

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH, 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 Rudolph Sorapuru Chambers, Edgard, Louisiana on Tuesday, March 12th, 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, Tyra Duhe-Griffin, Councilwoman District IV

ABSENT: Warren Torres

Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin led the Prayer and Councilman Bailey led the Pledge.

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

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

Eliza Eugene commented on Ordinance 24-16.

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - March as National Kidney Month, March 14th - World Kidney Day

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - February 27th, 2024, Council Meeting; Councilwoman Johnson - Appointment of Ray Edwards, Jr. to the Animal Control Advisory Board; Councilwoman Houston - Re-appointment of Bernell Charles, Sr. to the Parish Wide Sewer, Water and Drainage Board; Councilwoman Houston - Appointment of Leslie Schexnayder to the Animal Control Advisory Board; Parish President Hotard - Appointment of Jason Duhe' to the Port of South Louisiana Board of Commissioners; Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin - Re-appointment of Alvin Scioneaux to the Parish Wide Sewer, Water and Drainage Board

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - February 27th, 2024, Council Meeting; Councilwoman Johnson - Appointment of Ray Edwards, Jr. to the Animal Control Advisory Board; Councilwoman Houston - Re-appointment of Bernell Charles, Sr. to the Parish Wide Sewer, Water and Drainage Board; Councilwoman Houston - Appointment of Leslie Schexnayder to the Animal Control Advisory Board; Parish President Hotard - Appointment of Jason Duhe' to the Port of South Louisiana Board of Commissioners; Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin - Re-appointment of Alvin Scioneaux to the Parish Wide Sewer, Water and Drainage Board. The motion passed with Councilman Torres absent.

REPORTS:

President's Report

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCE(S) :

24-14 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lots 2 and 3 of the Cornland Plantation Subdivision from the Commercial District One (C-1) to the Residential District One (R-1) located on Central Avenue behind 3547 West Airline Highway, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZR-23-1544) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere approved the motion to approve Ordinance 24-14. The motion passed with Councilman Torres absent.

24-15 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Parcel 2-A-1-A of New Era Subdivision located on Tiffany Drive behind 1910 West Airline Highway, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-23-1386) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved and Councilman Arcuri DENIED the motion to approve Ordinance 24-15. The motion to DENY passed with Councilman Torres absent.

24-16 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 2-A-1-A of New Era Subdivision from the Commercial District 3 (C-3) to the Residential District Three (R-3) located on Tiffany Drive behind 1910 West Airline Highway, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZR-23-1533) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin DENIED the motion to approve Ordinance 24-16. The motion to DENY passed with Councilman Torres absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-61 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to advertise and solicit bids for the River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Mobile Belt Filter Press Project

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to approve the Resolution - R24-61. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to advertise and solicit bids for the River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Mobile Belt Filter Press 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, the Permanent Belt Filter Press at the River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant needs to be replaced due to damages sustained by Hurricane Ida; and, WHEREAS, the mobile press unit will be mounted to a trailer bed and used for pressing sludge at the River Rd WWTP with the ability to be moved to other WWTP locations for use in pressing sludge; and, WHEREAS, the estimated cost of this project is \$1,142,000

and will be funded through the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality State Revolving Loan. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to advertise and solicit bids for the River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Mobile Belt Filter Press Project. The motion passed with Councilman Torres absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-62 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to renew the Professional Services Agreement with Roussel's Land-Care Services, Inc. for Chemical Control and Canal Maintenance

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-62. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to renew the Professional Services Agreement with Roussel's Land-Care Services, Inc. for Chemical Control and Canal Maintenance. 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, Roussel's Land-Care Services, Inc. provides chemical control and canal maintenance to fifty-six (56) canals and waterways throughout the Parish; and, WHEREAS, this Renewal is the second option to add an additional one (1) year term the original Agreement dated June 9, 2020; and, WHEREAS, the Renewal maintains the same pricing and 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 renew the Professional Services Agreement between St. John the Baptist Parish and Roussel's Land-Care Services, Inc. The motion passed with Councilman Torres absent.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

There were no ordinances introduced at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:18 PM, Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned with Councilman Torres absent.

/s/Michael Wright
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary