

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING - AUGUST 29, 2016

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Special Session pursuant to the following Notice of Special Meeting:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Parish President Guy Cormier has called a **Special Meeting** of the St. Martin Parish Council for 5:00 P.M., Monday, August 29, 2016, Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room, St. Martin Parish Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana, in accordance with the Provisions of the St. Martin Parish Home Rule Charter, Section 2.07, Council Meetings and Rules, Paragraph C, to consider the following items:

- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) INVOCATION
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 4) ROLL CALL
- 5) SPECIAL BUSINESS:
Parish President Guy Cormier to update the Council Members on the recent flood event and recovery efforts.
- 6) ORDINANCE INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING:
None.
- 7) RESOLUTIONS:
None.
- 8) ORDINANCE INTRODUCED FOR PUBLICATION:
None.
- 9) ADJOURNMENT.

NOTE: According to the Home Rule Charter, Section 2.07, Paragraph C, "the power of the Council to act at a special or emergency meeting shall be limited, under penalty of nullity, to the objects specifically enumerated in the call."

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CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jason Willis.

The Invocation was read by Laci Laperouse and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Neil Thibodeaux.

The following members were present: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tausin, Jill Hebert, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr. Members absent: Albert Menard (excused). Also present: Parish President Guy Cormier and Legal Counsel Andrew Shealy.

Parish President Guy Cormier introduced and welcomed St. Martin Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Director Terry Guidry. Mr. Guidry discussed the recent flood event, noting the recent storm off of the African Coast that is being closely monitored. A general discussion ensued amongst the Council Members and Mr. Guidry. Chairman Jason Willis urged anyone affected by the flood waters to contact FEMA and file a claim. Parish President Guy Cormier, along with members of the Council, thanked Mr. Guidry for leading the residents of St. Martin Parish through this rain/flood event with zero lives lost, and also, assisting to ensure that no further damage to property was done. Parish President Guy Cormier shared helpful and informative bits of information, such as a call center that was set up within the St. Martin Parish Government Annex Building to assist anyone with questions and/or concerns regarding the flood event, mosquito surveillance and spraying which will continue throughout the parish for the time being, debris pick-up, and finally, the boat landings that remain closed. Parish President Guy Cormier also discussed a meeting he will be hosting with the United States Army Corps of Engineers and neighboring parish officials to further discuss ways to provide better drainage between parishes by properly communicating and working with one another. Council Member Chris Tausin also mentioned possibly reviewing and amending the current St. Martin Parish Zoning Ordinance, as well as, meeting with the municipalities within our parish to discuss same. Council Member Chris Tausin stated many of these subdivisions that are being developed are putting a strain on our drainage and infrastructure. Council Member Lisa Nelson and fellow Council Members thanked Parish President Guy Cormier for his leadership and communication throughout this flood event.

Prior to adjournment, Planning and Zoning Coordinator/Project Manager Heath Babineaux mentioned there will be a need for workers to help with debris pickup and other areas dealing with the recovery from the flood event. Mr. Babineaux urged anyone looking for temporary work to contact the call center at 337-394-2239 for further information.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Jill Hebert that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby adjourn. Motion was unanimously approved.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:



LACI LAPEROUSE
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL