

SPECIAL MEETING
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 19TH, 2026
CHAIRMAN ROBERT ARCURI
VICE-CHAIRWOMAN TAMMY HOUSTON

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Special Meeting in the St. John the Baptist Parish Government Complex Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, May 19th, 2026, at 11:00 AM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: Warren Torres, Jr., Michael Wright

Councilman Arcuri led the Prayer and Councilman Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

There were no public comments at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Robert Arcuri - Resolution - R26-67 - A Resolution to formally acknowledge the intent of the Parish Council to amend Ord. No. 18-31, Sec. 113-305(2) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances, to add subsection "x", which shall read "pharmacy to dispense prescribed marijuana for therapeutic use" as a permitted use in Commercial District One (C-1).

MOTION: Councilman Bailey moved and Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion to approve Resolution R26-67. A Resolution to formally acknowledge the intent of the Parish Council to amend Ord. No. 18-31, Sec. 113-305(2) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances, to add subsection "x", which shall read "pharmacy to dispense prescribed marijuana for therapeutic use: as a permitted use in Commercial District One (C-1). whereas, Article IV, Section H of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter grants the Parish Council authority to adopt a resolution that declares a stated intent of the Parish Council to enact an ordinance necessary to preserve the general welfare of St. John the Baptist Parish; and WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Parish Council to amend Ord. No. 18-31, Sec. 113-305 (2) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances, to add subsection "x", which shall read "pharmacy to dispense prescribed marijuana for therapeutic use" as a permitted use in Commercial District One (C-1). NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that it is the intent of the Parish Council to amend Ord. No. 18-31, Sec. 113-305 (2) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances, to add subsection "x", which shall read, "pharmacy to dispense prescribed marijuana for therapeutic use" as a permitted use in Commercial District One (C-1). BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the intended ordinance will clearly establish that St. John the Baptist Parish, in accordance with state law, will not permit any other "pharmacy to dispense prescribed marijuana for therapeutic use" within a fifteen (15) miles radius of

another marijuana pharmacy. The motion passed with 5 yeas (Madere, Johnson, Duhe-Griffin, Houston, Bailey), 1 against (Arcuri), 1 abstaining (Ramirez) and 2 absent (Torres, Wright).

ADJOURNMENT:

At 11:10 AM Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilmen Torres and Wright absent.

/s/Robert Arcuri
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Donna Barber
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT