

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH, 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, April 9th, 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, Warren Torres, Councilman District II, Robert Arcuri, Councilman District V, Vernon Bailey, Sr., Councilman District VI, Tyra Duhe-Griffin, Councilwoman District IV, Dixie Ramirez, Councilwoman District VII

ABSENT: None

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

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

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

Rene Anderson, Annette Gordon, Jeff Tamplain, Roslyn Johnson, Michael Marks and Kerry Johnson commented on Ordinance 24-17. Dr. Joy Banner, Justin Cray, James Breaux, Patrick Bryant, Robert Sullivan, Sand Marmier and Stephanie Aubert commented on Ordinance 24-18. Geraldine Cox, Henry Cox and Gary Cox commented on Ordinance 24-19.

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - April 14-20, 2024 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - March 26th, 2024, Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - March 26th, 2024, Council Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

President's Report

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE (S)

24-17 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lots 2 and 3 of the Reine Subdivision from the Commercial District Three (C-3) to the

Residential District Three (R-3) located at 1052 East Airline Highway, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZR-1549) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilwoman Johnson moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to DENY Ordinance 24-17. The motion passed unanimously.

24-18 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Tracts F-1-A West of Hwy 18 (less and except the ten-acre Robert Site retained by sellers in the Act of Cash Sale recorded in the official records of St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, on July 12, 2021, as Entry No. 381724-CO), F-1-A-N, F-1-A-RR, F-1-B, F-1-C and F-2 (less and except Tracts 73A and 74B), which are tracts owned by the Port of South Louisiana and leased to Greenfield Louisiana, LLC, from Commercial District One (C-1) and Residential District 1 (R-1) to Industrial District 3 (I-3), except for a 300-foot-wide strip along the boundary of any portion of the foregoing property bordering an R-1 zone which shall be rezoned to Industrial District One (I-1); and to rezone Tracts B-2, B-3, B-4, B-5, and B-6, which are tracts owned by the Port of South Louisiana and leased to Greenfield Louisiana, LLC, from Nonindustrial Batture District (B-1) to Industrial Batture District (B-2) located on LA Highway 18, Wallace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZR-1558) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilwoman Johnson moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 24-18. The motion passed with 7 yeas and 2 against (Duhe-Griffin, Torres).

24-19 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of the remainder of the Voisin Tract of the Voisin Subdivision from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Three (R-3) located at 186-365 East 13th Street, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZR-1556) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to postpone Ordinance 24-19, until the next meeting. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 1 against (Torres).

NEW BUSINESS:

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-80 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for the Utilities Generators Replacement Project to Ready Power, LLC

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Torres seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R24-80. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for the Utilities Generators Replacement Project to Ready Power, 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, Ready Power, LLC of New Orleans, LA submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid in the amount of \$1,198,950; and, WHEREAS, the generators at the Lions Water Treatment Plant, Ruddock Well No. 2 and River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant need to be replaced due to damages sustained by Hurricane Ida; 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 is hereby authorized to award the bid for the Utilities Generators Replacement Project to Ready Power, LLC. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-81 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with Grillot Construction, LLC for the Hurricane Ida National Resource Conservation Services (NRCS) Drainage Canal Cleaning Phase 2

MOTION: Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved and Councilman Torres seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-81. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with Grillot Construction, LLC for the Hurricane Ida National Resource Conservation Services (NRCS) Drainage Canal Cleaning Phase 2. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 deducts \$146,556 from the original Agreement and adds an additional eight (8) calendar days; and, WHEREAS, the deduction is due to the removal of 8,142 linear feet of drainage canal cleaning from the project scope; and, WHEREAS, the additional days is due to excessive rainfall creating unworkable conditions; and, WHEREAS, the project was funded from 90% of eligible NRCS Funds with a 10% match. 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 Grillot Construction, LLC. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-82 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with Grillot Construction, LLC for the Hurricane Ida National Resource Conservation Services (NRCS) Drainage Canal Cleaning Phase 2

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-82. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with Grillot Construction, LLC for the Hurricane Ida National Resource Conservation Services (NRCS) Drainage Canal Cleaning Phase 2. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, this project has been deemed substantially complete by the Project Engineer; and, WHEREAS, the project was funded from 90% of eligible NRCS Funds with a 10% match. 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 the Certificate of Substantial Completion between St. John the Baptist Parish and Grillot Construction, LLC. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-83 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 2 with

Lakeview Construction and Development, LLC for the St. John Community Center Hurricane Ida Disaster Building Repairs Project Phase 1

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-83. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 2 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. 2 decreases the original Agreement amount by \$5,700; and, WHEREAS, the decrease is based on actual work completed for the project by removing the scope of work associated with the exterior HVAC equipment enclosure louvres; and, 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 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. 2 between St. John the Baptist Parish and Lakeview Construction and Development, LLC. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-84 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with Lakeview Construction and Development, LLC for the St. John Community Center Hurricane Ida Disaster Building Repairs Project Phase 1

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-84. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion 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, 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 Lakeview Construction and Development, LLC. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-85 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to settle and pay the October 23, 2023, Property Damage Claim to Raynard Hiem of 1408 Cartier Drive, Apt. A, LaPlace, LA 70068

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-85. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to settle and pay the October 23, 2023, Property Damage Claim

to Raynard Hiem of 1408 Cartier Drive, Apt. A, LaPlace, LA 70068. 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, Louisiana Claims Administrators (LoCA) recommended, and Legal Counsel approved the settlement amount of \$9,977.14; and, WHEREAS, the settlement will be funded through the Settlement line item of 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 settle and pay the October 23, 2023, Property Damage Claim to Raynard Heim of 1408 Cartier Drive, Apt A, LaPlace, LA 70068. The motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

24-20 An ordinance approving the installation of fiber optic cables along Power Boulevard and Rosenwald Street, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (Permit No. 17540) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

24-21 An ordinance approving the installation of fiber optic cables at the municipal address of 101 Gail Lane, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (Permit No. 17507) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

24-22 An ordinance approving the addition of a structure within the design review corridor of the Reserve Historical District as per St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances Section 114-38, at Lot C, Country Place Subdivision, which has a municipal address of 123 Redemption Way, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (HD-1048) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:19 PM, Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned.

/s/Michael Wright
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary