

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2022
CHAIRMAN MICHAEL WRIGHT
VICE-CHAIR LENNIX MADERE

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Rudolph Sorapuru Chambers, Edgard, Louisiana on Tuesday, March 8th, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Lennix Madere, Jr., Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Kurt Becnel, Councilman District I, Warren Torres, Jr., Councilman District II, Tammy Houston, Councilwoman District III, Tyra Duhe-Griffin, Councilwoman District IV, Robert Arcuri, Councilman District V, Tonia Schnyder, Councilwoman District VI, Thomas Malik, Councilman District VII, Michael Wright, Councilman-at-Large, Div. B

ABSENT: None

Councilwoman Schnyder led the Prayer. Councilman Becnel led the Pledge.

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

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

There was no public comment.

Tonia Schnyder - Presentation - (Carry Over 02-22-2022) Judge Nghana Lewis - Juvenile Services Detention and Rehabilitation

MOTION: Councilwoman Schnyder moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to remove the item, Tonia Schnyder - Presentation - (Carry Over 02-22-2022) Judge Nghana Lewis - Juvenile Services Detention and Rehabilitation, from the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - February 22nd, 2022, Council Meeting; Councilman Malik - Appointment of Leatrice Arlie to the Library Board of Control; Permit Approval - St. Joan of Arc Stations of the Cross Procession - Friday, April 15th, 2022, beginning at 5:00 PM, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 529 W. 5th Street, LaPlace, LA

MOTION: Councilwoman Schnyder moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - February 22nd, 2022, Council Meeting; Councilman Malik - Appointment of Leatrice Arlie to the Library Board of Control; Permit Approval - St. Joan of Arc Stations of the Cross Procession - Friday, April 15th, 2022, beginning at 5:00 PM, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 529 W. 5th Street, LaPlace, LA. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

President's Report

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCE(S)/NEW BUSINESS:

22-05 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance declaring the two houses located on parish owned property at 1488 and 1490 Hwy. 44, Reserve, LA, surplus, finding that the buildings no longer serve a public purpose and will need to be removed in advance of the new build project for the new Reserve Branch Library. Said houses received Certificate of Appropriateness for the removal of a contributing structure in the Reserve Historic District, identified as 48-04410 on the Louisiana Historic Resource Inventory on August 12, 2021. (M. Wright)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 22-05. The motion passed with 8 Yeas and 1 Nay (Torres).

22-06 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance authorizing the sale of two houses located on parish owned property at 1488 and 1490 Hwy. 44, Reserve, LA, in advance of the Reserve Library Build Project. Authorizing the sale of the property at public auction for the minimum price to be set at the appraised value of each property, with the purchaser responsible for the removal of the structure within 30 days of the execution of the sale, with all costs of relocation to be borne by the purchaser (M. Wright)

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 22-06. The motion passed with 8 Yeas and 1 Nay (Torres).

22-07 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot J-2, Joe Thomas Jr. Subdivision from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Two (R-2) zoning district, located in the area generally bounded by E. 7th Street, E. 9th Street, Highway 18, and Highway 3127, Edgard, St. John the Baptist Parish, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-22-1273) (J. Hotard & R. Pastorek)

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 22-07. The motion passed unanimously.

22-08 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot J-1, Joe Thomas Jr. Subdivision from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Two (R-2) zoning district, located in the area generally bounded by E. 7th Street, E. 9th Street, Highway 18, and Highway 3127, Edgard, St. John the Baptist Parish, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-22-1274) (J. Hotard & R. Pastorek)

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 22-08. The motion passed unanimously.

22-09 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot J-3, Joe Thomas Jr. Subdivision from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Two (R-2) zoning district, located in the area generally bounded by E. 7th Street, E. 9th Street, Highway 18, and Highway 3127, Edgard, St. John the Baptist Parish, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-22-1275) (J. Hotard & R. Pastorek)

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 22-09. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-32 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to advertise and receive Request for Proposals (RFP) for Emergency Standby Generators

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-32. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to advertise and receive Request for Proposals (RFP) for Emergency Standby Generators. 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 for Proposals is for services and equipment related to Emergency Standby Generators; and, WHEREAS, services and equipment will be utilized on an as-needed basis for emergency purposes for Standby Generators throughout the Parish; and, WHEREAS, services will be funded through the Utilities and Public Works Departments. 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 Emergency Standby Generators. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-33 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to renew the contract with Louisiana AAB Electrical Industries, LLC for Pump Maintenance and Repairs

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-33. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to renew the contract with Louisiana AAB Electrical Industries, LLC for Pump Maintenance and Repairs. 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 renewal is the fifth one (1) year renewal of the original 2015 contract; and, WHEREAS, the contract renewal will be utilized on an as-needed basis for pump maintenance and repairs; and, WHEREAS, the contract renewal maintains the same pricing and is funded through the Utilities and Wastewater Budgets. 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 contract with Louisiana AAB Electrical Industries, LLC for Pump Maintenance and Repairs. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-34 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to renew the contract with Industrial Electrical Coil, L.L.C. for Pump Maintenance and Repairs

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-34. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to renew the contract with Industrial Electrical Coil, L.L.C. for Pump Maintenance and Repairs. 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 renewal is the fifth one (1) year renewal of the original 2015 contract; and, WHEREAS, the contract renewal will be utilized on an as-needed basis for pump maintenance and repairs; and, WHEREAS, the contract

renewal maintains the same pricing and is funded through the Utilities and Wastewater Budgets. 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 contract with Industrial Electrical Coil, L.L.C. for Pump Maintenance and Repairs. The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Wright - Resolution - R22-35 - A Resolution of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council authorizing the St. John the Baptist Parish Library to utilize collected millage for construction of the St. John the Baptist Parish Library, Reserve Branch Library, to be located on Highway 44 (River Road) between West 4th and West 5th Streets in Reserve, Louisiana

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-35. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish Council authorizing the St. John the Baptist Parish Library to utilize collected millage for construction of the St. John the Baptist Parish Library, Reserve Branch Library, to be located on Highway 44 (River Road) between West 4th and West 5th Streets in Reserve, Louisiana. WHEREAS, the St. John the Baptist Library, through the authority of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council has purchased property to build a new Reserve Library referred to as the St. John the Baptist Parish Library, Reserve Branch Library, to be located Highway 44 (River Road) between West 4th and West 5th Streets in Reserve, Louisiana. WHEREAS, Pursuant to the unanimous vote of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council at its properly held June 8, 2021, regular meeting, the St. John the Baptist Parish Library Board of Control received approval to hire design firm EwingCole to create design and provide Schematic, Design and Construction documents for project. WHEREAS, Pursuant to the unanimous vote of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council at its properly held June 22, 2021, regular meeting, the St. John the Baptist Parish Library received approval from the Parish Council to utilize the construction management at risk project delivery method and approved contract of Lemoine Construction LLC in constructing the St. John the Baptist Parish Library, Reserve Branch Library; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that: SECTION 1: All of the aforementioned "Whereas" clauses are hereby formally adopted, and incorporated, as Section 1 of this Resolution. SECTION 2: St. John the Baptist Parish Council, in accordance with LSA-R.S.25:213 authorizes the St. John the Baptist Parish Library Board of Control to utilize and expend up to the \$12,500,000 collected library millage for the Construction of the St. John the Baptist Parish Library, Reserve Branch Library, to be located Highway 44 (River Road) between West 4th and West 5th Streets in Reserve, as Budgeted in the 2022 Library Budget. The motion passed with 8 Yeas and 1 Nay (Torres).

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

There were no Introduction of Ordinances.

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Warren Treme, AIMS Grp., Inc., Fred Kinsley and AJSJS Dev., LLC v. St. John the Baptist Parish, et al., Civil Action No. 2:21-cv-01607(E.D. La.). The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Warren Treme, AIMS Grp., Inc., Fred Kinsley and AJSJS Dev., LLC v. St. John the Baptist Parish, et al., Civil Action No. 2:21-cv-01607(E.D. La.)

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to go back into Regular Session. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:57 PM, Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/Michael Wright
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary