

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 2022
CHAIRMAN MICHAEL WRIGHT
VICE-CHAIR LENNIX MADERE

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 9th, 2022, at 6:00 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 Becnel led the Prayer. Councilman Malik 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 was no public comment at this time.

Jaclyn Hotard - Presentation - Mark Johnson, Entergy

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - Juan "Shug" Watkins, Sr., Grambling State University Legends Sports Hall of Fame

Jaclyn Hotard - Presentation - South Central Planning and Development Commission - Presentation on Redistricting

Warren Torres - Presentation - Kevin Belanger, South Central Planning and Development Commission - Permitting Statistics Update

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - July 26th, 2022, Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilwoman Schnyder moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve consent agenda item - Approval of Minutes - August 9th, 2022, Council Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

President's Report:

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCE (S) /NEW BUSINESS:

22-29 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lot A, Section B, Reine Subdivision into Lots 1A & 2A, Section B, Reine Subdivision located in the area generally bounded by the Y & MV Railroad, McReine Road, Marcia Street, and Highway 3217, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZS-22-1310) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 22-29. The motion passed unanimously.

22-30 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 1D, Square 9-B, LaPlace Terrace Subdivision located in the area generally bounded by Lilac Street, Mahogany Street, Holly Drive, and Capt. G Bourgeois Street, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Two (R-2) zoning district, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-22-1314) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 22-30. The motion passed unanimously.

22-31 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lot LFCU of Woodland Plantation & Lot 31-A of Farm Lot 31 of Woodland Plantation into Lot LFCU-1A of Woodland Plantation, located in the area generally bounded by E. Airline Highway, Mockingbird Lane, Robin Street, and Dove Street, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZS-22-1307) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 22-31. The motion passed unanimously.

22-32 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending ordinance 21-30 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 Madere moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 22-32. The motion passed with Councilman Torres absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-147 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for Thermoplastic (TPO) or Modified Bitumen Roof Hurricane Ida Disaster Repairs to FCA Construction, LLC.

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-147. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid to Thermoplastic (TPO) or Modified Bitumen Roof Hurricane Ida Disaster Repairs to FCA Construction, LLC. **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**, FCA Construction, LLC. of Harahan, LA submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid in the amount of \$375,650; and, **WHEREAS**, as a result of damages sustained by Hurricane Ida, six (6) buildings with TPO or Modified Bitumen Roofing throughout the Parish are in need of repairs; and, **WHEREAS**, costs of repairs 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 St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to award the bid for Thermoplastic (TPO) or Modified Bitumen Roof Hurricane Ida Disaster Repairs to FCA Construction, LLC. The motion passed with Councilman Torres absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-148 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with FCA Construction, LLC. for Thermoplastic (TPO) or Modified Bitumen Roof Hurricane Ida Disaster Repairs

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-148. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with FCA Construction, LLC. for Thermoplastic (TPO) or Modified Bitumen Roof Hurricane Ida Disaster Repairs. **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 deductive change that removes the Edgard Courthouse from the scope of the project, lowering the total contract amount to \$165,550; and, **WHEREAS**, the roof repairs for the Edgard Courthouse will be incorporated into a separate project. **WHEREAS**, the project is 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 FCA Construction, LLC. The motion passed with Councilman Torres absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-149 - A Resolution authorizing the St. John the Baptist Parish to execute Change Order No. 1 with Veterans Construction, LLC for the St. John Theatre Hurricane Ida Disaster Repairs

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-149. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to execute Change Order No. 1 with Veterans Construction, LLC for the St. John Theatre Hurricane Ida Disaster Repairs. **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 contract dated May 10, 2022, by \$14,866.62 and adds an additional 30 calendar days; and, **WHEREAS**, additional costs are due to damages sustained by Hurricane Ida that were unforeseen before repairs began; 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 Parish Council to execute Change Order No. 1 between St. John the Baptist Parish and Veterans Construction, LLC. The motion passed with Councilman Torres absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-150 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Meyer Engineers, Ltd. for the REGALA Park Field No. 2 Synthetic Turf Project

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-150. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Meyer Engineers, Ltd. for REGALA Park Field No. 2 Synthetic Turf 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**, Meyer Engineers, LTD of Metairie, LA has been selected as the Engineer for the REGALA Park Field No. 2 Synthetic Turf Project: and, **WHEREAS**, services include synthetic turf installation and new drainage on the Little League Baseball Field (Field No. 2); and, **WHEREAS**, the estimated cost of the Agreement is \$52,741.54 and will be funded through the Recreation Department Budget. **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 Professional Services Agreement between St. John the Baptist Parish and Meyer Engineers, LTD. The motion passed with Councilman Torres absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-151 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Amendment No. 4 of the Lease Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for Office Space

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to REMOVE Resolution - R22-151 from the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Reed Alexander - Resolution - R22-152 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with McKim & Creed, Inc for the Reserve Wastewater Treatment Pond Capacity Expansion Project

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-152. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with McKim & Creed, Inc. for the Reserve Wastewater Treatment Pond Capacity Expansion 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**, McKim & Creed, Inc. of Gonzales, LA has been selected as the Engineer for the Reserve Wastewater Treatment Pond Capacity Expansion Project; and, **WHEREAS**, to consolidate four (4) existing Regional Wastewater Treatment Plants on the East bank, the Reserve Wastewater Treatment Pond capacity needs to be expanded from 5 MGD to 12 MGD to treat additional flow; and, **WHEREAS**, the estimated cost of the Agreement is \$1,276,552.92 and will be funded through the Wastewater Fund with reimbursement from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Clean Water State Revolving Loan and/or the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. **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 Professional Services Agreement between St. John the Baptist Parish and McKim & Creed, Inc. The motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

There was no introduction of ordinances.

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss St. John the Baptist Parish District Attorney vs. St. John the Baptist Parish, et al., Docket No. C-77055. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

St. John the Baptist Parish District Attorney vs. St. John the Baptist Parish, et al., Docket No. C-77055

Councilman Wright excused himself from the meeting at 7:55 PM.

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to go back into Regular Session. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

There was no action taken as a result of executive session.

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS:

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:05 PM, Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

/s/Michael Wright
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary