

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 29th, 2020
Chairman Michael Wright
Vice-Chair Thomas Malik

CERTIFICATE

The St. John the Baptist Parish Council, through its Chairman, Lennix Madere, Jr., hereby certifies as follows: In accordance with Executive Proclamations JBE 2020-30 issued by Governor John Bel Edwards on March 16, 2020, and concurrence by the Attorney General on March 19th, 2020, this Notice shall serve as certification by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council of its inability to operate in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law due to a lack of quorum as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Pursuant to Section 4 of JBE 2020-30 the St. John the Baptist Parish Council will provide for attendance at its essential government meeting on Wednesday, April 29th, 2020 via video conference in order to obtain a quorum of its members. Therefore, in accordance with JBE 2020-30, the St. John the Baptist Parish Council meeting on Wednesday, April 29th, 2020 at 2:00 PM will be held via video conference and in a manner that will allow for observation and input by members of the public, as set forth in the notice posted on Thursday, April 23rd, 2020. All other Open Meetings Law requirements have been met.

The St. John the Baptist Parish Council members will meet via Zoom video/teleconference at the posted date and time.

Via Telephone access: Call 985-652-1702

Via Web access: www.sjbparish.com {click on (Government) Menu button, then select (Parish Council)}

Also, you can watch as normal on our Government Channels live with scheduled replays.

Members: Lennix Madere, Kurt Becnel, Warren Torres, Tammy Houston, Tyra Duhe-Griffin, Robert Arcuri, Tonia Schnyder, Michael Wright, Thomas Malik

PRESENT: Lennix Madere, Kurt Becnel, Warren Torres, Tammy Houston, Tyra Duhe-Griffin, Robert Arcuri, Tonia Schnyder, Michael Wright, Thomas Malik

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Councilwoman Schnyder moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to go back into the Finance Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (90 seconds per citizen)

There were no public comments at this time.

Natalie Robottom - (Tabled 10-08-19) Authorization to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Sheriff's Office for use of the Percy Hebert Building

This item was left on the table at the request of administration.

Robert Figuero - Authorization to enter into an agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for leasing of motor vehicles

Robert Figuero stated, "The average age of our fleet currently stands at 11 years old. This Agreement will allow the Parish to update our motor vehicle fleet, which will increase efficiencies, boost employee morale, and reduce our costs associated with maintaining an old fleet. The Agreement was sent to Legal Counsel to review and Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to enter into negotiations with Enterprise Fleet Management for leasing of motor vehicles. The motion passed unanimously.

Robert Figuero - Authorization to terminate the Ground and Tower Lease Agreements with Primeco Personal Communications, L.P., now Verizon

Robert Figuero stated, "The equipment associated with this Lease Agreement resides on our water towers. This equipment is in direct conflict with our water meter project equipment. In order to receive optimal performance from the water meter (DCUs) or antennas, the current equipment needs to be moved or removed. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to terminate the Ground and Tower Lease Agreements with Primeco Personal Communications, L.P., now Verizon. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 1 against (Torres).

Rene Pastorek - Authorization to extend and amend the Code Inspector Employment Contracts with Lewis Grady and Patricia Ballansaw

Rene Pastorek stated, "Each of these extensions and amendments are for one (1) additional year with terms specific to each Contractor. The documents were sent to Legal Counsel for review and Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Torres seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to extend and amend the Code Inspector Employment Contracts with Lewis Grady and Patricia Ballansaw. The motion passed unanimously.

Reed Alexander - Authorization to renew the contract with Castay, Inc for services related to Emergency Standby Generators

Reed Alexander stated, "This renewal adds one (1) additional year to the existing contract which is utilized for emergencies. The contract is funded through the Utilities and Public Works Departments. The renewal document was sent to Legal Counsel for review and deemed legally sufficient. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to renew the contract with Castay, Inc. for services related to Emergency Standby Generators. The motion passed

Travis Perrilloux - Authorization to renew the contract with CrowderGulf, LLC

Disaster Recovery and Debris Management for Emergency Response, Management and Recovery Services

Jaclyn Hotard stated, "This renewal adds one (1) year to the existing contract which is authorized when a Notice to Proceed (NTP) is issued for a natural or man-made disaster. The contract is funded through the Public Works Department with anticipated FEMA reimbursement should it be activated. The renewal document was sent to Legal Counsel for review and Administration recommends approval."

After much discussion, it was decided to table the authorization to renew the contract with CrowderGulf, LLC Disaster Recovery and Debris Management for Emergency Response, Management and Recovery Services.

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to Table the authorization to renew the contract with CrowderGulf, LLC Disaster Recovery and Debris Management for Emergency Response, Management and Recovery Services. The motion passed with 7 yeas and 2 against (Arcuri and Torres).

Stacey Cador - Authorization to renew the Parish Facilities Flood Insurance policy with National General Insurance, Inc.

Stacey Cador stated, "This renewal at \$95,890 through Riverlands Insurance Services Inc. reflects an increase of approximately \$3,447 over the expiring premium. This policy is specific to Utilities and Public Works infrastructure. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to renew the Parish Facilities Flood Insurance policy with National General Insurance, Inc. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to adjourn the finance meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting can be viewed in its entirety at www.sjbparish.com.

Public Comment Form: <http://st-john-parish.com/council-meeting/>