

THE MEETING WAS MOVED DUE TO HURRICANE FRANCINE

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th, 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, September 10th, 2024, at 3:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: None

Councilwoman Houston led the Prayer and Councilwoman Johnson led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Kennilyn Schmill was present.

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

Geraldine Cox, Matthew Cox, Henry Cox Jr., Henry Cox III, Danielle Freeman, Gary Cox Jr., Gary Cox Sr., and Garret Jackson commented on Ordinance 24-42. Geraldine Cox and Matthew Cox also commented on Ordinance 24-45.

BOARD OF REVIEW

Councilman Wright stated, *"This Board of Review has been opened to receive any written or oral complaints from taxpayers who wish to protest their assessment as determined by the Assessor. Complaining taxpayers must comply with Act 705 of 1976 in order for the Board of Review to consider any protest."*

Please be advised that on Tuesday, September 10th, 2024, the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, acting as Board of Review for St. John the Baptist Parish, opened the Public Hearing to receive any written or oral complaints from taxpayers who wished to protest their assessments as determined by the Assessor.

There being no complaints from the public, the Public Hearing was closed.

Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - September 8th - 14th, 2024 as National Suicide Prevention Week

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - August 27th, 2024, Council Meeting; Councilman

Arcuri - Appointment of Dervon Davis to the Economic Development Committee; Councilman Wright - Appointment of Kelly Edwards to the Economic Development Committee

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - August 27th, 2024, Council Meeting; Councilman Arcuri - Appointment of Dervon Davis to the Economic Development Committee; Councilman Wright - Appointment of Kelly Edwards to the Economic Development Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session will be carried over to the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Bridget A. Dinvaux, in her official capacity as District Attorney v. St. John the Baptist Parish Governing Authority and St. John the Baptist Parish Council, 40th JDC Docket No. 77055

REPORTS:

President's Report

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCE(S)

24-40 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance granting approval to further extend the valid period of time of Conditional Subdivision Approval for an additional twelve (12) months for River Oaks Subdivision, Phase V, Lots 205-239, 245-252, 264-282, and Parcels H-11, H-13, C, and D, located south of the proposed Woodland Drive right-of-way, west of the Vicknair Canal, east of St. Andrews Boulevard, and north of River Oaks Subdivision, Phases II and III; situated in Sections 66 and 67, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana; which were granted Preliminary/Conditional approval on August 9, 2005 (Ordinance No. 05-46) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 24-40. The motion passed unanimously.

24-41 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance granting approval to further extend the valid period of time of Conditional Subdivision Approval for an additional twelve (12) months for Belle Terre Commercial Subdivision, Phase I, Parcel B, Lots 4-22; Parcel C, Lots 2,3 & 6-9; and Parcel DS-4; Phase 2, Parcel B, Lots 23-49; and Parcel C, Lots 10-44; and Phase 3, Parcel D, Lots 1-39; Parcel E, Lots 1-42; Parcel DS-2; and Parcel DS-3; all situated in Sections 69 and 70, T-11-S, R-7-E, Southeast District of Louisiana, east of the Mississippi River, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana; which were granted conditional approval on June 12, 2007 (Ordinance No. 07-33) and October 9, 2007 (Ordinance No. 07-65) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilwoman Ramirez moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 24-41. The motion passed unanimously.

24-42 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of the Carwash lot of the Ben Jacob Tract, located at 1176 Highway 44, Reserve, St. John **b**

Baptist Parish, LA, from the Residential District One (R-1) and the Commercial District One (C-1) to the Residential District Two (R-2), and to rezone Lots 1 and 3 of the Ben Jacob Tract, located at 128 East 9th Street, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Two (R-2) (PZR-1603) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 24-42. The motion passed with 6 yeas and 3 against (Arcuri, Torres, Ramirez)

24-43 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lot E-1 of the C.L. Bougere Tract, located at 523 East Airline Highway, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-1395) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilwoman Johnson moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 24-43. The motion passed with 5 yeas and 4 against (Arcuri, Bailey, Houston, Torres)

24-44 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lot 5 of the Perry M. Bailey Property, located at 157 East 4th Street, Edgard, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-1397) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilwoman Johnson moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 24-44. The motion passed with 7 yeas and 2 against (Bailey, Ramirez)

24-45 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the resubdivision of the Carwash Lot of the Ben Jacob Tract, located at 1176 Highway 44, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-1398) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 24-45. The motion passed with 6 yeas and 3 against (Arcuri, Torres, Ramirez)

24-46 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lots 30A and 30B of the St. Martin Subdivision, located at 104 Landeche Lane, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-1400) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilman Bailey moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 24-46. The motion passed unanimously.

24-47 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lots 4A, 5A, 4, and 5 of the Elvina Plantation Subdivision, located at 938 Highway 628, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-1401) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 24-47. The motion passed unanimously.

24-48 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 51 of the Cornland Plantation Subdivision from the Industrial District One (I-1) to the Residential District Three (R-3), located at 422A-D NW 3rd Street, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZR-1598) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 24-48. The motion passed unanimously.

24-49 (Public Hearing Held) A millage ordinance, amending ordinance 24-36 to reflect a reduction to the 2024 levied millages (J. Hotard)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 24-49. The motion passed unanimously.

24-50 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the installation of fiber optic cables along West Airline Highway between Magnolia Avenue and Camellia Avenue, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (Permit No. 17948) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

MOTION: Councilwoman Ramirez moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 24-50. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-171 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for the Belle Pointe Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Demolition Project to SEMS, Inc.

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-171. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for the Belle Pointe Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Demolition Project to SEMS, 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, SEMS, Inc. of Baton Rouge, LA submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid in the amount of \$214,315; and, WHEREAS, the Belle Pointe WWTP was decommissioned in December 2021 and requires demolition; and, WHEREAS, the project 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 award the bid for the Belle Pointe Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Demolition Project to SEMS, Inc. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-172 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to amend the Agreement with Waste Pro of Louisiana, Inc.

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-172. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to amend the Agreement with Waste Pro of Louisiana, 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, Waste Pro of Louisiana, Inc. provides collection and removal services of residential solid waste through the Parish; and, WHEREAS, Amendment No.2 provides residential collection of up to 10 cubic yards of vegetative waste, yard

waste and bulky waste placed at curbside, once a week at each active unit; and, WHEREAS, compensation will be \$3.76 per active unit per month; and, WHEREAS, Amendment No. 2 will be funded by the Solid Waste Fund. 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 Amendment No. 2 of the Agreement between St. John the Baptist Parish and Waste Pro of Louisiana, Inc. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-173 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 2 with Barriere Construction Co, L.L.C. for the Hotmix Asphalt Overlay on Prepared Surfaces for Parish Wide Road Improvements

MOTION: Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-173. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 2 with Barriere Construction Co, L.L.C. for the Hotmix Asphalt Overlay on Prepared Surfaces for Parish Wide Road Improvements. 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. 2 is a close-out change order and increases the original Agreement by \$916,259.66; and, WHEREAS, the increase is for the adjustment of all quantities used for the repaving of asphalt streets throughout the Parish; and, WHEREAS, Change Order No. 2 is funded through the Public Works Budget. 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 Council to execute Change Order No. 2 between St. John the Baptist Parish and Barriere Construction Co, L.L.C. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R24-174 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to settle and pay the April 3, 2023 Property Damage Claim to the Archdiocese of New Orleans

MOTION: Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to approve Resolution R24-174. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to settle and pay the April 3, 2023 Property Damage Claim to the Archdiocese of New Orleans. 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, Louisiana Claims Administrators (LoCA) recommended, and Legal Counsel approved the settlement amount of \$46,254.11; and, WHEREAS, the settlement will be funded through the Settlement line item of the Capital Projects Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to settle and pay the April 3, 2023 Property Damage Claim to the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

24-51 An ordinance to rescind Ordinance 24-22, which reads: Ord.

24-22 - An ordinance approving the addition of a structure within the design review corridor of the Reserve Historical District as per St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances Section 114-38, at Lot C, Country Place Subdivision, which has a municipal address of 123 Redemption Way, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (HD-1048) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

ADJOURNMENT:

At 4:29 PM, Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned.

/s/Michael Wright
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary