

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28th, 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 St. John the Baptist Parish Government Complex Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, January 28th, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL: Lennix Madere, Jr., Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Virgie Johnson, Councilwoman District I, Tammy Houston, Councilwoman District III, Robert Arcuri, Councilman District V, Vernon Bailey, Councilman District VI, Dixie Ramirez, Councilwoman District VII

ABSENT: Tyra Duhe-Griffin, Warren Torres, Michael Wright

Councilman Bailey led the Prayer and Councilman Arcuri 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 - Proclamation - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Founders Day

Tammy Houston - Presentation - Dr. Eliza Eugene, Super Bowl Supplier Diversity Host Committee Member - Recognition of small businesses in St. John Parish selected as vendors for Super Bowl LIX in New Orleans, Sunday, February 9th, 2025

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - January 14th, 2025, Council Meeting; Permit Approval - Krewe of Tohwahpahsah - Annual Mardi Gras parade - Saturday, March 1st, 2025, beginning at Noon as indicated in Ordinance 24-62

MOTION: Councilwoman Ramirez moved and Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - January 14th, 2025, Council Meeting; Permit Approval - Krewe of Tohwahpahsah - Annual Mardi Gras parade - Saturday, March 1st, 2025, beginning at Noon as indicated in Ordinance 24-62. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilmen Torres and Wright absent.

REPORTS:

President's Report

Jaclyn Hotard - Monthly Financial Report (December 2024)

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCE(S)

25-01 (Public Hearing held) 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)

MOTION: Councilwoman Ramirez moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 25-01. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilmen Torres and Wright absent.

25-02 (Public Hearing held) 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)

MOTION: Councilwoman Johnson moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 25-02. The motion passed with 5 yeas, 2 absent (Duhe-Griffin, Wright) and 2 not voting (Houston, Torres)

25-03 (Public Hearing held) 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)

MOTION: Councilman Torres moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 25-03. The motion passed with 7 yeas and 2 absent (Duhe-Griffin, Wright).

25-04 (Public Hearing held) 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)

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 25-04. The motion passed with 7 yeas and 2 absent (Duhe-Griffin, Wright).

25-05 (Public Hearing held) 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)

MOTION: Councilman Torres moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 25-05. The motion passed with 7 yeas and 2 absent (Duhe-Griffin, Wright).

25-06 (Public Hearing held) 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)

Eliza Eugene, Vanessa Leori, Janette Capachi, Kevin Smith, Derrick Reginald and Joanne Jones all made public comments on Ordinance 25-06.

MOTION: Councilman Bailey moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to DENY Ordinance 25-06. The motion to deny passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Wright absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tammy Houston - Meeting time change of Tuesday, February 11th, 2025 to 12:00 PM Noon due to the 2025 Police Jury Association of Louisiana Annual Convention

MOTION: Councilwoman Johnson moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to change the meeting time of Tuesday, February 11th, 2025 to 12:00 PM Noon due to the 2025 Police Jury Association of Louisiana Annual Convention. The motion passed with 5 yeas, 3 absent (Duhe-Griffin, Madere, Wright) and 1 against (Torres).

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-06 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to advertise and Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Parish's Property and Casualty Insurance

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-06. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to advertise and Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Parish's Property and Casualty Insurance. 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, St. John the Baptist Parish is requesting proposals for a package policy for the Parish's Property and Casualty Insurance that expires April 15, 2025; and WHEREAS, the lines of coverage included in the package policy are commercial general liability, commercial automobiles, public officials' liability, and excess liability. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to advertise and receive proposals for the Parish's Property and Casualty Insurance. The motion passed with 6 yeas, 2 absent (Duhe-Griffin, Wright) and 1 abstaining (Madere).

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-07 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for Inline Valves for Pressurized Waterlines to Cimsco, Inc.

MOTION: Councilman Bailey moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-07. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for Inline Valves for Pressurized Waterlines to Cimsco, 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, Cimsco, Inc. of Metairie, LA submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid in the amount of \$38,966; and, WHEREAS, orders will be placed on an as-needed basis; and, WHEREAS, purchases will be funded through the Utilities 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 Inline Valves for Pressurized Waterlines to Cimsco, Inc. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-08 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for Self-Priming Pumps to DXP Enterprises Inc. dba Delta Process Equipment

MOTION: Councilwoman Ramirez moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-08. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish

to award the bid for Self-Priming Pumps to DXP Enterprises Inc. dba Delta Process Equipment. 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, Delta Process Equipment of Metairie, LA submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid in the amount of \$154,431.76; and, WHEREAS, orders will be placed on an as-needed basis; and, WHEREAS, purchases are funded through the Utilities 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 Self-priming Pumps to DXP Enterprises Inc. dba Delta Process Equipment. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-09 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for Submersible Pumps and Related Materials to Allan J. Harris Co., Inc.

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-09. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for Submersible Pumps and Related Materials to Allan J. Harris Co., 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, Allan J. Harris Co. Inc. of Metairie, LA submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid in the amount of \$252,150; and, WHEREAS, orders will be placed on an as-needed basis and will be funded through the Utilities Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to award the bid for Submersible Pumps & Related Materials to Allan J. Harris Co. Inc. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-10 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for the Removal and Replacement of Concrete Sidewalks, Driveways and Street Sections Parish Wide to LA Contracting Enterprise, L.L.C.

MOTION: Councilwoman Ramirez moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-10. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for the Removal and Replacement of Concrete Sidewalks, Driveways and Street Sections Parish Wide to LA Contracting Enterprise, 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, LA Contracting Enterprise, L.L.C. of Thibodaux, LA submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid in the amount of \$993,000; and, WHEREAS, improvements will include removal of old existing streets, driveways and sidewalks, grading, earthwork and all appurtenances necessary to complete the work; and, WHEREAS, the project is 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 Removal and Replacement of Concrete Sidewalks, Driveways and Street Sections Parish wide to LA Contracting Enterprise, L.L.C. The motion passed with 6 yeas, 2 absent (Duhe-Griffin, Wright) and 1 against (Torres).

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-11 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 2 with Bip & Sons Services, LLC for the St. John Parish Water Distribution and Treatment Maintenance/Emergency Repairs Project

MOTION: Councilman Torres moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-11. 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. 2 increases the original Agreement by \$1,500,000 to ensure necessary emergency and maintenance water system repairs; and, WHEREAS, this increase is due to the amount of concrete and asphalt restoration work for water repairs required; and, WHEREAS, Change Order No. 2 will be funded through the Utilities Department Fund. 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 Council to execute Change Order No. 2 between St. John the Baptist Parish and Bip & Sons Services, LLC. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-12 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with Kevin Clark Electrical Services, LLC for the Utilities Generators Replacement Project

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Torres seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-12. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with Kevin Clark Electrical Services, LLC for the Utilities Generators Replacement 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 increases the original Agreement in the amount of \$25,212; and, WHEREAS, the increase is for the installation of a new Service Entrance Rated (SER) Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS) to replace the existing non-service rated ATS at the River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility to be in compliance with NEC Code Requirements; and, WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 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 Council to execute Change Order No. 1 between St. John the Baptist Parish and Kevin Clark Electrical Services, LLC. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Wright absent.

Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin arrived at 6:56 PM.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-13 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with Gottfried Construction, LLC for the River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks and Clarifier Rehabilitation Project

MOTION: Councilwoman Ramirez moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-13. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with Gottfried Construction, LLC for the River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks and Clarifier 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 increases the original Agreement amount by \$6,354.07 and an additional 178 calendar days; and, WHEREAS, following demolition of the existing clarifier equipment, an unforeseen condition was discovered that changed the size of the clarifier center column; and, WHEREAS, additional costs were required for the larger clarifier center column; and, WHEREAS, additional days are required for the re-design and fabrication of equipment; and, WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 will be funded through the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Clean Water State Revolving Loan. 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 Council to execute Change Order No. 1 between St. John the Baptist Parish and Gottfried Construction, LLC. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-14 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with SEMS, Inc. for the Belle Pointe Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Demolition Project

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-14. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with SEMS, Inc. for the Belle Pointe Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Demolition 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 close-out change order that decreases the original Agreement in the amount of \$6.315.26; WHEREAS, the decrease is for the adjustment of quantities used to complete the project; and, WHEREAS, the project was funded through the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality State Revolving Loan. 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 Council to execute Change Order No. 1 between St. John the Baptist Parish and SEMS, Inc. The motion passed with 7 yeas, 1 absent (Wright) and 1 against (Torres).

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-15 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with SEMS, Inc. for the Belle Pointe Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Demolition Project

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-15. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with SEMS, Inc. for the Belle Pointe Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Demolition 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 SEMS, Inc. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-16 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 2 with Key Construction Services, LLC for the Miscellaneous Wastewater Treatment Plant Repairs (Tigerville WWTP, Central WWTP, Wallace WWTP and Garyville WWTP) Project

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-16. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 2 with Key Construction Services, LLC for the Miscellaneous Wastewater Treatment Plant Repairs (Tigerville WWTP, Central WWTP, Wallace WWTP and Garyville WWTP) 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. 2 is a close-out change order that increases the original Agreement by \$11,300 and adds an additional 66 calendar days; and, WHEREAS, the increase is due to unforeseen repairs to the electrical disconnects at the Garyville WWTP Effluent Pump Station and to pump down the water level in digester; and, WHEREAS, repairs were also needed to an existing 4" pipe and for the installation of a 4' shutoff valve at the Garyville WWTP; and, WHEREAS, Change Order No. 2 is funded through the LDEQ Clean Water State Revolving Loan. 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 Council to execute Change Order No. 2 between St. John the Baptist Parish and Key Construction Services, LLC. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-17 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with Key Construction Services, LLC for the Miscellaneous Wastewater Treatment Plant Repairs (Tigerville WWTP, Central WWTP, Wallace WWTP, and Garyville WWTP) Project

MOTION: Councilwoman Ramirez moved and Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-17. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with Key Construction Services, LLC for the Miscellaneous Wastewater Treatment Plant Repairs (Tigerville WWTP, Central WWTP, Wallace WWTP, and Garyville WWTP) 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 Key Construction Services, LLC. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-18 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with Sealevel Construction, Inc. for the Central Avenue Lift Station

Rehabilitation Project

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Torres seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-18. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with Sealevel Construction, Inc. for the Central Avenue Lift Station 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, 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 Sealevel Construction, Inc. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-19 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with Lanco Construction, Inc. for the REGALA Concession Stand/Storage Building Replacement Project

MOTION: Councilwoman Johnson moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-19. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with Lanco Construction, Inc. for the REGALA Concession Stand/Storage Building Replacement 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 Lanco Construction, Inc. The motion passed with 5 yeas, 2 abstaining (Ramirez, Torres), 1 against (Johnson) and 1 absent (Wright).

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-20 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist parish President to complete and submit those documents and agreements required in connection with The Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) 2024-2025 Grant Application in the sum of \$350,000 to the State of Louisiana to rehabilitate the Lyons Water Plant (North) and Reserve Water Towers

MOTION: Councilwoman Ramirez moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-20. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist parish President to complete and submit those documents and agreements required in connection with The Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) 2024-2025 Grant Application in the sum of \$350,000 to the State of Louisiana to rehabilitate the Lyons Water Plant (North) and Reserve Water Towers. 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, there is a need for the Utilities Department to rehabilitate the Lyons Water Plant (North) 500,000 Gallon Elevated Water Tower and the Reserve 500,000 Gallon Elevated Water Tower; and, WHEREAS, the purpose of CWF is to assist local governments with grant funding, with no match or reimbursement required from the recipient or Parish, for rehabilitation, improvement, and construction projects for community water systems in the amount of \$350,000; and, WHEREAS, the grant will allow the Parish to use funding in the amount of \$350,000 to rehabilitate elevated water towers within the Parish. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. John the Baptist Parish Council does hereby authorize the Parish President to complete and submit those documents and agreements required in connection with the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWF) 2024-2025 grant application totaling \$350,000 to the State of Louisiana to rehabilitate the Lyons Water Plant (North) and Reserve Elevated Water Towers. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-21 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to complete and submit those documents and agreements required in connection with the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) 2024-2025 Grant Application in the sum of \$300,000 to the State of Louisiana to complete the replacement of the Main Street Lift Station

MOTION: Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-21. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to complete and submit those documents and agreements required in connection with the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) 2024-2025 Grant Application in the sum of \$300,000 to the State of Louisiana to complete the replacement of the Main Street Lift Station. 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, there is a need to abandon the existing Main Street Lift Station and construct a new submersible lift station; and, WHEREAS, the purpose of LGAP is to assist local governments with grant funding, with no match or reimbursement required from the recipient or Parish, for needed infrastructure and long-term capital improvements, that will improve health, safety and quality of life of citizens; and, WHEREAS, the grant will allow the Parish to use funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 to construct a new submersible lift station on Main Street, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. John the Baptist Parish Council does hereby authorize the Parish President to complete and submit those documents and agreements required in connection with the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) 2024-2025 Grant Application totaling \$300,000.00 to the State of Louisiana for the replacement of the Main Street Lift Station. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Jason Akers - Resolution - R25-22 - A Resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of Taxable Sales Tax Bond (DEQ) of St. John the Baptist Parish Sales Tax District in the principal amount not exceeding two million dollars (\$2,000,000) and providing for other matters in connection therewith

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-22. A Resolution giving preliminary approval to the

issuance of Taxable Sales Tax Bond (DEQ) of St. John the Baptist Parish Sales Tax District in the principal amount not exceeding two million dollars (\$2,000,000) and providing for other matters in connection therewith. 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 St. John the Baptist Parish Sales Tax District (the "*District*") now levies and collects a special one percent (1%) sales and use tax, pursuant to elections held in the District on November 16, 1985; January 19, 2002; and November 2, 2010 (the "*Tax*"); and WHEREAS, the proceeds of the Tax received by the District, after payment of all reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collection and administration of the Tax (the "*Net Revenues of the Tax*") shall be available for appropriation and expenditure by the District for the purposes designated in the propositions authorizing the Tax, which includes the payment of bonds authorized to be issued in accordance with Louisiana law; and WHEREAS, the District now desires to issue its Taxable Sales Tax Bond (DEQ) (the "*Bond*"), to be payable solely from and secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the avails or proceeds of the Tax, all in accordance with Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (the "*Act*"), for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, extending, and improving the sewers and sewage disposal facilities of St. John the Baptist Parish (the "*Parish*"), and acquiring equipment therefor, and paying the costs of issuance thereof; and WHEREAS, the District has no outstanding bonds or other obligations of any kind or nature payable from or enjoying a lien on the revenues of the Tax herein pledged, EXCEPT the outstanding (i) Public Improvement Bonds, Series ST-2012, (ii) Taxable Sales Tax Bond (DEQ), Series ST-2019, (iii) Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series ST-2020, (iv) Taxable Sales Tax Bond (DEQ), Series ST-2022, and (v) Taxable Sales Tax Bond (DEQ), Series ST-2024 (the "*Outstanding Parity Bonds*"); and WHEREAS, the District desires to make formal application to the State Bond Commission for approval of the

Bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by St. John the Baptist Parish Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana (the "*Governing Authority*"), acting as the governing authority of the St. John the Baptist Parish Sales Tax District, that: SECTION 1. Preliminary Approval of Bond. Pursuant to Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, preliminary approval is given to the issuance of a Taxable Sales Tax Bond (DEQ) (the "*Bond*") of St. John the Baptist Parish Sales Tax District (the "*District*") in the principal amount not exceeding Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000), for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, extending, and improving the sewers and sewage disposal facilities of the Parish and acquiring equipment therefor, and paying the costs of issuance thereof. The Bond will be payable solely from and secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the avails or proceeds of the special one percent (1%) sales and use tax now being levied and collected by the District, pursuant to elections held in the District on November 16, 1985, January 19, 2002 and November 2, 2010 (the "*Tax*"). The Bond shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed ninety-five hundredths of one percent (0.95%) per annum, to be determined by subsequent proceedings of this Governing Authority at the time of the sale of the Bond, and shall mature over a period not exceeding twenty-two (22) years from the date thereof. The Bond shall be issued in fully registered form and shall have such additional terms and provisions as may be determined by this Governing Authority at the time of sale thereof. SECTION 2. State Bond Commission. Application is hereby formally made to the State Bond Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for its consent and authority to issue and sell the aforesaid Bond, and a certified copy of this resolution shall be

forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of the Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application. By virtue of District=s application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission=s approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval(s) are expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the "State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.," adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby. SECTION 3. Employment of Bond Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., of New Orleans, Louisiana, as Bond Counsel, is hereby employed to do and perform work of a traditional legal nature as bond counsel with respect to the issuance and sale of said Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of such Bonds, shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to the issuance and sale thereof and shall furnish its opinions covering the legality of the issuance of the Bonds. The fee of Bond Counsel for each series of bonds shall be fixed at a sum not exceeding the fee allowed by the Attorney General=s fee guidelines for such bond counsel work and based on the amount of said Bonds actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses, said fees to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said Bonds. The Parish President is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and this Governing Authority hereby agrees to and accepts the terms of, the engagement letter of Bond Counsel appended hereto. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for approval of said employment and of the fees herein designated, and payment for the work herein specified is hereby authorized upon completion thereof and under the conditions herein enumerated without further approval of this Governing Authority. SECTION 4. Appointment of Municipal Advisor. The District hereby retains Government Consultants, Inc., of Baton Rouge, Louisiana to act as its Municipal Advisor ("MA") pursuant to the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the rules promulgated thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Issuer hereby acknowledges that it is represented by the MA and will rely upon the advice of the MA with respect to the Bonds. The fee to be paid the MA shall be payable solely from the proceeds of the Bonds when and if issued, and the amount thereof shall be subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission. The Parish President is hereby authorized and directed, in her discretion, to execute any contract the MA may request with respect to the engagement. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

There were no ordinances introduced at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT :

At 7:21 PM, Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Johnson seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

/s/Tammy Houston
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary