

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24th, 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, August 24th, 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 Malik led the Prayer. Councilwoman Houston 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.

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - September as National Library Card Sign-Up Month

Jaclyn Hotard, Parish President, read the proclamation for September as National Library Card Sign-Up Month.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - August 10th, 2021, Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - August 10th, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

President's Report

Tom Malik - Finance Committee Report

Councilman Malik stated, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Finance Committee met prior to this meeting, it consisted of all members of the Council present. The Finance Committee approved the following Resolutions R21-115, R21-116, R21-117, R21-118,

R21-119, R21-120, R21-121, R21-122 and R21-123.”

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCES/NEW BUSINESS:

21-30(Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending ordinance 21-15 relative to the annual operating budgets for St. John the Baptist Parish, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021(J. Hotard)

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 21-30. The motion passed with 8 Yeas and 1 Nay (Duhe-Griffin).

21-31(Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-21, of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances to establish and define the St. John the Baptist Parish Precinct Boundaries, Merge Precincts, and Establish Precinct Polling Places (K. Becnel)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 21-31. The motion passed with 7 Yeas, 1 Nay (Duhe-Griffin) and 1 Against (Schnyder).

Kurt Becnel - Resolution - R21-114 - This resolution confers authority upon the President/Vice-President or Treasurer of the Library Board of Control for St. John the Baptist Parish to execute a construction manager at risk agreement on behalf of the Board with The Lemoine Company to provide construction manager at risk services for the Reserve Branch Library Build Project

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution-R21-114-This resolution confers authority upon the President/Vice-President or Treasurer of the Library Board of Control for St. John the Baptist Parish to execute a construction manager at risk agreement on behalf of the Board with The Lemoine Company to provide construction manager at risk services for the Reserve Branch Library Build 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**, the Parish Council authorized the St. John the Baptist Parish Library to advertise a Request for Qualifications(the “RFQ”)for Construction Manager at Risk Services for the project referred to as the St. John the Baptist Parish Library Reserve Branch Library Highway 44 (River Road) between W. 4th and W. 5th Street Reserve, Louisiana; and **WHEREAS**, the St. John the Baptist Parish Library advertised the RFQ in accordance with Louisiana Public Bid Law; and **WHEREAS**, the RFQ established a committee (the “Selection Review Committee”) to review and evaluate the proposals submitted in response to the RFQ; and **WHEREAS**, the St. John the Baptist Parish Library received two proposals in response to the RFQ; and **WHEREAS**, the Selection Review Committee reviewed all of the proposals received in response to the RFQ; and **WHEREAS**, the Selection Committee interviewed all of the proposers who submitted proposals in response to the RFQ; and **WHEREAS**, based on its review and evaluation of the proposals as well as its interview of the proposers, the Selection Review Committee has recommended that the Parish Council authorize the award of the contract for Construction Manager at Risk Services for the project referred to as the St. John the Baptist Parish Library Reserve Branch Library Highway 44 (River Road) between W. 4th and W. 5th Street Reserve, Louisiana to The Lemoine Company; and **WHEREAS**, the Parish

Council wishes to ratify the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee and authorizes the St. John the Baptist Parish Library to enter into a contract with The Lemoine Company to provide Construction Manager at Risk Services for the project referred to as the St. John the Baptist Parish Library Reserve Branch Library Highway 44 (River Road) between W.4th and W.5th Street Reserve. The motion passed unanimously.

Rene Pastorek - Resolution - R21-124 - A Resolution of support for the 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R21-124 - A Resolution of support for the 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. **WHEREAS**, Hazard mitigation planning reduces loss of life and property by minimizing the impact of disasters; and **WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires an update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan every 5 years; and **WHEREAS**, the Community Rating System program recognizes and encourages community floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); and **WHEREAS**, these practices result in flood insurance discounts for residents of St. John the Baptist Parish; and **WHEREAS**, an enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan Update process that involves the public and follows the recommended Community Rating System practices for Floodplain Management Planning will result in additional points towards that discount. Now, therefore: **THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES:** That the Parish hereby supports the 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update planning process. The motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

21-32 An ordinance approving a re-subdivision of Lot 17, Square 3, Melius Subdivision, Extension #1, and a portion of the Lasseigne Tract, into Lot 17A, located in the area generally bounded by East 26th Street, East 27th Street, Farlough Drive, and Highway 44, Reserve, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on June 23, 2021 (PZS-21-1280) (J. Hotard & R. Pastorek)

21-33 An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot B-2, Original Hope Plantation Subdivision from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Two (R-2) zoning district, located in the area generally bounded by Hymel Lane, Highway 44, Klibert Lane, and Miano Street, Garyville, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-21-1232) (J. Hotard & R. Pastorek)

21-34 An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 7 of the Edwin Cambre Tract, inclusive of Lots 109, 110, 111, and 112, from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Three (R-3) zoning district located in the area generally bounded by Aycock Drive, Highway 628, and Cardinal Drive, LaPlace, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-21-1238) (J. Hotard & R. Pastorek)

21-35 An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 5 of the Edwin Cambre Tract, inclusive of Lots 125, 126, 127, and 128, from the Residential District Three (R-3) zoning district located in the area generally bounded by Aycock

Drive, Highway 628, and Cardinal Drive, LaPlace, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-21-1239) (J. Hotard & R. Pastorek)

21-36 An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 9 of the Edwin Cambre Tract from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Three (R-3) zoning district located in the area generally bounded by Aycock Drive, Highway 628, and Cardinal Drive, LaPlace, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-21-1240) (J. Hotard & R. Pastorek)

21-37 An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 4 of the Edwin Cambre Tract, inclusive of Lots 121, 122, 123, and 124, from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Three (R-3) zoning district located in the area generally bounded by Aycock Drive, Highway 628, and Cardinal Drive, LaPlace, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-21-1241) (J. Hotard & R. Pastorek)

21-38 An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 10 of the Edwin Cambre Tract, inclusive of Lots 101, 102, 103, and 104, from the Residential District Three (R-3) zoning district located in the area generally bounded by Aycock Drive, Highway 628, and Cardinal Drive, LaPlace, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-21-1243) (J. Hotard & R. Pastorek)

21-39 An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 2 of the Edwin Cambre Tract from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Three (R-3) zoning district located in the area generally bounded by Aycock Drive, Highway 628, and Cardinal Drive, LaPlace, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-21-1244) (J. Hotard & R. Pastorek)

21-40 An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 3 of the Edwin Cambre Tract, inclusive of Lots 117, 118, 119, and 120, from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Three (R-3) zoning district located in the area generally bounded by Aycock Drive, Highway 628, and Cardinal Drive, LaPlace, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-21-1245) (J. Hotard & R. Pastorek)

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS:

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:13 PM, Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/Kurt P. Becnel
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary