

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

### REGULAR MEETING - OCTOBER 4, 2016

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 4, 2016, Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room, St. Martin Parish Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jason Willis.

The Invocation was read by Laci Laperouse, immediately following the invocation, it was requested that a moment of silence be had in honor of former District 7 Council Member Pat Cluse. Afterwards the Pledge of Allegiance was led Dean LeBlanc.

The following members were present: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Chris Tauzin, Albert Menard (arrived at 5:04 p.m.), Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr. Members absent: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused). Also present: Parish President Guy Cormier and Legal Counsel Andrew Shealy.

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Daniel Richard, Jr. to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Special Meeting of August 29, 2016.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Chris Tauzin,  
Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT AT VOTING: Albert Menard.

ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

*(Albert Menard arrived at 5:04 p.m.)*

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Albert Menard to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of September 6, 2016.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Chris Tauzin,  
Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

Chairman Jason Willis welcomed Eric Martin, TECHE Project representative. Mr. Martin presented and discussed the annual report (*on-file*) for TECHE Project. Parish President Guy Cormier and Council Members thanked Mr. Martin and TECHE Project representatives for the much needed service they provide.

It was mentioned Mr. Gus Rantz could not attend tonight's meeting and would reschedule for a later date.

Chairman Jason Willis recognized Parish President Guy Cormier, who addressed Item 7. Special Business: Item (A) Acknowledge receipt of the Year 2017 Sinking Fund and Operating and Maintenance Budgets and to Call For Public Hearing for the Year 2017 Sinking Fund and Operating and Maintenance Budgets; and Item (B) Acknowledge receipt of the Year 2017 Parish Capital Outlay Budget and to Call For Public Hearing for the Year 2017 Parish Capital Outlay Budget. Parish President Guy Cormier stated the preparation of this budget began in August 2016 and it involved several key staff members. Parish President Cormier reflected back on several 2016 projects. Parish President Cormier urged the Council Members review the submitted budget and meet with him if they had any questions. Council Members extended their thanks and commending Parish President Guy Cormier for all improvements and developments in our parish. Parish President Guy Cormier thanked St. Martin Parish Government Director of Finance Sean Hundley for a job well done on preparing the budget. Parish President Guy Cormier recommended the Council hold a Public Hearing at the December 6, 2016 Regular Meeting to allow for additional time to review the budget. Council Member Albert Menard stated he would prefer not waiting until December and opening a Public Hearing sooner. After a brief discussion it was determined that a Public Hearing would be held Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting.

Chairman Jason Willis announced that St. Martin Parish Council has received a copy of the Year 2017 Sinking Fund and Operating and Maintenance Budgets along with the Year 2017 Parish Capital Outlay Budget.

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Lisa Nelson to acknowledge receipt of the Year 2017 Sinking Fund and Operating and Maintenance Budgets and to approve the following Call For Public Hearing for the Year 2017 Sinking Fund and Operating and Maintenance Budgets.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Chris Tauzin,  
Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

### **NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2016, AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE CARROLL J. FUSELIER MEETING ROOM, ANNEX BUILDING, 301 WEST PORT STREET, ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PUBLIC INPUT ON THE **YEAR 2017 SINKING FUND AND OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE BUDGETS.**

COPIES OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY (OCTOBER 19, 2016 THRU NOVEMBER 2, 2016) IN THE ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT FINANCE DEPARTMENT, ST. MARTIN PARISH ANNEX BUILDING, 301 WEST PORT STREET, ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA.

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JASON WILLIS, CHAIRMAN  
LACI LAPEROUSE, CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

ADV: October 19, 2016  
October 26, 2016

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Lisa Nelson to acknowledge receipt of the Year 2017 Parish Capital Outlay Budget and to approve the following Call For Public Hearing for the Year 2017 Parish Capital Outlay Budget.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Chris Tauzin,  
Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

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COPIES OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY (OCTOBER 19, 2016 THRU NOVEMBER 2, 2016) IN THE ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT FINANCE DEPARTMENT, ST. MARTIN PARISH ANNEX BUILDING, 301 WEST PORT STREET, ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA.

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Item (C) of Special Business: {The Parish Council sits as a Board of Review to hear any complaints of values of property for assessment purposes set by the Assessor. The Board of Review can only hear the written or oral complaint of any qualified person, which has provided notice to the Board of Review at least 7 days prior to tonight’s public hearing, either through appearing in person at its office or by filing such appeal by means of certified mail.}

A motion was made by Lisa Nelson and seconded by Dean LeBlanc to open public hearing to obtain public comments on values of property for assessment purposes fixed by the St. Martin Parish Assessor.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Chris Tauzin,  
Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

Upon hearing no comments from the audience. Chairman Jason Willis recognized St. Martin Parish Assessor Todd Dugas.

Assessor Todd Dugas has submitted to the Board of Review their certification of the assessed valuation of all properties in St. Martin Parish for tax year 2016. It was mentioned that no appeals were received by the Clerk of the Council. Assessor Dugas reviewed and discussed the Grand Recapitulation Report 2016, Assessment Breakdown 2016, Top twenty-five (25) tax payers and the Abstract of Assessment Detailed Comparison 2015 Vs 2016 (*all on-file*). Mr. Paulma Johnson questioned Assessor Dugas about millages that are soon to expire. Assessor Dugas answered Mr. Johnson and also offered for him to stop by anytime at the Assessor’s office where he could help with any further questions.

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Chris Tauzin to close public hearing.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Chris Tauzin,  
Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

It was recommended to move item 7 (D). Special Business-(St. Martin Parish Council to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation – *Breaux Bridge Land Investment, L.L.C. and Breaux Bridge Gaming, L.L.C. v. St. Martin Parish Government*, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Docket Number 84285-E, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.), at the end of the agenda, prior to adjournment.

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Daniel Richard, Jr. to move item 7 (D) at the end of the agenda, prior to adjournment.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Chris Tauzin,  
Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

*(Lisa Nelson stepped out at 5:42 p.m.)*

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Dean LeBlanc to open the Public Hearing to obtain public comments regarding ordinances being considered for final adoption.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Jason Willis, Chris Tauzin, Albert Menard,  
Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT AT VOTING: Lisa Nelson.

ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

Chairman Jason Willis asked for public comments regarding the proposed ordinances being considered for final adoption.

Clerk of the Council Laci Laperouse read the ordinance summaries.

Upon hearing no comments from the audience regarding the proposed ordinances being considered for final adoption, the Chairman requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Chris Tauzin that the Public Hearing be closed.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Jason Willis, Chris Tauzin, Albert Menard,  
Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT AT VOTING: Lisa Nelson.

ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Chris Tauzin that the following ordinance be adopted:

### **ORDINANCE NO. 16-10-1158-OR**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 19, ST. MARTIN PARISH ZONING ORDINANCE, APPENDIX D, PARISH ROAD ZONING DATA SHEETS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT BY: AMENDING ZONING CLASSIFICATION DISTRICT ON A PORTION OF A ROAD ZONED IN THE ORIGINAL ORDINANCE ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 18, 1995. {**1135 HENDERSON HIGHWAY**}

The Parish Council of the Parish of St. Martin does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION I: The Parish Road Zoning Data Sheets are hereby amended to change the zoning classification district on a portion of the parish road listed below and to allow the remainder of the road to remain as classified.

<u>Road</u>	<u>Old Zoning Classification</u>	<u>New Zoning Classification</u>
<b>Henderson Highway (1135)</b>	<b>I-1 (Light Industrial)</b>	<b>I-3 (Heavy Industrial-Restricted)</b>

This zoning classification change is being made to allow for the operation of a towing service, Guy's Towing, at 1135 Henderson Highway, Assessor's Parcel No. 06102B4324. The zoning change will be solely and exclusive to the 3.606 acres (Lots A and B), more or less, of land outlined in yellow, described on the attached plat of survey, prepared by Mohammad S. Borazjani, Registered Professional Land Surveyor. If a change in this type of business is desired in the future, the change would have to be approved by the Parish Council in the form of an amended ordinance. Once the towing service is closed, the zoning classification will automatically revert back to the old zoning classification of I-1 (Light Industrial).

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval of the St. Martin Parish Council and the signature of the Parish President.

This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Jason Willis, Chris Tauzin, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT AT VOTING: Lisa Nelson.
- ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

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A motion was made by Daniel Richard, Jr. and seconded by Albert Menard that the following ordinance be adopted:

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-10-1159-OR**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEASE OF ONE (1) KOBELCO MODEL SK75SR EXCAVATOR.

BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council to enter into a lease agreement with Wells Fargo (CLM Equipment Company, Inc.) for the lease of one (1) Kobelco SK75SR Excavator (\$86,800.00 Total Delivered Price) for a cost of \$1,013.48 payable monthly for said excavator leased, for a period of sixty (60) months.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council that the Parish President is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into this agreement.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval of the St. Martin Parish Council and the signature of the Parish President.

This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Jason Willis, Chris Tazuin, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT AT VOTING: Lisa Nelson.

ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

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*(Lisa Nelson returned at 5:45p.m.)*

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Daniel Richard, Jr. that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-080-RS**

WHEREAS, the Assessor of St. Martin Parish has opened his books for public inspection and review for a period of fifteen (15) calendar days, from August 29, 2016, thru September 14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor of St. Martin Parish has certified to the St. Martin Parish Council (Board of Review of Assessments) the total assessed valuation of \$477,768,719.00 of all properties in the Parish of St. Martin for the tax year 2016; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council has given public notice that they would sit as a Board of Review on Tuesday, October 4, 2016, at 5:00 P.M. in the Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room, St. Martin Parish Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana, for the purpose of receiving protests and hearing complaints of values of property for assessment purposes in the Parish, fixed by the St. Martin Parish Assessor. That it will hear the written or oral complaint of any qualified person as provided by R.S. 47:1992, who has provided notice to the Board of Review on or before Tuesday, September 27, 2016, at 4:30 P.M. either through appearing in person at its office or by filing such appeal by means of certified mail; and

WHEREAS, no written or oral complaints of any qualified person as provided by R.S. 47:1992, were provided to the Board of Review on or before Tuesday, September 27, 2016, at 4:30 P.M.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened on this 4th day of October, 2016, that the Council certifies the Assessment List as submitted by the Assessor of St. Martin Parish.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Chris Tauzin, Albert Menard,  
Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

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A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Lisa Nelson that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-081-RS**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby reschedule the November 2016 Regular Meeting from Tuesday, November 1, 2016, to Wednesday, November 2, 2016, at the usually scheduled time of 5:00 p.m. in the Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room, St. Martin Parish Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Chris Tauzin, Albert Menard,  
Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

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A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Lisa Nelson that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-082-RS**

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish Government has hired Ms. Sentina Tune (part-time contract bridge tender) for the specific purpose of operating the Stephenville Bridge at 1000 Landry Drive, Stephenville, Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize Parish President Guy Cormier to execute a Contract for Services in behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government with Ms. Sentina Tune for the specific purpose of operating the Stephenville Bridge at 1000 Landry Drive, Stephenville, Louisiana.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Chris Tausin, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

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A motion was made by Daniel Richard, Jr. seconded by Albert Menard that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-083-RS**

**PROCLAMATION FOR RELAY FOR LIFE  
PARISH OF ST. MARTIN**

WHEREAS, cancer will touch one in two men and one in three women during their lifetime;  
and

WHEREAS, this year alone, more than 595,690 Americans are expected to die of cancer, approximately 1,630 people a day; and

WHEREAS, nationwide more than 1,685,000 people will be diagnosed with cancer this year; with an estimated number of 25,070 new cases in Louisiana alone; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government, under its statutory authority to provide for the health and welfare of the residents of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, has an express public interest in fostering cancer awareness and cancer prevention; and

WHEREAS, the annual "Relay for Life," jointly conducted by the American Cancer Society and teams of individual community members, is the signature nationwide activity conducted annually to increase cancer awareness and to raise funds for the fight against cancer; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, October 15, 2016, teams of St. Martin Parish community members, under the auspices of the annual "Relay for Life" program, will take turns walking around a track for six (6) hours during this unique cancer awareness/fund raising event, in order to symbolize the fact that cancer never sleeps, and therefore, we cannot stop fighting this disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 4th day of October, 2016, does hereby proclaim SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2016 as

**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE DAY**

in ST. MARTIN PARISH, and in support of our community based volunteers, working under the auspices of the American Cancer Society, hereby urges all community members to support the cancer awareness/fund-raising efforts of local Relay For Life community based teams, and to join cancer survivors in the celebration of life, and dedicate themselves to the fight against cancer by attending the Relay For Life event on Saturday, October 15, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at Magnolia Park, St. Martinville, Louisiana.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Chris Tauzin, Albert Menard,  
Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

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A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Lisa Nelson that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-084-RS**

WHEREAS, cooking, heating, and electrical fires represent three of the nation’s leading causes of home fires, and are collectively responsible for nearly half of all home fires and almost one-third of the associated fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of home cooking, heating, and electrical fires can be prevented by taking simple safety precautions; and

WHEREAS, developing a home fire escape plan and practicing it at least twice a year are critical to escaping a fire safely; and

WHEREAS, proper installation, testing, and maintenance of smoke alarms are part of a thorough home fire escape plan; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Week 2016 theme, is “Don’t Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years”; and

WHEREAS, the fire service of St. Martin Parish is dedicated to the safety of life and property from the devastating effects of fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby proclaim the week of October 9-15, 2016, as

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

and urges all citizens of St. Martin Parish to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work, and school, and to take the steps needed to make their homes and families safe from the leading causes of home fires, which include cooking, heating and electrical.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Chris Tauzin, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

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A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Dean LeBlanc that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-085-RS**

WHEREAS, violence against women and children continues to become more prevalent as a social problem due to the imbalance of power due to gender and age; and

WHEREAS, the problem of domestic violence is not confined to any age group or groups of people but across all economic, racial, and social barriers, and supported by social indifference; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual’s privacy, dignity, sex, and mental well-being; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting women and children and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, it is battered women themselves, who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home; and

WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2016 theme is “Recognize It; Report It; Prevent It.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 4th day of October, 2016, does hereby proclaim October 2016 as:

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

and urges all citizens in St. Martin Parish to actively participate in the events and programs that the St. Martin Parish Sheriff’s Office pursues towards the elimination of personal and institutional violence against women and children.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Chris Tauzin, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

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A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Daniel Richard, Jr. that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-086-RS**

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the United States, aside from skin cancer; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society (ACS), an estimated 246,660 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to occur among women in the United States this year; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 40,450 women are expected to die from the disease in 2016 alone; and

WHEREAS, the impact of breast cancer is wide ranging, directly affecting women; and

WHEREAS, the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM) is an annual international health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities every October to increase awareness of the disease and to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention and cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 4th day of October, 2016, does hereby celebrate 31 years of awareness, education and empowerment and recognizes the month of October, as:

**NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

and urges all citizens in St. Martin Parish to actively participate in the events and programs that the American Cancer Society pursues towards the cause, prevention and cure of this disease.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Chris Tauzin, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

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A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Lisa Nelson that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-087-RS**

WHEREAS, Head Start is a national initiative that provides comprehensive services in education, social services, health, nutrition, parent involvement, disabilities, and transition to largely low-income children and their families; and

WHEREAS, it is known that Head Start had humble beginnings during the summer of 1965 and was viewed largely as a pilot program, but has grown and expanded to become the foremost Early Childhood Development Program in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the SMILE, CAA has long recognized the benefits of such a program in St. Martin Parish and became an active participant by agreeing to administer the program; and

WHEREAS, the successes of Head Start are well-documented, and this body is very proud of its accomplishments in this regard; and

WHEREAS, Head Start serves the needs of lower income families throughout this nation, serving more than 15 million children and their families nationwide – 1,600 people in the tri-parish area of St. Martin, Iberia, and Lafayette Parishes alone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby proclaim October 2016, as

**HEAD START AWARENESS MONTH**

and urges all citizens to continue to support Head Start and to recognize and acknowledge the important educational, social, and economic accomplishments of Head Start during the past 51 years, particularly that of the SMILE, CAA Head Start Program.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Chris Tauzin, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

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A motion was made by Lisa Nelson and seconded by Byron Fuselier that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-088-RS**

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government intends to submit budget requests to the Division of Administration for Capital Outlay Funds; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government does not have the financial resources necessary to fund projects of this size; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council has selected and authorized the submission of the following State Capital Outlay Budget Requests for year 2017-2018:

1. Frontage Road Louisiana Highway 328 to 347
2. General Improvements to St. Martin Parish Parks & Recreational Facilities
3. Joe Daigre Canal Drainage Improvements
4. Replacement of Butte La Rose Pontoon Bridge
5. Coulee LaSalle Drainage Improvements
6. Road Improvements on Four-Mile Bayou Road
7. Cade Ballpark Fields
8. Cecilia Sewer Project

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 4th day of October, 2016, does hereby certify to the Division of Administration, Facility Planning and Control, that it does not have cash or bond funding available to fund these projects.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Chris Tauzin, Albert Menard,  
Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

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A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Dean LeBlanc that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-089-RS**

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council recognizes the need for highway improvements and is desirous that certain highway priorities be considered in the 2017-2018 highway budget as follows:

1. Replacement of Butte La Rose Pontoon Bridge.
2. Accelerate construction of the St. Martinville by-pass loop.
3. Construct an exchange/exit at the intersection of Louisiana Highway 354 and I-10.
4. Culverts to be placed from Louisiana Highway 347 along the South side of Louisiana Highway 352.
5. Replace or elevate culverts for Coulee LaSalle and Cypress Bayou at Louisiana Highway 182.
6. Extend Louisiana Highway 94 from intersection with Rees Street to Doyle Melancon/Lion Castille Road and continuing in a straight line path to the intersection of Louisiana Highway 347 and Louisiana Highway 349.
7. Straighten out curves on Louisiana Highway 96 West of St. Martinville.
8. Perform drainage study on Highway 347 (Cecilia Senior High School Highway) between parish road Buce Huval Street to parish road Madeline Boulevard.
9. Perform drainage study on Highway 347 (Grandpoint Highway) between parish road Louis Circle to Highway 678 (Grand Anse Highway).
10. Replace caution light with traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 347 (Grandpoint Highway) and parish road Doyle Melancon Road.
11. Construct Frontage Roads, the entire length of St. Martin Parish, along U.S. Highway 90.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 4th day of October, 2016, that Senator Fred H. Mills, Jr., Senator Rick Ward, III, Senator Gerald Boudreaux, Representative Michael "Mike" Huval, Representative Terry C. Landry, Sr., Representative Taylor F. Barras, and Representative Sam Jones submit the above priorities to Governor John Bel Edwards and to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development requesting assistance in accomplishing the foregoing priorities.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Chris Tausin, Albert Menard,  
Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

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A motion was made by Daniel Richard, Jr. and seconded by Lisa Nelson that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-090-RS**

**ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE OF LOUISIANA OFF SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations as enacted by the United States Congress mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges under the authority of St. Martin Parish in accordance with those Standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to St. Martin Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 4th day of October, 2016, that the St. Martin Parish Government (herein referred to as the Parish) does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as the DOTD) that for the period October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016:

1. The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all Parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.
2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the LA DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings or any missing structural ratings.
3. All Parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.

4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the LA DOTD are noted.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off System Bridge Replacement Program.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Chris Tauzin, Albert Menard,  
Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

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A motion was made by Lisa Nelson and seconded by Albert Menard that the following resolution be adopted:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 16-091-RS**

WHEREAS, the ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT recognizes its legal obligation to provide medical services for and/or on behalf of pretrial detainees and parish prisoners incarcerated in the St. Martin Parish Correctional Center located at 400 St. Martin Street in St. Martinville, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the medical expenses associated with healthcare services rendered on behalf of pretrial detainees and parish prisoners have significantly increased over the last several years; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Ronald Theriot has advised the ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT that, as the keeper of the St. Martin Parish Correctional Center, he shall no longer employ medical personnel to provide services in the St. Martin Parish Correctional Center, including jail nurses and medics; and

WHEREAS, the ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT desires that all steps be adopted to insure that it satisfies all legal mandates relative to the rendition of medical services for and on behalf of pretrial detainees and parish prisoners; and

WHEREAS, the ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT acknowledges that St. Martin Parish is a rural community with limited resources, and there are no dedicated revenue sources which can be used to provide healthcare services for and on behalf of parish inmates and pretrial detainees; and

WHEREAS, the ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT further recognizes that in St. Martin Parish the availability of full time medical practitioners is severely limited; and

WHEREAS, JEANNE THERIOT, M.D. has expressed an interest in entering into an accord with the ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT wherein she will obligate herself to provide management and directorship services designed to accommodate the medical needs of pretrial detainees and parish prisoners housed in the St. Martin Parish Correctional Center; and

WHEREAS, JEANNE THERIOT, M.D. enjoys an amicable, professional relationship with the ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT and has demonstrated an acute ability to render competent, capable medical services; and

WHEREAS, both the ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT and JEANNE THERIOT, M.D. are amenable to an association which, in their collective judgment, will advance the objectives herein expressed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Parish President is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to confect a written agreement with Jeanne Theriot, M.D. for medical services to be rendered for at the St. Martin Parish Correctional Center located in St. Martinville, Louisiana.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Chris Tausin, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

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A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Daniel Richard, Jr. that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-092-RS**

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government has made an official call for bids for the Breaux Bridge Manor Drainage Improvements Project (HMGP#1786-099-0002), St. Martin Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the advertisement, sealed bids were opened on September 14, 2016, and three (3) complete bid packets were received for said project; and

WHEREAS, the bids were taken under advisement and have been analyzed by Quality Engineering and Surveying, L.L.C. (QES); and

WHEREAS, Quality Engineering and Surveying, L.L.C. (QES) has recommended, in writing, the low bidder, M. Matt Durand, L.L.C., in the amount of \$582,957.20; and

WHEREAS, the bid total of \$582,957.20 includes the Base bid of \$389,722.20, and Alternate 2 with the amount of \$127,990.00, and Alternate 3 with the amount of \$65,245.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby award the contract for the Breaux Bridge Manor Drainage Improvements Project (HMGP#1786-099-0002), St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, to the low bidder, M. Matt Durand, L.L.C., in the amount of \$582,957.20.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize Parish President Guy Cormier to sign all necessary contract documents to effect the award of this contract.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Chris Tauzin, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

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Clerk of the Council Laci Laperouse read ordinances introduced for publication, as follows:

SUMMARY NO. 1160-OR (Introduced by Jason Willis, District 3)

An Ordinance to adopt the Sinking Fund and Operating and Maintenance Budgets for the Year 2017.

SUMMARY NO. 1161-OR (Introduced by Lisa Nelson, District 2)

An Ordinance to adopt the Parish Capital Outlay Budget for the Year 2017.

SUMMARY NO. 1162-OR (Introduced by Neil Thibodeaux, District 4)

An Ordinance, pursuant to the La R.S. 33:9101 *et seq.* as amended by the Louisiana Legislature, updating the Emergency Telephone Service Charge on fixed location wire line service users to 2015 AT&T Tariff Rates; converting said tariff rates to flat rate basis; establishing the rates for residential and business fixed location wire line service users; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

SUMMARY NO. 1163-OR (Introduced by Jill Hebert, District 6)

An Ordinance, pursuant to ACT 665 of the 2016 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, adopting and authorizing the St. Martin Parish E9-1-1 Communications District to increase collections of Regular Postpaid Wireless Fees and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Byron Fuselier that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby enter Executive Session.

This motion to enter in Executive Session having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Chris Tauzin,  
Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the motion to enter in Executive Session was declared carried by unanimous vote this 4th day of October, 2016.

Regular Meeting recessed at 6:00 p.m.

Executive Session adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Lisa Nelson that the Regular Meeting reconvene.

This motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Chris Tauzin,  
Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Neil Thibodeaux (excused) and Jill Hebert (excused).

And the motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting was declared carried by unanimous vote this 4th day of October, 2016.

Legal Counsel Andrew Shealy briefed the public of Executive Session, which was to discuss the matter of – *Breaux Bridge Land Investment, L.L.C. and Breaux Bridge Gaming, L.L.C. v. St. Martin Parish Government*, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Docket Number 84285-E, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana. No action was taken.

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

HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:



LACI LAPEROUSE  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL