

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 12TH, 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, May 12th, 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, May 12th, 2020 at 2:00 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 Wednesday, May 6th, 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

Councilwoman Houston led the Prayer. Councilman Torres 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 at this time.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - May as Mental Health Month

Jaclyn Hotard, Parish President, read the proclamation for May as Mental Health Month.

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - May as National High Blood Pressure Education Month

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CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - April 29th, 2020, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to approve consent agenda item - Approval of Minutes - April 29th, 2020, Regular Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCES:

20-05 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of improvements and granting final subdivision approval of Coles Landing Subdivision, Phase IV, Section 2, Lots 148 through 156, Lots 169 through 177, and Lots 201 through 208, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on January 23, 2020 (J. Hotard)

Rene Pastorek stated, *"Construction on this subdivision is finished and all required inspections are complete and approved. Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 20-05. The motion passed unanimously.

20-06 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of a portion of the Reine Subdivision and Lot B-1 of the Simon E. Clement Tract into Lot B-1A of the Simon E. Clement Tract and the remainder of the Reine Subdivision, in the area generally bounded by W. Airline Hwy., Somerset Street and Jaubert Lane, as shown in a Survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on June 10, 2019 (PZS-20-1234) (J. Hotard)

Rene Pastorek stated, *"This re-subdivision request to facilitate transfer of land was recommended with unanimous approval by the Planning Commission at its March 16, 2020 meeting and by the Utility Board at its January 21, 2020 meeting. Due to consistency with the zoning district requirements, surrounding neighborhood pattern and the goals of the Comprehensive Plan, Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 20-06. The motion passed unanimously.

20-07 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lots 208

and 209, Lakeshore Estates Subdivision into Lot 208-A, Lakeshore Estates Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Rue St. John and Des Allemands Blvd., Vacherie, as shown in a survey prepared by Seth J. Mosby, P.L.S. on January 26, 2020. (PZS-20-1235) (J. Hotard)

Rene Pastorek stated, *"This re-subdivision request to construct an addition to the existing home on-site was recommended with unanimous approval by the Planning Commission at its April 20, 2020 meeting and by the Utility Board at its February 4, 2020 meeting. Due to consistency with the surrounding neighborhood pattern and the goals of the Comprehensive Plan, Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 20-07. The motion passed unanimously.

20-08 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lot A-1 and a portion of the Alexis Jouty Tract into a lot herein designated as Lot A-1A of the Charles Jouty Tract, located in the area generally bounded by LA Hwy. 3217, Riverview Court, LA Hwy. 628, and the Y&MV Railroad, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on January 13, 2020 (PZS-20-1236) (J. Hotard)

Rene Pastorek stated, *"This re-subdivision request to facilitate the transfer of property was recommended with unanimous approval by the Planning Commission at its March 16, 2020 meeting and by the Utility Board at its March 3, 2020 meeting. Due to consistency with the zoning district requirements, surrounding neighborhood pattern and the goals of the Comprehensive Plan, Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 20-08. The motion passed unanimously.

20-09 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lot 1, Square B, Woodland Plantation Farm Lot 5 into Lots 1A and 1B, Square B, Woodland Plantation Farm Lot 5, located in the area generally bounded by Highway 51, Airline Highway, and Main Street, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on February 3, 2020 (PZS-20-1239) (J. Hotard)

Rene Pastorek stated, *"This re-subdivision request to facilitate the transfer of land was recommended with unanimous approval by the Planning Commission at its March 16, 2020 meeting and by the Utility Board at its March 3, 2020 meeting. Due to consistency with the surrounding neighborhood pattern and the goals of the Comprehensive Plan, Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 20-09. The motion passed unanimously.

20-10 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending ordinance 19-42 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, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019 (J. Hotard)

Robert Figuero stated, *"These amendments reflect changes from estimated revenues and expenditures to actual revenues and expenditures for 2019. These changes have no effect on the 2020 budget and are simply a reconciliation of the 2019 budget."*

Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 20-10. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Councilman Wright stated, "At this time I'll offer a motion to approve the recommendation from the members of the finance committee."

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve the recommendation from the members of the finance committee. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lennix Madere/Tammy Houston - Resolution - R20-15 - A Resolution In support of Proclamation Number 52 JBE 2020 - Renewal of State of Emergency for COVID-19 Extension of Emergency Provisions

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, and I want to thank Ms. Houston for coming to me with/and putting this Resolution together, and I'm more than sure every one of the Council members have definitely bee in favor of this resolution. It's not a law it's a Resolution, I want to make that perfectly clear, so that they won't say the Parish passed a law. It's a resolution we strongly support the effort that the state and the Governor of Louisiana is putting forward in trying to help protect us from the COVID Virus. And it is a state recommendation that all employees, you know especially in stores and everything, they do wear a mask and it's strongly recommended to the individuals who going into these facilities to have a mask on cuz not only you're protecting yourself, but you're protecting other individuals from being exposed to this deadly virus. And Ms. Houston, I'm going to turn the mic over to you, cuz I know you want to make a comment about it."

Councilwoman Houston stated, "First of all, I would like to thank Mr. Madere for being able to have this on the agenda and to ask for a Resolution from our fellow Council people. It came out as a concern, we, Mr. Madere and I, and I know the Parish President has also been having some concerns on the masks, when they're going in stores and people are there without the masks on. This is a very deadly disease, we are not out of the woods by any means, I think (INAUDIBLE) running rampant, and as such I think that it is incumbent on the individual. We can pass Resolution after Resolution, we can get on Facebook, we can get on Social Media you just have to take responsibility. So, we're asking you to protect - maybe if you don't want to protect yourself, protect the children, your parents, grandparents, protect those around you protect your loved ones. Coming in terms of protecting your loved ones when you go in the stores you have protected gear on. We're not, you're not making a fashion statement, we want you to help us to SAVE LIVES! So, that's what we're asking, thank you."

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R20-15. A Resolution In support of Proclamation Number 52 JBE 2020 - Renewal of State of Emergency for COVID-19 Extension of Emergency Provisions. The motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

There were no department/engineer reports.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

20-11 An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of the Rico Lumar Lot into Lots 1-RM and 2-RM, located in the area generally bounded by E. 17th Street, E. 18th Street and Highway 44, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on January 30, 2020. (PZS-20-1238) (J. Hotard)

PRESIDENT REPORT:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

At 3:56 PM, Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/Lennix Madere, Jr.
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary

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