

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 2024
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 Monday, January 8th, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL: Lennix Madere, Jr., Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Michael Wright, Councilman-at-Large, Div. B, Virgie Johnson, Councilwoman District I, Warren Torres, Councilman District II, Tammy Houston, Councilwoman District III, Tyra Duhe-Griffin, Councilwoman District IV, Robert Arcuri, Councilman District V, Vernon Bailey, Sr., Councilman District VI, Dixie Ramirez, Councilwoman District VII

ABSENT: None

Councilman Bailey led the Prayer and Councilwoman Ramirez led the Pledge.

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

There was no public comment at this time.

COUNCIL - Selection of Officers

- 1) Council Chairman
- 2) Council Vice-Chairman

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to appoint Councilman Michael Wright as Chairman and Councilman Lennix Madere as Vice-Chairman. The motion passed unanimously.

PARISH PRESIDENT - Confirmation of Department Directors

- 1) Director of Communications - Baileigh Helm
- 2) Director of Community Services - Kali Price
- 3) Director of Economic Development - Michelle Miller
- 4) Director of Human Resources - Stacey Cadore
- 5) Director of Parks & Recreation - Michael Sanders
- 6) Director of Planning & Zoning - Tara Lambeth
- 7) Director of Public Works - Clayton Fauchoux
- 8) Director of Purchasing Department - Peter Montz

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to confirm the following Department Directors. Director of Communications - Baileigh Helm; Director of Community Services - Kali Price; Director of Economic Development - Michelle Miller; Director of Human Resources - Stacey Cadore; Director of Parks & Recreation - Michael Sanders; Director of Planning & Zoning - Tara Lambeth; Director of Public Works - Clayton Fauchoux and Director of

Purchasing Department - Peter Montz. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - December 27th, 2023, Council Meeting; Parade Permit - Krewe of Dage' of LaPlace Parade - Sunday, February 11th, 2024, beginning at 11:00 AM at the St. John Community Center; March/Rally - Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church & New Pilgrim Baptist Church Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day March and Rally - January 15th, 2024, beginning at 8:00 AM at the intersection of 400 Ory Drive and Belle Pointe Blvd. - LaPlace; Parade Permit - Krewe of Tohwahpahsah - Saturday, February 10th, 2024, beginning at Noon through the streets of Reserve; March/Memorial Program - West St. John Civic Association Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. March and Memorial Program - Monday, January 15th, 2024 beginning at Noon at the Roland Borne Sr. Memorial Library, Edgard; Councilwoman Johnson - Appointment of Larry Sorapuru, Jr. to the Economic Development Committee; Councilwoman Johson - Re-appointment of Kenneth Taylor, Jr. to the Recreation Advisory Board; Councilwoman Ramirez - Re-appointment of Ali Stein to the Economic Development Committee; Councilwoman Ramirez - Appointment of Jerry Kleive to the Recreation Advisory Board; Councilwoman Houston - Appointment of Bonnie Dinvaut to the Economic Development Committee; Councilwoman Houston - Appointment of Travis Cook to the Recreation Advisory Board; Councilwoman Houston - Appointment of Bernell Charles, Jr. to the Zoning Board of Adjustments; Councilman Bailey - Appointment of Eliza Eugene to the Economic Development Committee; Councilman Arcuri - Re-appointment of Ronny Michel to the Historic District Commission; Councilwoman Houston - Appointment of Jennifer Brock to the Historic District Commission

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - December 27th, 2023, Council Meeting; Parade Permit - Krewe of Dage' of LaPlace Parade - Sunday, February 11th, 2024, beginning at 11:00 AM at the St. John Community Center; March/Rally - Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church & New Pilgrim Baptist Church Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day March and Rally - January 15th, 2024, beginning at 8:00 AM at the intersection of 400 Ory Drive and Belle Pointe Blvd. - LaPlace; Parade Permit - Krewe of Tohwahpahsah - Saturday, February 10th, 2024, beginning at Noon through the streets of Reserve; March/Memorial Program - West St. John Civic Association Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. March and Memorial Program - Monday, January 15th, 2024 beginning at Noon at the Roland Borne Sr. Memorial Library, Edgard; Councilwoman Johnson - Appointment of Larry Sorapuru, Jr. to the Economic Development Committee; Councilwoman Johson - Re-appointment of Kenneth Taylor, Jr. to the Recreation Advisory Board; Councilwoman Ramirez - Re-appointment of Ali Stein to the Economic Development Committee; Councilwoman Ramirez - Appointment of Jerry Kleive to the Recreation Advisory Board; Councilwoman Houston - Appointment of Bonnie Dinvaut to the Economic Development Committee; Councilwoman Houston - Appointment of Travis Cook to the Recreation Advisory Board; Councilwoman Houston - Appointment of Bernell Charles, Jr. to the Zoning Board of Adjustments; Councilman Bailey - Appointment of Eliza Eugene to the Economic Development Committee; Councilman Arcuri - Re-appointment of Ronny Michel to the Historic District Commission; Councilwoman Houston - Appointment of Jennifer Brock to the Historic District Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Jaclyn Hotard/Kali Price - Resolution - R24-01 - A Resolution authorizing and

approving a Grant Agreement between St. John the Baptist Parish and the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) for Administration of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for grant October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2025, and further authorizing the St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute all documents related thereto

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

24-01 An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 2, Square B of Bushtown Subdivision from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Two (R-2) located at 111 NW 12th Street, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZR-23-1513) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

24-02 An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Parcel 1 of Bayou Steel Corporation Subdivision located at 356 Highway 628, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-23-1379) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

24-03 An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot A of Belle Pointe Plantation Subdivision No. 2 from the Commercial District 3 (C-3) to the Industrial District One (I-1) Located at 2750 West Airline Highway, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZR-23-1495) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

24-04 An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot LV from the Commercial District One (C-1) to the Commercial District Two (C-2) located at 1142 Highway 44, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZR-23-1514) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

24-05 An ordinance authorizing the issuance of not exceeding Three Million Six Hundred Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$3,602,575) of Taxable Sales Tax Bonds (DEQ), Series ST-2024 of St. John the Baptist Parish

Sales Tax District; and providing for other matters in connection therewith (J. Hotard)

24-06 An ordinance proposing an amendment to Article III, Section A.2 of the St. John the Baptist Home Rule Charter (T. Houston)

ADJOURNMENT:

At 12:11 PM, Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.

/s/Michael Wright
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary