

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14th, 2025
CHAIRMAN TAMMY HOUSTON
VICE-CHAIR ROBBY ARCURI

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, January 14th, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL: Lennix Madere, Jr., Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Michael Wright, Councilman-at-Large, Div. B, Virgie Johnson, Councilwoman District I, Warren Torres, Councilman District II, Tammy Houston, Councilwoman District III, Robert Arcuri, Councilman District V, Tyra Duhé-Griffin, Councilwoman District IV

ABSENT: Dixie Ramirez and Vernon Bailey, Sr.

Gaige Holden led the Prayer and Gala Holden Jr. led the Pledge.

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

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

There was no public comment at this time.

Jaclyn Hotard/Virgie Johnson - Proclamation - In Memory of Judge Madeline Jasmine

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - December 23rd, 2024, Council Meeting; Councilwoman Houston - Appointment of Blane Jacob to the Historic District Commission; Permit Approval - West St. John Civic Association Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. March and Memorial Program - the memorial march will begin at 12:00 Noon on January 20th, 2025 at the Roland Borne Sr. Memorial Library, 2979 Hwy. 18 and will move east along River Road toward West St. John Elementary School. The memorial program will begin immediately after the march at the school auditorium

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - December 23rd, 2024, Council Meeting; Councilwoman Houston - Appointment of Blane Jacob to the Historic District Commission; Permit Approval - West St. John Civic Association Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. March and Memorial Program - the memorial march will begin at 12:00 Noon on January 20th, 2025 at the Roland Borne Sr. Memorial Library, 2979 Hwy. 18 and will move east along River Road toward West St. John Elementary School. The memorial program will begin immediately after the march at the school auditorium. The motion passed with Councilwomen Johnson, Ramirez and Councilman Bailey absent.

REPORTS:

President's Report

NEW BUSINESS:

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-01 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for the Asphalt Road Maintenance Project to Barriere Construction Co., L.L.C.

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-01. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for the Asphalt Road Maintenance Project to Barriere Construction Co., L.L.C. 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, Barriere Construction Co., L.L.C. of Boutte, LA submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid in the amount of \$986,361.15; and, WHEREAS, Improvements based on a priority list will include asphalt paving, lime stabilization, soil cement stabilization, grading, earthwork and all appurtenances necessary to complete the work; and, WHEREAS, the project will be funded through the Public Works Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to award the bid for the Asphalt Road Maintenance Project to Barriere Construction Co., L.L.C. The motion passed with Councilwoman Ramirez and Councilman Bailey absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-02 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Voodoo Model Boat Club for sporting events

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Torres seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-02. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Voodoo Model Boat Club for sporting events. 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 CEA with the Voodoo Model Boat Club is for the use of the Airport Road Pond for model power boat sporting events; and, WHEREAS, in exchange for this use, the Voodoo Model Boat Club will cost share the maintenance program to prevent aquatic grass growth in the pond; and, WHEREAS, the annual estimated maintenance cost is \$15,000 and will be cost-shared at 10/90; and, WHEREAS, the Parish will continue to maintain the appropriate water level for the model boat races when needed; and, 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 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Voodoo Model Boat Club. The motion passed with Councilwoman Ramirez and Councilman Bailey absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-03 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with Command

Construction, LLC. for the Ezekial Jackson and Esperanza Lift Stations Rehabilitation Project

MOTION: Councilman Torres moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-03. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with Command Construction, LLC. for the Ezekial Jackson and Esperanza Lift Stations Rehabilitation 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 revise the Davis-Bacon Wage Decision to match the period the project was advertised for bid; and, WHEREAS, this is a requirement for the Loan Funding on this project; and, WHEREAS, the project is funded through the Wastewater Budget with reimbursement from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Clean Water State Revolving Loan Program. 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 execute Change Order No.1 between St. John the Baptist Parish and Command Construction, LLC. The motion passed with Councilwoman Ramirez and Councilman Bailey absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-04 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with Del-Con, LLC for the St. John Community Center Hurricane Ida Disaster Building Repairs Project Phase 2

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-04. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with Del-Con, LLC for the St. John Community Center Hurricane Ida Disaster Building Repairs Project Phase 2. 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 increases the original Agreement in the amount of \$37,027 and an additional twenty-eight (28) days; and, WHEREAS, the increase is due to installing an industrial epoxy coating to the flooring, replacing electrical outlets, replacing wiring in the flooring and for the removal of the partition walls installation from the original project scope of work; and, WHEREAS, the project will be funded through the Hurricane Ida Fund with FEMA Reimbursement. 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 execute Change Order No.1 between St. John the Baptist Parish and Del-Con, LLC. The motion passed with Councilwoman Ramirez and Councilman Bailey absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-05 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with Gottfried Construction, LLC for the River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Mobile Belt Filter Press Project

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion to

approve Resolution R25-05. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with Gottfried Construction, LLC for the River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Mobile Belt Filter Press 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, this project has been deemed substantially complete by the Project Engineer; and, WHEREAS, all punch list items were identified and near completion. 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 execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion between St. John the Baptist Parish and Gottfried Construction, LLC. The motion passed with Councilwoman Ramirez and Councilman Bailey absent.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

25-01 An ordinance approving the resubdivision of the two one-half arpent W.D. Beckendorf Tracts and the one arpent Torres Tract, located at 2332 W. Airline Highway, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-1410) (J. Hotard & C. Powell)

25-02 An ordinance approving the resubdivision of a Lot 3-B located at 175 East 16th Street, Edgard, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-1417) (J. Hotard & C. Powell)

25-03 An ordinance approving the request to rezone Lot A of the Silvertown Addition from the Commercial District One (C-1) and the Residential District One (R-1) to the Commercial District Two (C-2) located at 1104 Hwy 44, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZR-1647) (J. Hotard & C. Powell)

25-04 An ordinance approving the resubdivision of a portion of the Ovide Lasseigne Tract, located at 253 East 27th Street, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-1416) (J. Hotard & C. Powell)

25-05 An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Farm Lot 28 and a portion of Farm Lot 29 of the Hope Plantation Subdivision, located on Garyville Northern Street, Garyville, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-1421) (J. Hotard & C. Powell)

25-06 An ordinance approving the preliminary subdivision of Belle Pointe Subdivision #2, located on the 1800 block of Richmond Drive, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-1422) (J. Hotard & C. Powell)

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:29 PM, Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Ramirez and Councilman Bailey absent.

/s/Tammy Houston
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary