

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH, 2020
CHAIRMAN LENNIX MADERE
VICE-CHAIR KURT BECNEL

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, August 11th, 2020, at 6:30 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 Malik led the Pledge.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (90 seconds per citizen)

Public comments can be viewed in its entirety at www.sjbparish.com

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

There was no introduction of businesses.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - July 28th, 2020, Regular Meeting

MOTIONS: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of Approval of Minutes - July 28th, 2020, Regular Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCES:

20-18(Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to amend Ordinance 96-141 to add the following Holiday: Juneteenth Day (Third Saturday in June) (T. Houston)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 20-18. The motion passed unanimously.

20-19(Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot C, Elvina Plantation generally bounded by W. Airline Highway, Interstate 10, U.S. Highway 51 and Windsor Street, LaPlace from the Commercial District Three (C-3) and Residential District One (R-1) to the Rural District (RURAL), as shown in Exhibit

1 attached (PZR-20-1181) (J. Hotard)

Rene Pastorek stated, "This rezoning request to establish operation of a commercial dirt pit was recommended for denial by the Planning Commission at its July 20, 2020 meeting with a vote of 6-2 and 1 absent. The Planning and Zoning Department finds this request is consistent with the zoning district requirements, the Future Land Use Map, the intent of the Comprehensive Plan and meets the technical sufficiency for consideration by the Parish Council."

Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved to TABLE Ordinance 20-19 and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion. The motion was withdrawn by Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Arcuri to allow Councilman Wright to speak.

MOTION: Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to TABLE Ordinance 20-19. The motion passed with 5 Yeas, 4 Against (Malik, Schnyder, Torres, Wright).

20-20 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lots 1 and 2, Cureau Subdivision into Lot 1A, Cureau Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by W. Airline Highway, River Road, E. 24th Street and E. 22nd Street, Reserve, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on May 25, 2019. (PZS-20-1245) (J. Hotard)

Rene Pastorek stated, "This re-subdivision request to enable the placement of a mobile home was recommended with unanimous approval by the Planning Commission at its July 20, 2020 meeting and by the Utility Board at its July 7, 2020 meeting. The Planning and Zoning Department finds this request is consistent with the surrounding neighborhood development pattern, the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and meets the technical sufficiency for consideration by the Parish Council."

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 20-20. The motion passed unanimously.

20-21 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of the John Esparros Tract into Lots 1-JE and 2-JE of the John Esparros Tract, located in the area generally bounded by the Mississippi River, the Y&MV Railroad, McReine Road, and Miya Lane, LaPlace, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on April 30, 2020. (PZS-20-1243) (J. Hotard)

Rene Pastorek stated, "This re-subdivision request to enable the construction of an office building and continued use of barge mooring was recommended with unanimous approval by the Planning Commission at its July 20, 2020 meeting and by the Utility Board at its July 7, 2020 meeting. The Planning and Zoning Department finds this request is consistent with the surrounding neighborhood development pattern, the zoning district requirements, the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and meets the technical sufficiency for consideration by the Parish Council."

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Torres seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 20-21. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you Mr. Chairman, at this time I'll offer a motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee."

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jaclyn Hotard - Resolution - R20-19 - A Resolution indicating the intention of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, to approve the two (2) year appointment of Parish President Jaclyn Hotard as a Director to the Board of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (The "Authority") as provided by Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana revised statutes of 1950, as amended

Jaclyn Hotard stated, "St. John the Baptist Parish is a member of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (LCDA), which finances environmental projects and public infrastructures through bonds and other means. This resolution authorizes Parish President, Jaclyn Hotard to be appointed as the Director of the Authority for a term of two (2) years for consideration by the Parish Council."

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R20-19. A Resolution indicating the intention of the Parish of St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, to approve the two (2) year appointment of Parish President Jaclyn Hotard as a Director of the Board of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (The "Authority") as provided by Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana revised statutes of 1950, as amended. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Tonia Schnyder - (Carry Over 07-14-20) Discussion regarding the Sewer Lift Station at 1809 Cambridge Drive

The Discussion regarding the Sewer Lift Station at 1809 Cambridge Drive can be viewed in its entirety at www.sjbparish.com.

Robbie Arcuri - (Carry Over 07-28-20) Update on the upgrades to the Lions Water treatment plant

Councilman Arcuri requested to have the item removed from the agenda.

Robbie Arcuri - (Carry Over 07-28-20) Update on the Mississippi River Water source funding for LaPlace

Councilman Arcuri requested to have the item removed from the agenda.

Robbie Arcuri - (Carry Over 07-28-20) Update on the milling and overlaying of sections of the I-55 Service Road

Councilman Arcuri requested to have the item removed from the agenda.

Tyra Duhe-Griffin - Update from the Administration on the progress that has been made on the Haydel Canal Crossing/LaPlace Park Levee Project

The update on the progress that has been made on the Haydel Canal Crossing/LaPlace Park Levee Project can be viewed in its entirety at www.sjbparish.com.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

20-22 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)

20-23 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, Phase 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)

PRESIDENT REPORT:

The President report can be viewed in its entirety at www.sjbparish.com.

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS:

Councilwoman Houston excused herself from the meeting at 8:52 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:11 PM, Councilman Wright moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Houston absent.

/s/Lennix Madere, Jr.
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary

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