

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 13th, 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 Rudolph Sorapuru Chambers, Edgard, Louisiana on Tuesday, July 13th, 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, Tyra Duhe-Griffin, Councilwoman District IV, Robert Arcuri, Councilman District V, Tonia Schnyder, Councilwoman District VI, Thomas Malik, Councilman District VII

ABSENT: Michael Wright

Councilman Madere led the Prayer. Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin led the Pledge.

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

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to recess to go back into finance meeting. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to go back into regular meeting. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

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

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - June 22nd, 2021, Council Meeting; Councilman Wright - Appointment of RJ Ory to the Planning and Zoning Board

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - June 22nd, 2021, Council Meeting; Councilman Wright - Appointment of RJ Ory to the Planning and Zoning Board. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

REPORTS:

President's Report

Tom Malik - Finance Committee Report

Councilman Malik stated, "Mr. Chairman, the finance committee was held prior to this regular meeting it was in attendance by eight (8) of the councilmen this

evening. The Finance Committee approved the following Resolutions R21-90, R21-21, R21-92, R21-93, R21-94, R21-95, R21-96, R21-97, R21-99 and R21-100."

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCES/NEW BUSINESS

21-17(Public Hearing Held)An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 18, Square A, LaPlace Heights from the Residential District One(R-1)to the Residential District Two(R-2)zoning district, located in the area generally bounded by Paula Drive, Comeaux Court, McReine Road, and Marcia Street, LaPlace, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached(PZR-21-1224) (R. Pastorek)

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 21-17. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

21-18(Public Hearing Held)An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 17, Square A, LaPlace Heights from the Residential District One(R-1)to the Residential District Two(R-2)zoning district, located in the area generally bounded by Paula Drive, Comeaux Court, McReine Road, and Marcia Street, LaPlace, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached(PZR-21-1225) (R. Pastorek)

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 21-18. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

21-19(Public Hearing Held)An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 19, Square A, LaPlace Heights from the Residential District One(R-1)to the Residential District Two(R-2)zoning district, located in the area generally bounded by Paula Drive, Comeaux Court, McReine Road, and Marcia Street, LaPlace, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-21-1226) (R. Pastorek)

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 21-19. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

21-20(Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot SJ-1A of Reine Subdivision from the Commercial District Three (C-3)/ Industrial District One (I-1) to the Industrial District One(I-1)zoning district, located in the area generally bounded by Jaubert Lane, E Airline Highway, and Interstate 10,LaPlace, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached(PZR-21-1230) (R. Pastorek)

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 21-20. The motion passed with Councilman Madere and Wright absent.

21-21(Public Hearing Held)An ordinance approving a re-subdivision of the Shell Oil Co. Lot of the H. Hunter White Tract into Lots 1A and 2A of the H. Hunter White Tract, located in the area generally bounded by Highway 51, Interstate 10, and Main Street, LaPlace, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on February 19, 2021(PZS-21-1272) (R. Pastorek)

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 21-21. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

21-22(Public Hearing Held)An ordinance approving a re-subdivision of Lot 5A-1 & Lot 7A-1, Block 2-A, Reserve Industrial Park into Lot 5A-1A & Lot 7A-1A, Block 2-A, Reserve Industrial Park, located in the area generally bounded by W. Airline

Highway, W. 10th Street, Power Boulevard, and Rosenwald Street, Reserve, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on December 15, 2020 (PZS-21-1273) (R. Pastorek)

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 21-22. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

21-23(Public Hearing Held)An ordinance approving the rezoning of Boobie's Inc Lot, Section 13, T-12, R-19-E from the Commercial District One(C-1) to the Commercial District Three(C-3)zoning district, located in the area generally bounded by Highway 18, E. 5th Street, E. 6th Street, and Ebony Lane Edgard, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached(PZR-218-1208)

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 21-23. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard - Resolution - R21-98 - A Resolution authorizing the St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute the assignment from GSA Consulting Engineers, Inc.

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R21-98. A Resolution authorizing the St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute the assignment from GSA Consulting Engineers, Inc. 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, GSA Consulting Engineers, Inc. (GSA) has been acquired by McKim & Creed, Inc. (MC); and WHEREAS, GSA's current agreements with St. John the Baptist Parish include the Cambridge Pump Station Modifications and Force Main Replacement Project and the Woodland Regional Pump Station Design Services Project; and WHEREAS, GSA assigns the above referenced agreements to McKim & Creed for continuation of performance of all services, terms, covenants and conditions, obligations, and responsibilities covered by the original executed agreements; and WHEREAS, the Non-Assignability Clause in each agreement requires "prior written consent of the Parish" for assignment. 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 Parish Council to sign and execute the Assignment from GSA Consulting Engineers, Inc. The motion passed with Councilman Torres abstaining and Councilman Wright absent.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

21-24 An ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 21, of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances to establish And define the St. John the Baptist Parish Precinct Boundaries Merge and Consolidate Precincts, and establish Precinct Polling Places (K. Becnel)

21-26 A millage ordinance - An ordinance providing for the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, to be spread upon the 2021 Assessment Roll (J.Hotard)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Dana Douglas vs. St. John the Baptist Parish Council, et al and Edward Jackson, d/b/a EDR Construction vs. St. John the Baptist Parish Police Jury, et al, 40th JDC# 71671 "A". The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Dana Douglas vs. St. John the Baptist Parish Council, et al

Edward Jackson, d/b/a EDR Construction vs. St. John the Baptist Parish Police Jury, et al, 40th JDC# 71671 "A"

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to go back into regular session. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Councilman Becnel stated, "As a result of executive session, in the executive session no action was taken and we will take under advisement the recommendation if legal."

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS:

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:23 PM, Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

/s/Kurt P. Becnel
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary