

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 8th, 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, June 8th, 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, Robert Arcuri, Councilman District V, Tonia Schnyder, Councilwoman District VI, Thomas Malik, Councilman District VII, Michael Wright, Councilman-at-Large, Div. B

ABSENT: Tyra Duhe-Griffin

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

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

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

There were no public comments.

Kurt Becnel - Buddy Boe - Introduction - New Executive Director of the River Parishes Tourist Commission

Buddy Boe stated, *"Thanked the Council Chair and Council for working with him during his time with the River Parishes Tourist Commission. At the last Tourist Commission meeting, the Board selected the new Executive Director, he officially took over June 1st, I'll be completely gone by June 18th. So, without further ado, I'd like to introduce to you my replacement, Jay Robichaux."*

Mr. Robichaux stated he was born and raised in Norco, worked, and lived in the River Parishes his entire life of 52 years. Dedicating most of his life to the children in St. Charles Parish, was on the School Board for 20 years. I'm a dedicated Public Servant, just like you all I understand what it means to sit behind the desk and make decisions. I've been in sales and marketing my entire life and decided to take on this position. I do want to thank Buddy Boe from the bottom of heart for leaving me such a great organization to move to the next level, or even to keep the way it is."

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - June 14-20 as Men's Health Week

Jaclyn Hotard, Parish President, read the Proclamation - June 14-20 as Men's Health Week.

Jaclyn Hotard - Recognition - 2nd Lieutenant James Perilloux - Class of 2021

United States Military Academy at West Point

Jaclyn Hotard recognized 2nd Lieutenant James Perilloux - Class of 2021 United States Military Academy at West Point, for his outstanding accomplishment and thanked him for his dedication and service to our country.

Tammy Houston - Presentation - Dr. Kelli Joseph, Ph.D. - DB4 Consulting Group, Strategic Planning Services

Councilwoman Houston thanked Dr. Kelli Joseph, Ph.D. and here colleagues for attending the Council meeting for the presentation on Strategic Planning Services."

DB4 Consulting Group thanked the Council and Parish President and is hoping to enter into a partnership with the Council and the Parish to strengthen relationships within the organization, as well as with external stakeholders. A brief presentation was given to include services to St. John Parish Council with Step 1)Engage Internal and External Stakeholders through Data Collection-Engage Council Members or identified group; Step 2)Empower Organization through Data Analysis-Data Analysis collected from identified group; Step 3)Excel the Organization through the DB4 Path Forward Services-One DB4 Path Seminar-Team Building. Contact DB4 Consulting Group by email at DB4ConsultingGroup@gmail.com or by phone(504) 359-0999.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - May 25th, 2021, Council Meeting; Jaclyn Hotard - Re-appointment of Donna Falgoust to the Historic District Commission

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Consent Agenda items consisting of approval of Minutes - May 25th, 2021, - Council Meeting; Jaclyn Hotard - Re-appointment of Donna Falgoust to the Historic District Commission. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin absent.

REPORTS:

President's Report

Tom Malik - Finance Committee Report

Councilman Malik stated, "*Mr. Chairman, the Finance Committee met prior to this meeting, which consisted of 7 of the seated Councilmembers. The Finance Committee approved the following Resolutions R21-78, R21-79, R21-80, and R21-81.*"

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCES/NEW BUSINESS:

Jaclyn Hotard - Resolution - R21-82 - A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to submit a Grant Application to the Louisiana Office of Tourism (LOT) for funds in connection with the FY 21-22 Grant Cycle for the 2021 Andouille Festival

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R21-82. A Resolution authorizing the Parish Presided to

submit a Grant Application to the Louisiana Office of Tourism (LOT) for funds in connection with the FY 21-22 Grant Cycle for the 2021 Andouille Festival. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Madere absent.

Kurt Becnel - Andrea Tullos, Library Director - Authorization to approve the architect contract between St. John the Baptist Parish Library Board and Ewing Cole

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve the architect contract between St. John the Baptist Parish Library Board and Ewing Cole. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Schnyder absent.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

21-16 An ordinance amending ordinance 20-38 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, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. (J. Hotard)

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS:

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:34 PM, Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin absent.

/s/Kurt P. Becnel
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary