Joe Le Brun, Reserve, LA from the owners of St. John Theatre, Inc. 501c3 for the appraised value of \$37,027 (M. Wright)

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 22-43. The motion passed with 8 Yeas and 1 Nay (Torres).

22-44 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending Ordinance 92-12, relative to the St. John the Baptist Parish Library Board of Control to provide that Section 3 thereof shall read as follows: adding Each Library Board of Control appointment shall be a resident of the Councilmatic district from which his or her appointment is made and this ordinance to become effective at the beginning of the next Council term, January 8th, 2024 (W. Torres)

MOTION: Councilman Torres moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 22-44. The motion FAILED with 3 Yeas (Duhe-Griffin, Schnyder, Torres) and 6 Nays (Madere, Becnel, Houston, Wright, Arcuri, Malik).

Michael Wright - Council meeting date change of November 8th, 2022

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to change the Council Meeting date from Tuesday, November 8th, 2022, to Wednesday, November 9th, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-201 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to advertise and solicit bids for the REGALA Park Field No. 2 Synthetic Turf Project

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-201. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to advertise and solicit bids for the REGALA Park Field No. 2 Synthetic Turf 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**, REGALA Park is in need of a new synthetic turf and drainage on the little League Baseball Field (Field No. 2); and, **WHEREAS**, project will be funded through the Recreation Department Budget. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to advertise and solicit bids for REGALA Park Field No. 2 Synthetic Turf project. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-202 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to advertise and solicit bids for Construction of the Westbank Multipurpose Complex

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-202. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to advertise and solicit bids for Construction of the Westbank Multipurpose Complex. **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**, a new multipurpose facility on the Westbank of St. John the Baptist Parish will be able to accommodate multiple public events; and, **WHEREAS**, the facility will also include a regulated basketball court and be utilized as an emergency shelter; and, **WHEREAS**, project will be funded through 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 advertise and solicit bids for the Construction of the Westbank Multipurpose Complex. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-203 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to accept the completion of the Lucy Levee Trail Project

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-203. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to accept the completion of the Lucy Levee Trail 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**, the Lucy Levee Trail Project has been deemed substantially complete by the Project Engineer and the Capital Projects Administrator; **WHEREAS**, final acceptance of this project is required for close-out. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to accept the completion of the Lucy Levee Trail Project. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-204 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development (DOTD) for Temporary Right-of-Way access for Debris Removal

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-204. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development (DOTD) for Temporary Right-of-Way access for Debris Removal. **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**, DOTD will grant the Parish access to and use of state highway Right-of-Ways for the purpose of aiding Parish's Debris Removal Operations; and, **WHEREAS**, the Right-of-Ways are needed for the successful completion of debris removal to further benefit and protect the citizens of the Parish; and, **WHEREAS**, Debris Removal Operations will be funded through FEMA Reimbursement. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby

authorized to enter a MOU between St. John the Baptist Parish and DOTD. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Cain Dufrene - Resolution - R22-205 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to purchase two (2) Fire Trucks

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-205. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to purchase two (2) Fire Trucks-Not to exceed 1.45 million dollars. **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 Fire Department is in need of two new fire trucks; and, **WHEREAS,** the trucks will be purchased through a State Contract and funded through the Office of Fire Services. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to purchase two (2) Fire Trucks. The motion passed with 5 Yeas, 3 Nays (Becnel, Madere, Houston) and 1 Abstaining (Torres).

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

22-45 An ordinance approving the family subdivision of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5, Legaux Family Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Oubre Court, Emilien Court, Highway 18, & The T & P Railroad, Edgard, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZS-22-1321) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

22-46 An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lots D, E, & F of LaPlace Plantation into Lots D-1 & F-1 of LaPlace Plantation, located in the area generally bounded Bradford Street, Mimosa Street, West 5th Street, & the L & A Railroad, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZS-22-1318) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

22-47 An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 3-A, Square 9, Hopeville Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Historic Front Street, S. Apple Street, Avocado Street, & N. Church Street, Garyville, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA from the Commercial District One (C-1) to the Residential District One (R-1), as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-22-1328) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

22-48 An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of an executed dedication certificate for the final dedication of parcels at Cole's Place Subdivision, Lots V-1, V-3, V-2A, V-2B, and V2C, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on January 13, 2021 (PZS-21-1270) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS:

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:16 PM, Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/Michael Wright
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary