

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 27th, 2023
CHAIRMAN MICHAEL WRIGHT
VICE-CHAIR KURT BECNEL

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, June 27th, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL: Lennix Madere, Jr., Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Kurt Becnel, Councilman District I, Tammy Houston, Councilwoman District III, Warren Torres, Councilman District II, Michael Wright, Councilman-at-Large, Div. B, Tonia Schnyder, Councilwoman District VI, Tanya Faucheux, Councilwoman District VII

ABSENT: Robert Arcuri and Tyra Duhe-Griffin

Councilman Torres led the Prayer and Councilman Madere led the Pledge.

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

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

Public comment was made on agenda item Ordinance 23-24 by Carol Keating, David Gendron, Amy Abadie and Mary Duhe.

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - (Carry Over 06-13-23) June 12th - 18th, 2023 as Men's Health Week

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - Pastor Carlton Morris, Small Business Hero

Tammy Houston - Introduction - Jarrette T. Tuircuit, Executive Director, St. John the Baptist Parish Housing Authority

Administering Oath of Office - Tanya Faucheux, Councilwoman, District VII

Council Chairman Wright stated, *"From my understanding the Oath of Office was already done at the District Attorney's Office and we received the letter from the Secretary of State confirming the appointment today, Mr. Green is that correct?"*

Keith Green, Jr., Legal Counsel, stated, *"That is correct."*

Council Chairman Wright stated, *"The agenda was already set, so we did not take this off, but want to welcome and congratulate Councilwoman Faucheux."*

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - June 13th, 2023, Council Meeting; Permit Approval - 22nd Annual Independence Day Celebration - Monday, July 3rd at 6:00 PM at St. Peter Catholic Church in Reserve and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in

Edgard, Fireworks display to begin at 9:00 PM; Permit Approval - St. John the Baptist Parish 48th Annual Andouille Festival - Friday, October 20th through Sunday, October 22nd, 2023 on the grounds of the St. John Parish Community Center/Thomas F. Daley Memorial Park in LaPlace

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve consent agenda items - Approval of Minutes - June 13th, 2023, Council Meeting; Permit Approval - 22nd Annual Independence Day Celebration - Monday, July 3rd at 6:00 PM at St. Peter Catholic Church in Reserve and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Edgard, Fireworks display to begin at 9:00 PM; Permit Approval - St. John the Baptist Parish 48th Annual Andouille Festival - Friday, October 20th through Sunday, October 22nd, 2023 on the grounds of the St. John Parish Community Center/Thomas F. Daley Memorial Park in LaPlace. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Arcuri absent.

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss *Mary Goldman v. St. John the Baptist Parish, et al.*, Case No. 68833 DIV. A. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Arcuri absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mary Goldman v. St. John the Baptist Parish, et al., Case No. 68833 DIV. A

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

There was no action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

REPORTS:

President's Report

Jaclyn Hotard - Monthly Financial Report (May 2023)

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

23-23 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance that Sections 2-20 and 2-21 of Chapter 2, Article II establishing the composition and membership of the Parish Council; creating of Election Districts and Precincts, and the Designation of Polling Places hereby be amended to merge Precincts 3-4, 3-5, and 3-6. (K. Becnel)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 23-23. The motion passed with 6 yeas, 1 against (Torres) and 2 absent (Arcuri, Duhe-Griffin).

23-24 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lot 17A, Milesville Subdivision into Lots 1-49 and Harvest Way, Harvest Run Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by W. 5th Street, Camphor Drive, Dupont Road, and W. Airline Hwy, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZS-23-1346) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to

DENY Ordinance 23-24. The motion passed with 6 yeas, 2 absent (Arcuri, Duhe-Griffin) and 1 abstaining (Torres).

23-25 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance authorizing Jaclyn Hotard, President of St. John the Baptist Parish to execute an Act of Donation accepting a parcel of land containing "Deed Restriction Open Space" on behalf of St. John the Baptist Parish, under such other terms and conditions deemed fit and proper by the Parish President in her discretion, and upon review by legal counsel. The property is described as a certain portion of ground located partly in Section 32, T-10-S, R-8-E, partly in Section 36, T-10-S, R-7-E; being 112' x 250' as shown in a survey prepared by Lucien C. Gassen, Surveyor, dated October 29, 1974 and July 20, 1976. (J. Hotard)

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 23-25. The motion passed with 6 yeas, 1 against (Torres) and 2 absent (Arcuri, Duhe-Griffin).

23-26 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lot 2A, Jack Street Subdivision into Lots 3A & 4A, Jack Street Subdivision located in the area generally bounded by Birch Street, W. 2nd Street, Joe Parquet Circle, and W. 5th Street, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZS-23-1348) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilman Torres moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 23-26. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Arcuri absent.

23-27 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lots 88B & 85C, Lakeshore Estates Inc. Subdivision into Lots 88B-1 & 85C-1, Lakeshore Estates Inc. Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Rue St. Charles, Des Allemands Boulevard, and Highway 643, Vacherie, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-23-1351) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 23-27. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Arcuri absent.

23-28 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lots 76, 77, 78, & the south half of Lot 79, Lakeshore Estates Inc. Subdivision into Lots 76-A, 77-A, & 78-A, Lakeshore Estates Inc. Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Rue St. Charles, Des Allemands Boulevard, and Highway 643, Vacherie, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-23-1356) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 23-28. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Arcuri absent.

23-29 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending ordinance 22-34 relative to the annual operating budgets for St. John the Baptist Parish for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022 (J. Hotard)

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 23-29. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Arcuri absent.

23-30 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending Chapter 113-Zoning, Article 1 - In General to add and **shall have and maintain** foundation skirting on all sides (unbroken except for ventilation) to the manufactured housing definition and to add **A mobile home shall have and maintain foundation skirting on all sides (unbroken except for ventilation)** to the mobile home definition (see attached exhibit) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 23-30. The motion passed with 5 yeas, 1 against (Torres), 1 abstaining (Schnyder) and 2 absent (Arcuri, Duhe-Griffin)

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R23-133 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for the St. John Community Center Hurricane Ida Disaster Building Repairs Project Phase 1 to Lakeview Construction and Development, LLC

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to approve Resolution R23-133. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for the St. John Community Center Hurricane Ida Disaster Building Repairs Project Phase 1 to Lakeview Construction and Development, 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, Lakeview Construction and Development, LLC of New Orleans, LA submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid in the amount of \$968,844; and, WHEREAS, the Community Center is in need of repairs due to damages sustained from Hurricane Ida; and, WHEREAS, Phase 1 repairs will include all of the exterior building, the lobby and the atrium areas; 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 St. John Community Center Hurricane Ida Disaster Building Repairs Project Phase 1 to Lakeview Construction and Development, LLC. The motion passed with 6 yeas, 1 against (Torres) and 2 absent (Arcuri, Duhe-Griffin).

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R23-134 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the Professional Services Agreement to Backflow Prevention Services, LLC for Backflow Prevention Services

MOTION: Councilwoman Schnyder moved and Councilman Torres seconded the motion to approve Resolution R23-134. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the Professional Services Agreement to Backflow Prevention Services, LLC for Backflow Prevention 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, Backflow Prevention Services, LLC of Baton Rouge, LA was the only proposal received and reviewed; and, WHEREAS, Backflow Prevention Services, LLC will provide support and maintenance to the Utilities Departments and other Administrative Staff in various locations throughout the Parish; and, WHEREAS, services 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 Professional Services Agreement to Backflow Prevention Services, LLC for Backflow Prevention Services. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Arcuri absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Reed Alexander - Resolution - R23-135 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to renew the Professional Services Agreement with I.C.E. Sales & Services, L.L.C. for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisitions (SCADA) On-Call, Design and Integration Support Parish Wide

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R23-135. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to renew the Professional Services Agreement with I.C.E. Sales & Services, L.L.C. for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisitions (SCADA) On-Call, Design and Integration Support Parish Wide. 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, I.C.E. Sales & Services, LLC of Des Allemands, LA provides technical integration and support for facility control systems and remotely located water supply sites; and, WHEREAS, this is the second option to renew the original Agreement dated September 10, 2019 for one (1) additional year; and, WHEREAS, the Renewal maintains the same pricing and is funded through the Utilities and Wastewater Budgets. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to renew the Professional Services Agreement between St. John the Baptist Parish and I.C.E. Sales & Services, L.L.C. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Arcuri absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R23-136 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to settle and pay the January 1, 2023, Property Damage Claim to Sandra Tamplain of 2037 Cypress Street, LaPlace, LA 70068

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution R23-136. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to settle and pay the January 1, 2023, Property Damage Claim to Sandra Tamplain of 2037 Cypress Street, 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 \$768.31; and, WHEREAS, the settlement will be funded through the Settlement line item of 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 settle and pay the January 1, 2023, Property Damage Claim to Sandra Tamplain of 2037 Cypress Street, LaPlace, LA 70068. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Arcuri absent.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

23-31 An ordinance adjusting Parish Council salaries pursuant to Article III, Section A(2) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter (W. Torres)

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS:

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:48 PM, Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Arcuri absent.

/s/Michael Wright
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary