

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**  
**CHAIRMAN ROBERT ARCURI**  
**VICE-CHAIRWOMAN TAMMY HOUSTON**

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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**ROLL CALL:** Lennix Madere, Jr., Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Virgie Johnson, Councilwoman District I, Warren Torres, Jr., Councilman District II, Tammy Houston, Councilwoman District III, Tyra Duhe-Griffin, Councilwoman District IV, Robert Arcuri, Councilman District V, Vernon Bailey, Sr., Councilman District VI, Dixie Ramirez, Councilwoman District VII

**ABSENT:** Michael Wright

Councilwoman Johnson led the Prayer and Councilwoman Ramirez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

There was no public comment at this time.

**Jaclyn Hotard - Presentation - Bobby Davis, Jr. - Over 25 Years of Volunteer Service to the Department of Parks and Recreation**

**MOTION:** Councilman Bailey moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to TABLE -Jaclyn Hotard- Presentation - Bobby Davis, Jr. - Over 25 Years of Volunteer Service to the Department of Parks and Recreation. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Approval of Minutes - January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Council Meeting; Jaclyn Hotard - Re-appointment of Addy Reine to the Fire Civil Service Board by Louisiana State University.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to approve consent agenda consisting of Approval of Minutes - January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Council Meeting; Jaclyn Hotard - Re-appointment of Addy Reine to the Fire Civil Service Board by Louisiana State University. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to suspend the rules to amend the agenda to remove Ordinance 26-09. The motion passed with 7 yeas, 1 nay (Torres) and 1 absent (Wright).

**26-09** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance authorizing the Parish President of St. John the Baptist Parish to declare certain immovable property described below as surplus and not needed for a public purpose, and to authorize the Parish President to execute a Quitclaim Deed on behalf of St. John the Baptist Parish for the conveyance of all of the right title and interest of St. John the Baptist Parish in said property (J. Hotard)

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to REMOVE Ordinance 26-09 because it does not meet the legal requirements. The motion passed with 7 yeas, 1 nay (Torres) and 1 absent (Wright).

**REPORTS:**

**President's Report**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Jaclyn Hotard/Connie Powell - Resolution - R26-14 - (Tabled 1-27-26) - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to grant a permit for Ten G Inc, LLC for a Dirt Pit located on proposed Lot TH-3 of the Terre Haute Plantation Subdivision, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish (Permit #19133)**

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to REMOVE Resolution R26-14 from the TABLE. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**MOTION:** Councilman Torres moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R26-14. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to grant a permit for Ten G Inc, LLC for a Dirt Pit located on proposed Lot TH-3 of the Terre Haute Plantation Subdivision, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish (Permit #19133). 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, Ten G, LLC has applied for a permit to dig a one hundred (100) acre dirt borrow pit on its Rural zoned property site, specifically located on proposed Lot TH-3 of the Terre Haute Plantation Subdivision, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish; and, WHEREAS, the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances requires a resolution by the Parish Council is required because the proposed dirt borrow pit is over five (5) acres in size; and WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Department has reviewed the application, site plans, and supporting documentation and determined that the proposed dirt borrow pit complies with all applicable provisions of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION ON ORDINANCE(S)**

**26-07** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving excavation within Parish Rights-of-way for the installation of fiber optics along Main Street by municipal address 1606 Main Street, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (Permit No. 19404) (J. Hotard/C. Powell)

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Ramirez moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 26-07. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**26-08** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving excavation within Parish Rights-of-way for the installation of fiber optics along Airline Hwy. by municipal address 2701 Airline Hwy., LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, (Permit No. 19331) (J. Hotard/C. Powell)

And approving excavation within Parish Rights-of-way for the installation of fiber optics along Lee Drive by municipal address 1800 Lee Drive, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (Permit No. 19405) (J. Hotard/C. Powell)

And approving excavation within Parish Rights-of-way for the installation of fiber optics along Moss Drive by municipal address 92 Moss Drive, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (Permit No. 19406) (J. Hotard/C. Powell)

And approving excavation within Parish Rights-of-way for the installation of fiber optics along Carmel Valley Drive by municipal address 2101 Carmel Valley Drive, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (Permit No. 19429) (J. Hotard/C. Powell)

And approving excavation within Parish Rights-of-way for the installation of fiber optics along Pennbrooke Drive by municipal address 110 Pennbrooke Drive, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (Permit No. 19437) (J. Hotard/C. Powell)

And approving excavation within Parish Rights-of-way for the installation of fiber optics along English Colony Drive by municipal address 1632 English Colony Drive, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (Permit No. 19438) (J. Hotard/C. Powell)

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Ramirez moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 26-08. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R26-16 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to advertise Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Parish's Property and Casualty Insurance**

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion to approve Resolution R26-16. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to advertise Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Parish's Property and Casualty Insurance. 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, St. John the Baptist Parish is requesting proposals for a package policy for the Parish's Property and Casualty Insurance that expires April 15, 2026; and WHEREAS, the lines of coverage included in the package policy are commercial general liability, commercial automobiles, public officials' liability, and excess liability. 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 receive proposals for the Parish's Property and Casualty Insurance. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R26-17 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to advertise and auction Parish Surplus items**

**MOTION:** Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion to approve Resolution R26-17. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to advertise and auction Parish Surplus items. 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 request is in accordance with State guidelines for disposing of surplus property; and, WHEREAS, surplus items include Parish vehicles, equipment, fire apparatus, scrap materials and supplies; and, 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 auction Parish surplus items. The motion passed with 7 yeas, 1 nay (Torres) and 1 absent (Wright).

**Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R26-18 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for the Lyons Water (North) and Reserve Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation to Southern Coatings, LLC**

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R26-18. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for the Lyons Water (North) and Reserve Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation to Southern Coatings, 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, St. John the Baptist Parish is requesting proposals for a package policy for the Parish's Property and Casualty Insurance that expires April 15, 2026; and WHEREAS, the lines of coverage included in the package policy are commercial general liability, commercial automobiles, public officials' liability, and excess liability. 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 Lyons Water (North) and Reserve Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation to Southern Coatings, LLC. The motion passed with 7 yeas, 1 nay (Torres) and 1 absent (Wright).

**Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R26-19 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with Command Construction, LLC for the Cambridge #2, Cambridge #3 and Ned Duhe Lift Station Rehabilitation Projects**

**MOTION:** Councilman Bailey moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to approve Resolution R26-19. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with Command Construction, LLC for the Cambridge #2, Cambridge #3 and Ned Duhe Lift Station Rehabilitation Projects. 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 increases the original Agreement in the amount of \$23,441.59; and, WHEREAS, the increase includes costs for the Temporary Traffic Control (TTC) Plan needed to re-open Cambridge Drive with two-way traffic near the Cambridge #2 and Cambridge #3 Lift Station work sites; and, WHEREAS, the project is being funded through the LDEQ Clean Water State Revolving Loan. 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 Change Order No. 1 between St. John the Baptist Parish and Command Construction, LLC. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**Announcement of Public Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Parish Courthouse, Rudolph Sorapuru Chambers, 2393 LA-18, Edgard, Louisiana, St. John the Baptist Parish Council plans to consider adopting resolutions ordering and calling elections to be held in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and the levy of ad valorem taxes therein.

**26-10** An ordinance authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish, through the Office of the Parish President, to purchase and/or expropriate certain portion of ground described as 40' Access Servitude on a Portion of the Etienne Victor Cazenave, Sr. Tract as depicted in Exhibit A (J. Hotard)

**26-11** An ordinance that authorizes the Parish President to execute a Quitclaim Deed, and all other necessary documents, in favor of Delta Land Services, LLC for a parcel of land the St. John the Baptist Governing Authority ("Governing Authority") determined is not needed for public purposes. (J. Hotard)

**ADJOURNMENT :**

At 6:34PM, Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

/s/Robert Arcuri  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Donna Barber  
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT