

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 13th, 2023
CHAIRMAN MICHAEL WRIGHT
VICE-CHAIR KURT BECNEL

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 13th, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL: Lennix Madere, Jr., Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Kurt Becnel, Councilman District I, Tammy Houston, Councilwoman District III, Robert Arcuri, Councilman District V, Warren Torres, Councilman District II, Michael Wright, Councilman-at-Large, Div. B, Tyra Duhe-Griffin, Councilwoman District IV, Tonia Schnyder, Councilwoman District VI

ABSENT: None

Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin led the Prayer and Councilwoman Houston led the Pledge.

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

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

Public Comment was made on agenda item - Kurt Becnel - Appointment of Tanya Faucheux as Councilwoman District VII by Sylvia Taylor, Deron Cook, Leonard James, Dana James, Daisha Blunt and Serita Steib.

Public Comment was made on agenda items Resolution R23-131 and Resolution R23-132 by David Gendron.

Kurt Becnel - Election of Officers

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to appoint Councilman Michael Wright as Chairman of the Council. The motion passed with 5 yeas, and 3 abstaining (Duhe-Griffin, Schnyder, Torres).

Kurt Becnel - Appointment of Tanya Faucheux as Councilwoman District VII

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to appoint Tanya Faucheux as Councilwoman District VII. The motion passed with 4 yeas, 2 against (Schnyder, Torres), 2 abstaining (Madere, Duhe-Griffin).

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to take a recess. The motion passed with 6 yeas, 1 against (Schnyder) and 1 absent (Torres).

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to go back into regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

Keith Green, Legal Counsel, stated, "For clarification, when it comes to voting,

an abstention is an individual saying that they do not want to be a part of the consideration. So, any abstention is not counted as a yes vote and it is not counted as a no vote, it is counted as an individual who is not participating in the vote. According to the Charter, the vote has to be by a majority of those remaining members. If a member abstains, they are no longer a remaining member because they have taken themselves out of the consideration, therefore of the six votes cast in the previous ballot, four were in favor and two were against. So the motion actually passed because that is a majority of the members that voted."

Jaclyn Hotard - Recognition - Riverside Academy High School Girls' Softball Team 1A Select Division IV Champions

Jaclyn Hotard - Recognition - St. John Warriors Red 7- & 8-Year-Old Team

Jaclyn Hotard - Recognition - St. John Warriors Red 9- & 10-Year-Old Team

Jaclyn Hotard - Recognition - St. John Warriors Red 11- & 12-Year-Old Team

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - June 12th - 18th, 2023 as Men's Health Week

The above proclamation will be carried over to the next agenda.

Kurt Becnel/Lennix Madere - Presentation - Paula Pete, Director of Housing Family Resources of New Orleans

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - May 23rd, 2023, Council Meeting; Councilman Becnel - Re-appointment of Kenneth Taylor, Jr. to the Recreation Board

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve consent agenda item - Approval of Minutes - May 23rd, 2023, Council Meeting; Councilman Becnel - Re-appointment of Kenneth Taylor, Jr. to the Recreation Board. The motion passed with 7 yeas and 1 against (Torres).

REPORTS:

President's Report

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

23-20 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to rescind Ordinance 23-05, which reads: Ord. 23-05 - An ordinance approving the rezoning of the Julius Hemple Tract, located in the area generally bounded by Highway 18, Royal Court, E. 11th Street, & Glendale Plantation Road, Edgard, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA from the Residential District One (R-1) & the Commercial District One (C-1) to the Residential District Three (R-3), as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (J. Hotard)

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 23-20. The motion passed unanimously.

23-21 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lot 85, located in the area generally bounded by E. 28th Street, Highway 44, E. 27th Street, and Perilloux Drive, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, as

shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZS-23-1350) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilwoman Schnyder moved and Councilman Torres seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 23-21. The motion passed unanimously.

23-22 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the family resubdivision of the Morgan Jacob Tract into Lots A, B, C, & D of the Morgan Jacob Tract, located in the area generally bounded by the Y & M V Railroad, Water Plant Road, James Court, & W. 2nd Street, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZS-23-1345) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilwoman Schnyder moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 23-22. The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to amend the council agenda to replace the name Thomas Malik with Michael Wright on the selection of the L'Observateur as the Official Journal for St. John the Baptist Parish Government. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. The motion passed with 7 yeas and 1 against (Torres).

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

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to select the L'Observateur as the Official Journal for St. John the Baptist Parish Government. The motion passed with 7 yeas and 1 against (Torres).

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R23-124 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to reject the bid received for Membrane Filters for the Reverse Osmosis Unit

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution R23-124. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to reject the bid received for Membrane Filters for the Reverse Osmosis Unit. 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 only bid received is being rejected due to it being non-responsive. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to reject the bid received for the Membrane Filters for the Reverse Osmosis Unit. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R23-125 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for Membrane Filters for the Reverse Osmosis Unit

MOTION: Councilwoman Schnyder moved and Councilman Torres seconded the motion to approve Resolution R23-125. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for Membrane Filters for the Reverse Osmosis Unit. 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 is an annual bid for replacement membranes for the LaPlace Water System; and, WHEREAS, orders will be placed on an as-needed basis; and, WHEREAS, orders will be funded through the Utilities Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to solicit bids for Membrane Filters for the Reverse Osmosis Unit. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R23-126 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for Decorative Post Top Luminaire Street Light Fixtures

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution R23-126. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for Decorative Post Top Luminaire Street Light Fixtures. 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 is for the replacement of damaged fixtures in River Oaks and Live Oaks Subdivision; and, WHEREAS, the estimated cost is \$119,000 and will be funded through the Street Lights Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to solicit bids for Decorative Post Top Luminaire Street Light Fixtures. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R23-127 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the Professional Services Agreement to ACT Technologies for Information Technology Services

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Torres seconded the motion to approve Resolution R23-127. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the Professional Services Agreement to ACT Technologies for Information Technology 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, ACT Technologies of Reserve, LA ranked first out of four (4) proposals received and reviewed by the Source Selection Committee; and, WHEREAS, services will include technical support, assistance, hardware, software troubleshooting and system training on an as-needed basis; and, WHEREAS, the costs of these services will be funded through various funds/departments. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with ACT Technologies for Information Technology Services. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R23-128 - A Resolution authorizing St.

John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 10 with Command Construction Industries, LLC for the LA SAFE Airline and Main Complete Streets Project

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R23-128. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 10 with Command Construction Industries, LLC for the LA SAFE Airline and Main Complete Streets 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, Change Order No. 10 increases the original Agreement amount by \$19,578 and an additional five (5) calendar days; and, WHEREAS, the increase is due to replacing concrete collars at three (3) locations for drainage, exploratory excavation to identify the best solution for drainage and continued water use in the area, and for relaying pipe joints that were reset due to the reconfiguration of the drainage run with existing utilities in place; and, WHEREAS, project is funded through \$6M the Parish received from the Louisiana Office of Community Development. 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 Council to execute Change Order No. 10 between St. John the Baptist Parish and Command Construction Industries, LLC. The motion passed with 7 yeas and 1 abstaining (Schnyder).

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R23-129 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute any and all documents and agreements required under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Program through the Louisiana Recovery Programs

MOTION: Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved and Councilman Torres seconded the motion to approve Resolution R23-129. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute any and all documents and agreements required under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Program through the Louisiana Recovery Programs. 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 Office of Community Development (OCD), has developed Recovery Programs to meet short and long-term recovery needs of the household and communities impacted by the disasters of 2020 and 2021; and, WHEREAS, OCD has allocated recovery funds in the amount of \$6,887,921 for the purpose of providing disaster resilience by enhancing infrastructure and improving mitigation efforts and implement economic revitalization programs to build more resilient communities. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by 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 execute any and all documents and agreements required under the CDBG Disaster Recovery Program through the Louisiana Recovery Programs. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Reed Alexander - Resolution - R23-130 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with All Star Electric, Inc. for the Lions Water Treatment Plant Electrical Control Building

Project

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to approve Resolution R23-130. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with All Star Electric, Inc. for the Lions Water Treatment Plant Electrical Control Building 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, Change Order No. 1 is a no cost Change Order to insert updated Davis-Bacon Labor Wage Rates into the contract documents as required by the LDH Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund; and, WHEREAS, project is funded through St. John the Baptist Parish Bond Funds and the LDH Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund. 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 Council to execute Change Order No. 1 between St. John the Baptist Parish and All Star Electric, Inc. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Tara Lambeth - Resolution - R23-131 - A Resolution to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny application number PZR-23-1389 to rezone Lot 21-A, from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Commercial District Two (C-2) Zoning District

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve Resolution R23-131. A Resolution to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny application number PZR-23-1389 to rezone Lot 21-A, from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Commercial District Two (C-2) Zoning District. 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 Request was unanimously recommended for denial by the Planning Commission on May 15, 2023; and, WHEREAS, Section 113-79(c) of the Code of Ordinances states that if the Planning Commission recommends denial of a re-zoning and the Parish Council concurs, the matter need not to be introduced for a Public Hearing; and, WHEREAS, if this Resolution fails adoption, the matter will be introduced as an Ordinance for consideration at the next available Parish Council meeting. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish hereby accepts the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny application number PZR-23-1389 to rezone Lot 21-A, from the Residential District One [R-1] to the Commercial District Two [C-2] zoning district. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Tara Lambeth - Resolution - R23-132 - A Resolution to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny application number PZR-23-1390 to rezone Lot 18-A, from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Commercial District Two (C-2) Zoning District

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to approve Resolution R23-132. A Resolution to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny application number PZR-23-1390 to rezone Lot 18-A, from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Commercial District Two (C-

2) Zoning District. 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 Request was unanimously recommended for denial by the Planning Commission on May 15, 2023; and, WHEREAS, Section 113-79(c) of the Code of Ordinances states that if the Planning Commission recommends denial of a re-zoning and the Parish Council concurs, the matter need not to be introduced for a Public Hearing; and, WHEREAS, if this Resolution fails adoption, the matter will be introduced as an Ordinance for consideration at the next available Parish Council meeting. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish hereby accepts the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny application number PZR-23-1390 to rezone Lot 18-A, from the Residential District One [R-1] to the Commercial District Two [C-2] zoning district. The motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

23-23 An ordinance that Sections 2-20 and 2-21 of Chapter 2, Article II establishing the composition and membership of the Parish Council; creating of Election Districts and Precincts, and the Designation of Polling Places hereby be amended to merge Precincts 3-4, 3-5, and 3-6. (K. Becnel)

23-24 An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lot 17A, Milesville Subdivision into Lots 1-49 and Harvest Way, Harvest Run Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by W. 5th Street, Camphor Drive, Dupont Road, and W. Airline Hwy, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZS-23-1346) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

23-25 An ordinance authorizing Jaclyn Hotard, President of St. John the Baptist Parish to execute an Act of Donation accepting a parcel of land containing "Deed Restriction Open Space" on behalf of St. John the Baptist Parish, under such other terms and conditions deemed fit and proper by the Parish President in her discretion, and upon review by legal counsel. The property is described as a certain portion of ground located partly in Section 32, T-10-S, R-8-E, partly in Section 36, T-10-S, R-7-E; being 112' x 250' as shown in a survey prepared by Lucien C. Gassen, Surveyor, dated October 29, 1974 and July 20, 1976. (J. Hotard)

23-26 An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lot 2A, Jack Street Subdivision into Lots 3A & 4A, Jack Street Subdivision located in the area generally bounded by Birch Street, W. 2nd Street, Joe Parquet Circle, and W. 5th Street, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZS-23-1348) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

23-27 An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lots 88B &

85C, Lakeshore Estates Inc. Subdivision into Lots 88B-1 & 85C-1, Lakeshore Estates Inc. Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Rue St. Charles, Des Allemands Boulevard, and Highway 643, Vacherie, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-23-1351) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

23-28 An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lots 76, 77, 78, & the south half of Lot 79, Lakeshore Estates Inc. Subdivision into Lots 76-A, 77-A, & 78-A, Lakeshore Estates Inc. Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Rue St. Charles, Des Allemands Boulevard, and Highway 643, Vacherie, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-23-1356) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

23-29 An ordinance amending ordinance 22-34 relative to the annual operating budgets for St. John the Baptist Parish for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022 (J. Hotard)

23-30 An ordinance amending Chapter 113-Zoning, Article 1 - In General to add and **shall have and maintain** foundation skirting on all sides (unbroken except for ventilation) to the manufactured housing definition and to add **A mobile home shall have and maintain foundation skirting on all sides (unbroken except for ventilation)** to the mobile home definition (see attached exhibit) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS:

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:14 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