

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 2025
CHAIRMAN TAMMY HOUSTON
VICE-CHAIR ROBBY ARCURI

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, February 25th, 2025, 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, Warren Torres, Councilman District II, Tammy Houston, Councilwoman District III, Tyra Duhe-Griffin, Councilwoman District IV, Robby Arcuri, Councilman District V, Vernon Bailey, Councilman District VI, Dixie Ramirez, Councilwoman District VII

ABSENT: None

Michelle Miller, Director of EDC, led the Prayer and Mr. Gaylin Shum led the Pledge.

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

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

There was no public comment at this time.

Robby Arcuri - Presentation - Friends of Manchac Greenway, Dedication - Blessing of a Memorial Bench at Sunset Park, Manchac, LA on Saturday, March 22nd beginning at 2:00 PM in memory of those who perished in heavy fog on I-55 October 23rd, 2023

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - March as Procurement Month

Jaclyn Hotard - Presentation - Dewberry - Stormwater Master Plan Update

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - February 11th, 2025, Council Meeting; Permit Approval - Krewe of De La Blessings Parade - Friday, February 28th, 2025 - 10:00 AM - Parade will start from The Little Blessings Learning Academy Daycare parking lot, turn onto Belle Terre, then to Cannes St., they will U-turn on Cannes St., traveling back to Belle Terre then returning to the daycare's parking lot; Jaclyn Hotard - Appointment of Nicole Dumas to the St. John the Baptist Parish Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

MOTION: Councilwoman Johnson moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes -

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

National Prescription Opioids Litigation Consortium

In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No. 1:17-cv-2804

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss National Prescription Opioids Litigation Consortium *In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, Case No. 1:17-cv-2804. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilman Bailey moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to go back into regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

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

REPORTS:

President's Report

Jaclyn Hotard - Monthly Financial Report (January 2025)

NEW BUSINESS:

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-29 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to advertise and Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the design and installation of a Green Infrastructure Pilot Project at Belle Pointe Park

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Torres seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-29. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to advertise and Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the design and installation of a Green Infrastructure Pilot Project at Belle Pointe Park. 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's (GNOF) Next 100 Years Challenge provided St. John the Baptist Parish with \$80,000 of Grant Dollars for a multi-scale green infrastructure strategy and pilot project approach to provide nature-based stormwater management solutions for our residents; and, WHEREAS, a multi-scale green infrastructure pilot project is needed at Belle Pointe Park to help mitigate nuisance flooding and increase ecosystem benefits; and, WHEREAS, the project will be funded through the GNOF Next 100 Years Challenge Grant Funds. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to solicit a Request for

Qualifications (RFQ) for the design and installation of a Green Infrastructure Pilot Project at Belle Pointe Park. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-30 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for the Canal Maintenance Project to J. Caldarera & Company, Inc.

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-30. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for the Canal Maintenance Project to J. Caldarera & Company, Inc. 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, J. Caldarera & Company, Inc. of LaPlace, LA submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid in the amount of \$2,478,000; and, WHEREAS, services will be performed on an as-needed basis; and, WHEREAS, project is funded through 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 award the bid for the Canal Maintenance Project to J. Caldarera & Company, Inc. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R25-31 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) allowing the Parish to install a Water Transmission Main within the Right of Way of Hwy. 51

MOTION: Councilwoman Ramirez moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to approve Resolution R25-31. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) allowing the Parish to install a Water Transmission Main within the Right of Way of Hwy. 51. 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 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 CEA will allow the Parish to construct a Water Transmission Main in LA DOTD's Right of Way along Hwy 51 for the Water Transmission Main Project from the Mississippi River to the Woodland Treatment Facility; and, WHEREAS, the new Water Transmission Main is proposed to carry pre-treated Mississippi River water from the proposed new Raw Water Intake and Pre-Treatment Facility located on the Mississippi River to the Woodland Reverse Osmosis Treatment Facility; and, WHEREAS, the project will be funded through the 2022 Bond Issue. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that Parish President, Jaclyn Hotard, is hereby authorized and empowered on behalf of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with DOTD. The motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

25-07 An ordinance authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish, through the Office of the Parish President, to purchase and/or expropriate certain portions of ground described as Lot 7A-1 and Lot 7B as

depicted in Exhibit A (J. Hotard)

- 25-08** An ordinance approving the rezoning of the West Half of Plot 2 and the East Half of Plot 2 of the Reine Subdivision from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Industrial District One (I-1) located at 211-275 McReine Road, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZR-1654) (J. Hotard & C. Powell)
- 25-09** An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 3B-2 of Farm Lot 5 of Woodland Plantation from the Commercial District Three (C-3) to the Industrial District One (I-1) located at 505 Main Street, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZR-1656) (J. Hotard & C. Powell)
- 25-10** An ordinance approving the resubdivision of the lower half of Lot 10 of the Bonnet Carre Crevasse Subdivision, located at 140 Crevasse Avenue, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-1420) (J. Hotard & C. Powell)
- 25-11** An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Tract D and other portions of the John Esparros Tract, located at 1107-1359 East Airline Highway, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-1423) (J. Hotard & C. Powell)
- 25-12** An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Tract A of an undesignated subdivision, located at 5895 Highway 18, Wallace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-1425) (J. Hotard & C. Powell)
- 25-13** An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lot 1-A of the Myrtles Subdivision, located at 2513 Main Street, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-1427) (J. Hotard & C. Powell)

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:07 PM, Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/Tammy Houston
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary