

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 27th, 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, April 27th, 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, Michael Wright, Councilman-at-Large, Div. B

ABSENT: None

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

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

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to suspend the rules to add an item to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to amend the agenda to add consideration of St. John the Baptist Parish's COVIS-19 mask mandate, and that's because of the Governor's mask order that was issued today, Tuesday, April 27, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard, Parish President stated, "In the Governor's recent order lifted the mask mandate requirement and, in his order, he stated that the local governing authority retains the authority to issue more restrictive measures than imposed by the State, including requiring members of the public to wear face coverings while in local government buildings and private business establishments. Our postures that we will continue to require face coverings in our local government buildings, however, as you all are the local governing authority. The Governor is giving you the authority to place more restrictive measures, as it relates to the masks mandate or you could choose to follow the Governor's orders. But the choice would be yours whether we would continue with a mask mandate or to not have a mask mandate."

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion for St. John the Baptist Parish to remain in compliance and follow the Governor's latest mandate on COVID-19 policies and procedures. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Good Evening, Shondrell Perrilloux. I just needed to get some clarity on...as it relates to the mask mandate. It's my understanding from what they're stating is that studies have proven that the mask are not as effective. In fact, that COVID

being outside is mostly not transmittable, but most people were catching it from being inside of facilities. So, I just want the Council to keep in mind that when it deals with an individual and their businesses, that we need to be mindful to not to sway over to put in mandates on individuals and businesses depriving them of their own opinion and individuality. So, I'm just asking the Council to be pretty much mindful of the individuality of the matter. Because it should be a personal choice, and that's all I wanted to say...that we got to be mindful."

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - May as Mental Health Month

Jaclyn Hotard, Parish President, read the Proclamation - May as Mental Health Month.

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - May as National High Blood Pressure Education Month

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Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - May 2nd - May 7th, 2021 as Public Service Recognition Week

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Jaclyn Hotard - Presentation - Pat Gordon - Louisiana Watershed Initiative

Pat Gordon, South Central Planning, Chief Planning Officer was present at the meeting and gave a brief presentation on the collaborative effort within Watershed Region 6 which is St. John the Baptist Parish. The program is to reduce flood risk, improve floodplain management throughout the state and maximize the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS:

Approval of Minutes - April 13th, 2021, Council Meeting; Councilman Arcuri - Appointment of Joel Entremont to the Planning and Zoning Commission; Permit Approval - 20th Annual Independence Day Celebration July 1st, 6:00 PM - St. Peter Catholic Church and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church - Fireworks to begin at 9:00 PM; Permit Approval - 47th Annual St. John Parish Andouille Festival - October 15-17, 2021 - St. John Community Center

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - April 13th, 2021, Council Meeting; Councilman Arcuri - Appointment of Joel Entremont to the Planning and Zoning Commission; Permit Approval - 20th Annual Independence Day Celebration July 1st, 6:00 PM - St. Peter Catholic Church and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church - Fireworks to begin at 9:00 PM; Permit Approval - 47th Annual St. John Parish Andouille Festival - October 15-17, 2021 - St. John Community Center. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

President's Report:

Jaclyn Hotard - Monthly Financial Report (March 2021):

Jaclyn Hotard stated, "Thank you. This is just confirming that the monthly financial report has been sent to the Council."

Tom Malik - Finance Committee Report:

Councilman Malik stated, "Mr. Chairman, the finance committee met prior to this meeting and it consisted of all council members. The Finance Committee approved the following Resolutions R21-58, R21-59, R21-60, and R21-61."

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- 21-07** An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of a portion of Reine Subdivision and Lot 21C of J.R. Troxler Subdivision into Lot 21C-1 of J.R. Troxler Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Jaubert Lane, E Airline Highway, and Somerset Street, LaPlace, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on May 16, 2019 (PZS-21-1271) (R. Pastorek & J. Hotard)
- 21-08** An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lot SJ-1A of Reine Subdivision, Lot 21C-1 & Lot 27B of J.R. Troxler Subdivision, and a portion of the Marcel Jaubert Tract into Lot SJ-1A-1 of Reine Subdivision, Lot 21C-2 of J.R. Troxler Subdivision, and Lot MJ-1 of the Marcel Jaubert Tract located in the area generally bounded by Jaubert Lane, E Airline Highway, and Somerset Street, LaPlace, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on September 26, 2019 (PZS-21-1263) (R. Pastorek & J. Hotard)
- 21-09** An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lots 21C-2, 22, 23, 24, & 25 of J.R. Troxler Subdivision into Lot 21C-2A of J.R. Troxler Subdivision located in the area generally bounded by Jaubert Lane, E Airline Highway, and Somerset Street, LaPlace, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on December 23, 2019 (PZS-21-1264) (R. Pastorek & J. Hotard)
- 21-10** An ordinance approving the re-zoning of Lot 21C-2A of J.R. Troxler Subdivision from the Commercial District Three (C-3) and Residential District One (R-1) to the Industrial District One (I-1) zoning district located in the area generally bounded by Jaubert Lane, E Airline Highway, and Somerset Street, LaPlace, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-21-1203) (R. Pastorek & J. Hotard)
- 21-11** An ordinance approving a re-subdivision of a portion of the Elias Madere Tract into Lots 1-EM, 2-EM, & 3-EM of the Elias Madere Tract located in the area generally bounded by E 12th Street, E 13th Street, Eric Street, and Duhe Drive, Reserve, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on December 10, 2020. (PZS-21-1269) (R. Pastorek & J. Hotard)
- 21-12** An ordinance approving the rezoning of the Fabian Sorapuru Tract from the Commercial District One (C-1) and Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Two (R-2) zoning district located in the area generally bounded by Odel Barre Court, Highway 18, and E. 13th Street, Edgard, as shown in Exhibit 1

Attached (PZR-21-1214) (R. Pastorek & J. Hotard)

21-13 An ordinance approving a conditional use permit for a pawn shop at Lot A, Caroline Plantation, which has a municipal address of 509 W. Airline Highway, located in the area generally bounded by W. Airline Highway, Main Street, and W. 5th Street, LaPlace, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-21-1217) (R. Pastorek & J. Hotard)

21-14 An ordinance amending ordinance 20-46 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, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021 (J. Hotard)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Jody Michael Bourgeois vs. Franklin Joseph Francois, St. John the Baptist Parish Council & Atlantic Specialty Ins. Co. 40th JDC Docket No. 70955. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Jody Michael Bourgeois vs. Franklin Joseph Francois, St. John the Baptist Parish Council & Atlantic Specialty Ins. Co 40th JDC Docket No. 70955

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

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of Legal Counsel in the case of Jody Michael Bourgeois vs. Franklin Joseph Francois, St. John the Baptist Parish Council & Atlantic Specialty Ins. Co 40th JDC Docket No. 70955. The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS:

Councilwoman Schnyder excused herself from the meeting at 7:45 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:51 PM, Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Schnyder absent.

/s/Kurt P. Becnel
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary