

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 2020
CHAIRMAN LENNIX MADERE
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, November 10th, 2020, 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, Tyra Duhe-Griffin, Councilwoman District IV, Robert Arcuri, Councilman District V, Tonia Schnyder, Councilwoman District VI, Thomas Malik, Councilman District VII

ABSENT: Michael Wright

Councilwoman Houston led the Prayer. Councilman Malik led the Pledge.

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

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

There were no public comments.

Tyra Duhe-Griffin - Blessed to be a Blessing/Cargill - Presentation - Annual Turkey giveaway

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

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - November as National Prematurity Awareness Month

Jaclyn Hotard, Parish President, read the proclamation for November as National Prematurity Awareness Month.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - October 27th, 2020, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Manchac/Old Hwy. 51 - Half Marathon, 10 mile & 5K Run/Walk - Saturday, November 21st, 2020 beginning at 8:00 AM - starts at Gators Den

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to approve consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - October 27th, 2020, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Manchac/Old Hwy. 51 - Half Marathon, 10 mile & 5K Run/Walk - Saturday, November 21st, 2020 beginning at 8:00 AM - starts at Gators Den. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

REPORTS:

President's Report:

The President's Report can be viewed in its entirety at www.sjbparish.com.

Thomas Malik - Finance Committee Report

Councilman Malik stated, "The finance committee met at 6:00 p.m. with 1 absent (Councilman Wright)."

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCE/NEW BUSINESS:

20-39 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10, Cali Subdivision, No. 2 of Farm Lot 29 of Woodland Plantation into Lot 1-A, Cali Subdivision, No. 2 of Farm Lot 29 of Woodland Plantation, located in the area generally bounded by Main Street, Windsor Boulevard, Airline Highway and Interstate 10, LaPlace, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on August 16, 2020 (PZS-20-1257) (R. Pastorek)

Rene Pastorek stated, "This re-subdivision request to enable further development was recommended with unanimous approval by the Planning Commission at its October 19, 2020 meeting and by the Utility Board at its October 20, 2020 meeting. The Planning and Zoning Department finds this request is consistent with the zoning district requirements, the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and meets the technical sufficiency for consideration by the Parish Council."

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 20-39. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

20-40 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving a re-subdivision of Lot 3-A, Hope Plantation Subdivision into Lots 3-A-1 and 3-A-2, Hope Plantation Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Highway 44, Highway 54, and S. Church Street, Garyville, as Shown in a survey prepared by James W. Falgout, P.L.S. on August 31, 2020 (PZS-20-1256) (R. Pastorek)

Rene Pastorek stated, "This resubdivision request to enable further development was recommended with unanimous approval by the Planning Commission at its October 19, 2020 meeting and by the Utility Board at its October 20, 2020 meeting. The Planning and Zoning Department finds this request is consistent with the surrounding neighborhood development pattern, the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and meets the technical sufficiency for consideration by the Parish Council."

MOTION: Councilman Torres moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 20-40. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

20-41 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving a re-subdivision of the Helen Sorapuru Tract into Lots herein designated as Lot 1-HST, 2-HST, 3-HST, and 4-HST of the Helen Sorapuru Tract, located in the area generally bounded by Highway 18 and E. 13th Street, Lucy, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on August 24, 2020. (PZS-20-1257) (R. Pastorek)

Rene Pastorek stated, "This resubdivision request to enable transfer of property was recommended with unanimous approval by the Planning Commission at its October 19, 2020 meeting and by the Utility Board at its October 20, 2020 meeting. The Planning and Zoning Department finds this request is consistent with the surrounding neighborhood development pattern, the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and meets the technical sufficiency for consideration by the Parish Council."

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 20-41. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

20-42 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of the James R. Duhe Lot per COB 374 folio 628 from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Two (R-2) zoning district, located in the area generally bounded by E. 21st Street, E. 19th Street, Highway 44 and Airline Highway, Reserve, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-20-1194) (R. Pastorek)

Rene Pastorek stated, *"This rezoning request to enable placement of a second mobilehome was recommended with unanimous approval by the Planning Commission at its October 19, 2020 meeting. The Planning and Zoning Department finds this request is consistent with the zoning district requirements, the Future Land Use Map, the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and meets the technical sufficiency for consideration by the Parish Council."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 20-42. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

20-43 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of the following parcels from the Commercial District One (C-1) and Residential District One (R-1) to the Commercial District One (C-1): Millet-Campbell Lot per Instrument Number 351276 (Assessment No. 0500219110) Millet-Campbell Lots per Instrument Number 333636 (Assessment Nos. 00218900/0500219000/0500219100) A Portion of Lot No. 1 and Lot No. 2, Lebrun Subdivision (Assessment No. 0500030800) located in the area generally bounded by W. 5th Street, W. 4th Street, Highway 44, and Airline Highway, Reserve, as shown in Exhibit 1 Attached (PZR-20-1195) (R. Pastorek)

Rene Pastorek stated, *"This rezoning request to enable construction of a new library facility was recommended with unanimous approval by the Planning Commission at its October 19, 2020 meeting. The Planning and Zoning Department finds this request is consistent with the zoning district requirements, the Future Land Use Map, the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and meets the technical sufficiency for consideration by the Parish Council."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 20-43. The motion passed with 6 Yeas, 1 Nay (Arcuri), 1 Abstaining (Torres) and Councilman Wright absent.

20-44 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving a re-subdivision of the Spears No. 1, Spears No. 2 and Spears No. 3 Lots into Lots 1-A and 2-A of the Joseph Weber Properties, located in the area generally bounded by Little Hope Street, S. Fig Street, Highway 44, and Airline Highway, Garyville, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on August 17, 2020 (PZS-20-1254) (R. Pastorek)

Rene Pastorek stated, *"This resubdivision request to enable further development was recommended with unanimous approval by the Planning Commission at its October 19, 2020 meeting and by the Utility Board at its October 20, 2020 meeting. The Planning and Zoning Department finds this request is consistent with the surrounding neighborhood development pattern, the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and meets the technical sufficiency for consideration by the Parish Council."*

MOTION: Councilman Torres moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 20-44. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

20-45 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance of the St. John the Baptist Parish Sales Tax District confirming the final form and execution of the Bond Purchase Agreement in connection with the issuance and sale of its \$8,350,000 Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series ST-2020, and providing for other matters in connection therewith (J. Hotard)

Jaclyn Hotard stated, *"The Ordinance accepts the sale of the refunded bonds named therein, which were sold on October 27, 2020, pursuant to authorization previously granted by the Parish Council. As a result of the sale of the refunding bonds, the Parish will save over \$295,000 in debt service a year in each year through 2029, the final maturity of the bonds. The savings can be applied to road improvements or to improving or operating the Parish's water or sewer systems. The final maturity of the refunding bonds does not extend beyond the final maturity of the original bonds. Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 20-45. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

20-46 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance introducing the annual operating budgets for the St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds, Capital Projects Funds, and Debit Service Funds for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021 (See attached amendments) (J. Hotard)

Jaclyn Hotard stated, *"Administration requests this item be tabled until all budget workshops are completed."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to TABLE Ordinance 20-46. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

20-47 (Public Hearing Held) A millage ordinance - an ordinance amending ordinance No. 20-31 to adjust the General Obligation Bonds Rate from 12.50 Mills to 10.00 Mills (J. Hotard)

Jaclyn Hotard stated, *"Administration requests removing this item from the agenda."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to REMOVE Ordinance 20-47 from the agenda. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Kurt Becnel - Larry Sorapuru - Discussion regarding Ramp for Bike Path Phase I in Lucy

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

Tonia Schnyder - Suzi Guerin - Concerns about sink holes and canal sliding at Vicknair Canal

The above item can be viewed in its entirety at www.sjbparish.com.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

20-48 An ordinance authorizing the Parish President to execute an Act of Sale for the purchase of that certain immovable property located at 1488, 1490 and lot corner Hwy 44 and West 5th Street, Reserve, LA from the owners of Susan P Campbell and Courtney P. Millet and Campbell, Susan et als for the appraised value of \$265,000 (L. Madere)

20-49 An ordinance authorizing the Parish President to execute an Act of Sale for the purchase of that certain immovable property located at 1482 Highway 44 Reserve, LA from the owners of Charles and Stacey Waller for the appraised value of \$200.000 (L. Madere)

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS:

The correspondence/council briefs can be viewed in its entirety at www.sjbparish.com.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:33 PM, Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

/s/Lennix Madere, Jr.
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary

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