

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23RD, 2024
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, January 23rd, 2024, 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, Tammy Houston, Councilwoman District III, Robert Arcuri, Councilman District V, Vernon Bailey, Sr., Councilman District VI, Dixie Ramirez, Councilwoman District VII

ABSENT: Tyra Duhe-Griffin and Warren Torres

Councilwoman Houston led the Prayer and Councilman Madere led the Pledge.

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

Jaclyn Hotard - Recognition - Shop Local St. John Trivia Winners

The above item will be carried over to the next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - January 8th, 2024, Council Meeting; Councilman Arcuri - Re-appointment of Kenneth Scioneaux to the Animal Control Advisory Board; Councilman Arcuri - Re-appointment of Nolan Weber to the Parish Wide Sewer, Water & Drainage Board

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - January 8th, 2024, Council Meeting; Councilman Arcuri - Re-appointment of Kenneth Scioneaux to the Animal Control Advisory Board; Councilman Arcuri - Re-appointment of Nolan Weber to the Parish Wide Sewer, Water & Drainage Board. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Torres absent.

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss *Sharon Brown v. St. John the Baptist Parish and LaPlace Urgent Care Center Properties, LLC*, Docket No. 77738. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Sharon Brown v. St. John the Baptist Parish and LaPlace Urgent Care Center Properties, LLC, Docket No. 77738

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to go back into regular session. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

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

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

24-01 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 2, Square B of Bushtown Subdivision from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Two (R-2) located at 111 NW 12th Street, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZR-23-1513) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 24-01. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

24-02 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Parcel 1 of Bayou Steel Corporation Subdivision located at 356 Highway 628, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-23-1379) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilman Bailey moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 24-02. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

24-03 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot A of Belle Pointe Plantation Subdivision No. 2 from the Commercial District 3 (C-3) to the Industrial District One (I-1) Located at 2750 West Airline Highway, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZR-23-1495) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilwoman Johnson moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 24-03. The motion passed with 5 yeas (Madere, Johnson, Houston, Wright, Ramirez), 2 against (Arcuri, Bailey) and 2 absent (Duhe-Griffin, Torres).

24-04 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot LV from the Commercial District One (C-1) to the Commercial District Two (C-2) located at 1142 Highway 44, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZR-23-1514) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 24-04. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

24-05 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance authorizing the issuance of not exceeding Three Million Six Hundred Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$3,602,575) of Taxable Sales Tax Bonds (DEQ), Series ST-2024 of St. John the Baptist Parish Sales Tax District; and providing for other matters in connection therewith (J. Hotard)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 24-05. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

24-06 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance proposing an amendment to Article III, Section A.2 of the St. John the Baptist Home Rule Charter (T. Houston)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 24-06.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the substitute motion to amend Ordinance 24-06 to read. An ordinance that submits a proposed amendment to the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter to the qualified electors, in accordance with Article VIII, Section C - Election. WHEREAS, on Tuesday, November 4, 1980, the qualified electors of the St. John the Baptist Parish approved the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter (the "Charter"). WHEREAS, subsequent amendments to the Charter were made pursuant to special elections held Saturday, July 20, 1996, and Tuesday, November 5, 1996. WHEREAS, Article III, Section A 2. Compensation of the Charter details the process to adjust the compensation of councilmembers. WHEREAS, Article III, Section A 2. Compensation of the Charter currently provides for the following: The members elected by districts and divisions shall receive an annual salary of \$7,200.00 payable monthly on the last day of each month. This compensation may be adjusted by ordinance passed by a two-thirds vote of the entire council. The total amount of the adjustment shall not exceed the accumulated percentages of the annual United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index as computed for the preceding three years of their term. The councilmembers may only consider raising their compensation at only one meeting during their four-year term that shall be held within 30 days of the qualifying deadline for the councilmember election. In no event shall any monthly United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index be used to adjust said compensation. WHEREAS, this proposed amendment amicably resolves and remediates a legal issue that is the subject of litigation in *Bridget A. Dinvaut, in her official capacity as District Attorney, in and for the Fortieth Judicial District, Parish of St. John the Baptist v. St. John the Baptist Parish, St. John the Baptist Parish Governing Authority and St. John the Baptist Parish Council, 7705 "B"*. WHEREAS, the St. John the Baptist Parish Council shall submit this proposed Charter amendment to the qualified electors. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, as governing authority of St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, that: SECTION 1. Subject to the provisions of the Home Rule Charter, the first paragraph of Article III, Section A.2 of the Home Rule Charter shall be replaced in its entirety with the following: Article III, Section A.2. Compensation. Compensation. The members elected by districts shall receive an annual salary of \$19,200.00, and the members elected at large shall receive an annual salary of \$24,000.00, payable monthly on the last day of each month. This compensation may be adjusted by ordinance passed by a two-thirds vote of the entire council. The total amount of the adjustment shall not exceed the accumulated percentages of the annual United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index as computed for the preceding three years of their term. The councilmembers may only consider raising their compensation at only one meeting during their four-year term. In no event shall any monthly United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index be used to adjust said compensation. SECTION 2. This Ordinance is hereby adopted in accordance with the Home Rule Charter and shall become effective only upon ratification by the electors of St. John the Baptist Parish at a special election to be called for said purpose. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhé-Griffin and Councilman Torres

absent.

Michael Wright - Meeting date change of February 13th, 2024 in observance of the Mardi Gras Holiday

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to change the meeting date of Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 to Friday, February 16th, 2024 beginning at Noon. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

Tammy Houston - Resolution - R24-02 - A Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, to vote upon the adoption of an amendment to the current St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter with respect to the application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Rameriz seconded the motion to approve the amended Resolution - R24-02. A Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, to vote upon the adoption of an amendment to the current St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter with respect to the application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith. BE IT RESOLVED by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that: SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Sections 5, and 22 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit: CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION Shall the first paragraph of Article III, Section A.2. of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter be amended to read as follows with respect to compensation of Parish Council members: The members elected by districts shall receive an annual salary of \$19,200.00, and the members elected at large shall receive an annual salary of \$24,000.00, payable monthly on the last day of each month. This compensation may be adjusted by ordinance passed by a two-thirds vote of the entire council. The total amount of the adjustment shall not exceed the accumulated percentages of the annual United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index as computed for the preceding three years of their term. The councilmembers may only consider raising their compensation at only one meeting during their four-year term. In no event shall any monthly United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index be used to adjust said compensation? SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the official journal of the Parish once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full. Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the Secretary is

authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing proposition that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies. SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Edgard Courthouse, 2393 Hwy. 18, Edgard, Louisiana, on TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said elections, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law. SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used. SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the Chairman and/or Secretary of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election. SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of St. John the Baptist Parish and the Registrar of Voters of St. John the Baptist Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law. SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to amend the Home Rule Charter. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application. EXHIBIT "A" NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), on January 23, 2024, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit: CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION Shall the first paragraph of Article III, Section A.2. of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter be amended to read as follows with respect to compensation of Parish Council members: The members elected by districts shall receive an annual salary of \$19,200.00, and the members elected at large shall receive an annual salary of \$24,000.00, payable monthly on the last day of each month. This compensation may be adjusted by ordinance passed by a two-thirds vote of the entire council. The total amount of the adjustment shall not exceed the accumulated percentages of the annual United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index as

computed for the preceding three years of their term. The councilmembers may only consider raising their compensation at only one meeting during their four-year term. In no event shall any monthly United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index be used to adjust said compensation? The said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541. The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law. The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$87,500. The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Edgard Courthouse, 2393 Hwy. 18, Edgard, Louisiana, on TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Tara Lambeth - Resolution - R24-03 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with Ducks Unlimited for the Bayou Chevreuil Restoration Project

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-03. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with Ducks Unlimited for the Bayou Chevreuil Restoration 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, Ducks Unlimited will submit a proposal on behalf of St. John the Baptist Parish to the 2023 Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; and, WHEREAS, the proposal will include enhancing 2,800 acres of bottomland swamp forest in Bayou Chevreuil in St. John the Baptist Parish through hydrologic restoration; and, WHEREAS, this project will enhance drainage, flood relief, effective storm buffering, improve water quality, reforestation, environmental quality and recreational opportunities; and, WHEREAS, the estimated cost is \$500,00 which will be funded from the 2023 Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority's Parish Matching Program with a 10% match from St. John the Baptist Parish. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between St. John the Baptist Parish and Ducks Unlimited for the Bayou Chevreuil Restoration Project. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Tara Lambeth - Resolution - R24-04 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute, complete and submit all documents and agreements related to The Greater New Orleans Foundation's Next 100 Year Challenge Fund

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-04. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute, complete and submit all documents and agreements related to The Greater New Orleans Foundation's Next 100 Year Challenge Fund. 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 Greater New Orleans Foundation has awarded St. John the Baptist Parish the sum of \$100,000 for a multi-scale green infrastructure strategy pilot for the Parish; and, WHEREAS, the purpose of this grant is to create a multi-scale green infrastructure strategy and pilot project approach to St. John the Baptist Parish to provide nature-based stormwater management solutions for our residents. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. John the Baptist Parish Council does hereby authorize the Parish President to execute, complete and submit all documents and agreements related to The Greater New Orleans Foundation's Next 100 Year Challenge Grant. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-05 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC. for Fiscal Auditing Services

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-05. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC. for Fiscal Auditing Services. 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, Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC. of Metairie, LA submitted the only proposal received and reviewed by the Source Selection Committee to conduct a financial and A-133 Audit; and, WHEREAS, Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC. is approved by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to perform Governmental Auditing; and, WHEREAS, it will be funded through various Departments. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to enter into a Professional Services Agreement between St. John the Baptist Parish and Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC. for Fiscal Auditing Services. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-06 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with The State of Louisiana through the Office of Community Development (OCD)

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-06. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with The State of Louisiana through the Office of Community Development (OCD). 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 Office of Community Development (OCD), has developed Disaster Recovery and Mitigation/Resiliency Programs to meet short and long-term recovery needs of communities impacted by disasters; and, WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Parish received an allocation from the OCD- Disaster Recovery Mitigation Funds in the amount of \$14M for the Reserve Relief Pump Station Project; and, WHEREAS, this project involves the replacement of an existing pump station at the Reserve Relief Canal with two (2) new 200 cubic feet per second (cfs) pumps, automated bar screen cleaners and drainage infrastructure improvements to increase conveyance to the new pump station; and, WHEREAS, The Reserve Relief Pump Station Project is a part of the Local Water Initiative 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 sign and execute all documents associated with the State of Louisiana through the Office of Community Development for the St. John Reserve Relief Pump Station Project. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-07 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Settlement Agreement with The Grey Insurance Company/The Gray Casualty & Surety Company in regard to Magee Excavation & Development LLC's default on the Mississippi River Multi-Use Trail - Phase IV

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-07. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Settlement Agreement with The Grey Insurance Company/The Gray Casualty & Surety Company in regard to Magee Excavation & Development LLC's default on the Mississippi River Multi-Use Trail - Phase IV. 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, Magee Excavation & Development LLC was placed in default on the Mississippi River Multi-Use Trail - Phase IV due to lack of responsiveness; and, WHEREAS, Section 108.09 allows for written notification to be given to the contractor with a copy sent to the contractor's surety that the contractor is in default and can direct the surety to complete the work; and, WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreement allows the Parish to proceed with acceptance of payment from Gray Surety Company which will be used to complete the remaining construction items for the project. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to enter into a Settlement Agreement between St. John the Baptist Parish and Gray Surety Company. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-08 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute a Change Order with The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) for the Mississippi River Multi-Use Trail - Phase IV

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-08. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute a Change Order with The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) for the Mississippi River Multi-Use Trail - Phase IV. 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 Change Order adds an additional 1,212 days to complete the project; and, WHEREAS, the estimated completion date will be extended through June 1, 2024; and, WHEREAS, any funds for unpaid work completed by Magee Excavation & Development LLC will be used to pay for remaining work in lieu of assessing it as liquidated damages to the bond company; and, WHEREAS, this project is funded by a DOTD Grant and the Recreation 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 Council to execute a Change Order between St. John the Baptist Parish and The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD). The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-09 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 2 with FCA Construction LLC. for the St. John Hurricane Ida Edgard Courthouse Building Repairs Project

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-09. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 2 with FCA Construction LLC. for the St. John Hurricane Ida Edgard Courthouse Building Repairs 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 increases the original Agreement by \$132,519.75 and an additional 111 days; and, WHEREAS, this increase is for the replacement of pipe supports for three (3) potable water pipes and a refrigerant line that is active and needs to remain in service, replacing damaged metal coping and corroded roof drain bowls; and, WHEREAS, additional time is needed due to court schedules. WHEREAS, Change Order No. 2 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 Council to execute Change Order No. 2 between St. John the Baptist Parish and FCA Construction, LLC. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-10 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to extend the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) for the Voodoo Model Boat Club

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-10. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to extend the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) for the Voodoo Model Boat Club. 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 Voodoo Model Boat Club uses the Airport Road pond for model power boat sporting events; and, WHEREAS, this extension will be the fourth option to extend for an additional one (1) year term; and, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to extend the Agreement with the Voodoo Model Boat Club. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-11 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to extend the Professional Services Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the Lake Pontchartrain Shoreline Protection Project

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to REMOVE Resolution R24-11 from the Council Agenda. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-12 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with Capital Area Finance Authority (CAFA) to offer Home Ownership Programs

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-12. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with Capital Area Finance Authority (CAFA) to offer Home Ownership Programs. 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, CAFA offers non-repayable down payment assistance and up to 7% of the final home loan amount; and, WHEREAS, CAFA partners with approved mortgage companies who will work with potential borrowers to finance a home and is approved in 47 Parishes statewide; and, WHEREAS, the CEA will allow CAFA to offer its grant programs to residents looking to purchase homes throughout the Parish; and, WHEREAS, CAFA will share loan production fees collected with the Parish for loans that are closed each month. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between St. John the Baptist Parish and Capital Area

Finance Authority. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-13 - A Resolution for St. John the Baptist Parish to amend the Professional Services Agreement with All the Time Janitorial, LLC for Janitorial Services for Parish Facilities

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-13. A Resolution for St. John the Baptist Parish to amend the Professional Services Agreement with All the Time Janitorial, LLC for Janitorial Services for Parish Facilities. 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, Amendment No. 1 includes additional Parish facilities added for janitorial services; and, WHEREAS, services will be provided to the Arcuri Center, St. John Community Center, 40th JDC Courthouse, Agriculture Center, Westbank Administration Building, Edgard Council on Aging, Recreation Office, Lapeyrolerie-Montz Senior Center, 40th JDC Juvenile Services, Health Unit and Community Services Office; and, WHEREAS, services will be funded through various departments. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to amend the Professional Services Agreement between St. John the Baptist Parish and All the Time Janitorial, LLC. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-14 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 2 with Pittsburgh Tank & Tower Co. for the Elevated Water Tower and Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-14. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 2 with Pittsburgh Tank & Tower Co. for the Elevated Water Tower and Storage Tank 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. 2 increases the original Agreement amount by \$84,440.70 and an additional twenty (20) days; and, WHEREAS, the increase is for the rewelding of all 26 structural support beams on the interior of the Lions Ground Storage Tank South due to corrosion of the welds discovered when the tank was drained; and, WHEREAS, a new beam needs to be installed completely as it was found on the tank bottom; and, WHEREAS, costs will be funded through the Utilities 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 execute Change Order No.2 between St. John the Baptist Parish and Pittsburgh Tank & Tower Co. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-15 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with Bip & Sons Services, LLC for Water Distribution and Treatment Maintenance/Emergency Repairs Project

MOTION: Councilwoman Johnson moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-15. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with Bip & Sons Services, LLC for Water Distribution and Treatment Maintenance/Emergency Repairs 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 \$1,078,477.98; and, WHEREAS, the increase is to align the contract based on repairs already completed and to ensure that future necessary emergency and maintenance repairs can be issued; and, WHEREAS, costs 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 Parish Council to execute Change Order No.1 between St. John the Baptist Parish and Bip & Sons Services, LLC. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Houston, Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-16 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with RAMJ Construction, LLC. for the Wastewater Collection and Treatment Maintenance/Emergency Repairs Project

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-16. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with RAMJ Construction, LLC. for the Wastewater Collection and Treatment Maintenance/Emergency Repairs 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 \$519,285; and, WHEREAS, the increase is to align the contract based on repairs already completed and to ensure that future necessary emergency and maintenance water system repairs can be issued; and, WHEREAS, repairs will be funded through the Wastewater 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 execute Change Order No.1 between St. John the Baptist Parish and RAMJ Construction, LLC. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-17 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with Lakeview Construction and Development, LLC for the St. John Community Center Hurricane Ida Disaster Building Repairs Project Phase 1

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-17. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with Lakeview Construction and Development, LLC for the St. John Community Center Hurricane Ida Disaster Building Repairs Project Phase 1. 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 by \$7,006.35 and an additional forty-seven (47) days; and, WHEREAS, the increase is due to water leakage to each clerestory window due to compromised connections between metal frame and wood blocking and painting and priming eleven (11) door frames; and, WHEREAS, additional days needed are due to delays in materials required to complete the project; 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 St. John the Baptist Parish President, Jaclyn Hotard is hereby 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 Lakeview Construction and Development, LLC. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-18 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 2 with GeoSurfaces, Inc. for the REGALA Park Field No. 1 and Park Field No. 3 Synthetic Turf Project

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-18. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 2 with GeoSurfaces, Inc. for the REGALA Park Field No. 1 and Park Field No. 3 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, Change Order No. 1 decreases the original Agreement amount by \$16,000; and, WHEREAS, decrease is due to not purchasing new Grooming Equipment for the turf fields because the Parish already received new equipment for REGALA Park Field No. 2; and, WHEREAS, the project was funded through the Recreation Department Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist 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 GeoSurfaces, Inc. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-19 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with GeoSurfaces, Inc. for the REGALA Park Field No. 1 and Park Field No. 3 Synthetic Turf Project

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-19. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with GeoSurfaces, Inc. for the REGALA Park Field No. 1 and Park Field No. 3 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, this project has been deemed substantially complete by the Project Engineer; and, WHEREAS, all punch list items were identified and are 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 GeoSurfaces, Inc. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

24-07 An ordinance amending Chapter 40 - Traffic and Vehicles, Section 40-27 - Speed bumps as traffic control device permitted to add under part 4 The designated representative should be the resident who owns property nearest to the speed bump location and under part 5 sub-item C including the signature of the property owner at/nearest the installation location (See attached exhibit)
(J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

24-08 An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lots Z-3 and Z-5 of The Belle Pointe No. 2 Subdivision from the Commercial District Two (C-2) to the Residential District Three (R-3) in the area generally bounded by Jackson Ave and Richmond Drive located on West Airline Hwy, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZR-23-1522) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

24-09 An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 3A of Elvina Plantation Subdivision from the Residential District 1 (R-1) to the Rural District (Rural) located at 986 Highway 628, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZR-23-1525)
(J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

24-10 An ordinance approving the resubdivision of an undesignated 33' portion and an undesignated 98' portion of a lot located at 354 and 348 South Fig Street, Garyville, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-23-1384) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

24-11 An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lot B and Lot C of the Vicknair Tract located at 127 East 7th Street, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-23-1385) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

24-12 An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lot 7, Square C of Bushtown Subdivision located at 133 NW 13th Street, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-23-1383) (J. Hotard & T.

Lambeth)

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:42 PM, Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Torres absent.

/s/Michael Wright
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary