

SPECIAL MEETING
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 14th, 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, June 14th, 2024, at Noon 12:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL: Lennix Madere, Jr., Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Virgie Johnson, Councilwoman District I, Tammy Houston, Councilwoman District III, Robbie Arcuri, Councilman District V, Vernon Bailey, Sr., Councilman District VI, Dixie Ramirez, Councilwoman District VII8

ABSENT: Michael Wright, Tyra Duhe-Griffin and Warren Torres

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

Legal Counsel Kennilyn Schmill was present.

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

Andrea Lowe, Percy Pierre, Shane Livaudais, Jennifer Skapriwsky, Cemetria Shelby, Herman Johnson and Mrs. Johnson commented on Ordinance 24-24.

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - June 10th - 16th, 2024 as Men's Health Week

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - Juneteenth 2024

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - May 28th, 2024, Council Meeting; Councilwoman Johnson - Appointment of Nicole Dumas to the Historic District Commission; Parish President Hotard - Appointment of Marcel Robinson Wallace to the St. John the Baptist Housing Authority; Parish President Hotard - Appointment of Larry Sorapuru, Jr. to the South Central Planning Board of Commissioners

MOTION: Councilwoman Johnson moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - May 28th, 2024, Council Meeting; Councilwoman Johnson - Appointment of Nicole Dumas to the Historic District Commission; Parish President Hotard - Appointment of Marcel Robinson Wallace to the St. John the Baptist Housing Authority; Parish President Hotard - Appointment of Larry Sorapuru, Jr. to the South Central Planning Board of Commissioners. The motion passed with Councilmembers Duhe-Griffin, Torres and Wright absent.

REPORTS:

President's Report

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE (S)

24-24 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot E of the Riverwood Subdivision from the Commercial District Three (C-3) to the Industrial District One (I-1) located at 317 Woodland Drive, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZR-1574) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to Postpone Ordinance 24-24 until the meeting of June 25, 2024. The motion passed with Councilmembers Duhe-Griffin, Torres and Wright absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Michael Wright - Selection of the L'Observateur as the Official Journal for St. John the Baptist Parish Government

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to select the L'Observateur as the Official Journal for St. John the Baptist Parish Government. The motion passed with 5 yeas, 1 against (Houston) and 3 absent (Duhe-Griffin, Torres, Wright).

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-116 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into an Agreement with Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) for the Lighting System on US 51 at I-10/I-55 Interchange

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to postpone Resolutions R24-116, R24-117, R24-118, R24-119 and R24-120 until the meeting of June 25, 2024. The motion passed with Councilmembers Duhe-Griffin, Torres and Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-117 - 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 Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to postpone Resolutions R24-116, R24-117, R24-118, R24-119 and R24-120 until the meeting of June 25, 2024. The motion passed with Councilmembers Duhe-Griffin, Torres and Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-118 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to complete and submit those documents and agreements required for the State of Louisiana, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Hurricane Ida Recovery Funding for the Hometown Revitalization Program (HRP) and Resilient Communities Infrastructure Programs (RCIP)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to postpone Resolutions R24-116, R24-117, R24-118, R24-119 and R24-120 until the meeting of June 25, 2024. The motion passed with Councilmembers Duhe-Griffin, Torres and Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-119 - A Resolution authorizing

St. John the Baptist Parish to settle and pay the January 9, 2024, Property Damage Claim to Alicia Joseph of 732 Lemoyne Drive, LaPlace, LA 70068

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to postpone Resolutions R24-116, R24-117, R24-118, R24-119 and R24-120 until the meeting of June 25, 2024. The motion passed with Councilmembers Duhe-Griffin, Torres and Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-120 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to renew the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with River Parishes Convention, Tourists, and Visitors Commission

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to postpone Resolutions R24-116, R24-117, R24-118, R24-119 and R24-120 until the meeting of June 25, 2024. The motion passed with Councilmembers Duhe-Griffin, Torres and Wright absent.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

There were no Ordinances introduced at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 12:30 PM, Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned with Councilmembers Duhe-Griffin, Torres and Wright absent.

/s/Lennix Madere
COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary