

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 2, 2019

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:06 p.m., Tuesday, April 2, 2019, Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room, St. Martin Parish Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Lisa Nelson.

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 Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr. Members absent: None. Also present: Parish President Chester Cedars, Director of Administration Calder Hebert, Director of Finance Sean Hundley, Director of Public Works Martin Poirrier and Parish Attorney Allan Durand.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Chris Tauzin to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of March 6, 2019.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 2nd day of April, 2019.

Parish President Chester Cedars welcomed, introduced and acknowledged the Breaux Bridge High School Basketball Program for its accomplishments during the 2018-2019 season which culminated in a State Championship on March 8, 2019. Council Members congratulated everyone for their accomplishments. Parish President Chester Cedars read aloud Resolution Summary No. 029-RS.

A motion was made by Chris Tausin, seconded by the entire Parish Council, and, therefore, unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-029-RS

A Resolution acknowledging the Breaux Bridge High School Basketball Program for its accomplishments during the 2018-2019 season which culminated in a State Championship on March 8, 2019.

WHEREAS, the Breaux Bridge High School Basketball team is the 2019 4A State Champions; and

WHEREAS, the team was led by Head Coach Chad Pourciau and Assistant Coaches Codey Mire and Kevin Martin; and

WHEREAS, the State Championship is the first for Breaux Bridge High School; and

WHEREAS, this Championship is the culmination of hours of practice and dedication to those attributes which define teamwork; and

WHEREAS, equally as impressive as the skills demonstrated on the court is the spirit and sportsmanship which the team exemplified throughout the successful Championship season; and

WHEREAS, the character of the 2018-19 Breaux Bridge High School Basketball team, and its coaching staff, sets a benchmark which all organizations, sports related and otherwise, should strive to meet; and

WHEREAS, the school spirit and support surrounding the Breaux Bridge Basketball team was overwhelming and one of the many reasons for the school administration to be proud; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government, acting through its Parish President and Parish Council, deems it a distinct honor to recognize the accomplishments of the 2018-2019 Breaux Bridge High School Basketball Program for not only its State Championship, but also its exemplary character and spirit which is mirrored by the student body of the school:

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Government does hereby formally recognize and honor **Head Coach Chad Pourciau**, his assistants (Codey Mire and Kevin Martin), and the entire 2018-2019 Breaux Bridge High School Basketball team for its 2019 Class 4A State Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on behalf of all of St. Martin Parish, the St. Martin Parish Government further recognizes and compliments the entire team, school administration, and student body for the exemplary conduct and spirit displayed during the basketball season which culminated in the Class 4A Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President shall adopt all steps necessary to effectuate the foregoing resolution and to post replicas of same in the Offices of the St. Martin Parish Government.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of April, 2019.

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Byron Fuselier that the following resolution be deferred until April 16, 2019:

RESOLUTION SUMMARY NO. 030-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government, acting under the direction of the Parish President, Chester R. Cedars, has prepared, advertised, and disseminated Request for Proposals (RFP'S) for an exclusive franchise for a Solid Waste Disposal Contract for St. Martin Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Request for Proposals, five (5) sealed responses were received on March 19, 2019, and March 20, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the proposals were taken under advisement and have been graded/evaluated under the direction of Sellers & Associates, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the proposals were scored with respect to the following criteria specified in the formal Request for Proposals: (1) references from past projects of similar size and scope, (2) qualifications and experience of key staff on similar projects, (3) resources and equipment available

for performing the work, (4) knowledge of St. Martin Parish Government and technical capability; and, (5) costs of services offered; and

WHEREAS, the highest scoring respondent was Waste Management of Louisiana, L.L.C.; and

WHEREAS, Sellers & Associates, Inc. has recommended that the exclusive franchise agreement be award to the said Waste Management of Louisiana, L.L.C., all as mandated by law; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:4169.1 mandates that an exclusive contract for waste disposal be awarded only via a competitive process and in accordance with the public bid laws of the state:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby award an exclusive franchise for the St. Martin Parish Solid Waste Disposal Contract, to the highest scoring respondent, Waste Management of Louisiana, L.L.C.; the said contract to be executed in strict accordance with dictates of the terms and provisions of the Request for Proposals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize Parish President Chester R. Cedars to sign all necessary contract documents to effect the award of this contract under the terms, conditions, and provisions of the said Request for Proposals.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared deferred this 2nd day of April, 2019.

Clerk of the Council Laci Laperouse read aloud the following Notice of Public Meeting:

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Carroll J. Fuselier Parish Council Meeting Room, St. Martin Parish Government Annex Building, St. Martinville, Louisiana, the St. Martin Parish Council plans to consider adopting a Resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax.

A motion was made by Jill Hebert and seconded by Chris Tauzin 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, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin,
Jill Hebert, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 2nd day of April, 2019.

Chairwoman Lisa Nelson asked for public comments regarding the proposed ordinances being considered for final adoption.

Clerk of the Council Laci Laperouse read each ordinance summary.

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

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

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 2nd day of April, 2019.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 19-04-1257-OR

An Ordinance to provide for the abandonment of a portion of St. Peter Street previously dedicated to the St. Martin Parish Government (formerly the St. Martin Parish Police Jury) by virtue of an act of dedication dated October 1, 1987, and filed of record in Book 1052, Page 793, under Entry Number 242602 of the Conveyance Records of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Parish Council of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, that by virtue of this ordinance, in accordance with Section 2-11 of the Home Rule Charter for St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, and pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 48:701, the servitude rights and interests in that portion of St. Peter Street which is outlined in red on the attached plat of survey and which servitude rights were granted in favor of St. Martin Parish Government (formerly the St. Martin Parish Police Jury) by virtue of an act recorded in Book 1052, Page 793, under Entry Number 242602 of the Conveyance Records of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, be and are hereby abandoned.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the St. Martin Parish Government hereby acknowledges and declares that the aforesaid property which is abandoned serves no public purpose and has never been maintained by the Parish nor ever used by the public as a roadway, or for any other purpose, notwithstanding the aforesaid act of dedication recorded in Book 1052, Page 793, under Entry Number 242602 of the Conveyance Records of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the St. Martin Parish Government declares and reserves the right to revoke the abandonment, *ab initio*, in the event any sort of proceedings are instituted against it or any of its agents, employees, Parish Council members, Parish President, or any insurer of any of the foregoing, wherein such proceedings seek compensation and/or damages in accordance with Article I, §4 of the Louisiana Constitution and/or La. R.S. 13:5111. This right of revocation shall be effective for a period of three (3) years from the effective date of this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Parish President be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the terms and provisions of this edict.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council that the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any provision, word, phrase, or clause of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

THIS ORDINANCE shall become effective as provided by Section 2-12 of the Home Rule Charter of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

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

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

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 2nd day of April, 2019.

(Insert Plat)

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

ORDINANCE NO. 19-04-1258-OR

AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW FOR THE FRONT YARD SETBACK LINES OF THIRTY (30) FEET BE REDUCED TO TWENTY (20) FEET ALONG THE ROADWAYS, CYPRESS CREEK ROAD AND CYPRESS CREEK LOOP, AT LOTS 7 THROUGH 48 OF CYPRESS CREEK ESTATES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council duly convened in Regular Session on the 2nd day of April, 2019, that, in accordance with the recommendation of the St. Martin Parish Planning Commission, the front yard setback lines along the roadways (Cypress Creek Road and Cypress Creek Loop) at Lots 7 through 48 of the Cypress Creek Estates development be and are hereby reduced from thirty (30) feet to twenty (20) feet.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other setback lines established in the Cypress Creek Estates development remain unaffected by this edict.

This Ordinance shall become effective as provided by Section 2-12 of the Home Rule Charter of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

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

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

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 2nd day of April, 2019.

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Chris Tauzin that the following ordinance be deferred until April 16, 2019:

ORDINANCE SUMMARY NO. 1259-OR

An Ordinance awarding an exclusive franchise to the successful respondent to formal Request for Proposals for St. Martin Parish's mandated waste disposal program, setting a franchise fee in connection with the aforesaid franchise, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government has solicited formal Request for Proposals relative to mandated waste disposal services of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:4169.1 authorizes parish governments to award exclusive franchises to waste disposal providers so long as said award is in accordance with the public bid laws of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of a competitive bid process initiated through the aforementioned formal Request for Proposals, a respondent has submitted what has been deemed to be the most acceptable response to the said Request for Proposals, all pursuant to the evaluation criteria set forth in the Request for Proposals; and

WHEREAS, the response of the aforesaid respondent received the highest evaluation by independent analysis of all responses to St. Martin Parish Government's Request for Proposals; and

WHEREAS, the franchise fee provided for in the response of the aforesaid successful respondent is in accordance with the dictates of the aforementioned Request for Proposals:

BE IT, THEREFORE, ORDAINED that the aforementioned respondent be declared the successful respondent to the Request for Proposals issued by the St. Martin Parish Government relative to the Parish's mandated waste disposal program.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the aforesaid successful respondent be awarded an exclusive contract for a period of five (5) years for residential and commercial waste disposal services for the unincorporated areas of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that St. Martin Parish Government be entitled to a monthly franchise fee of seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per residential and commercial unit per month during the term of the said exclusive franchise agreement.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Parish President, Chester R. Cedars, be and is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to negotiate a contract for the Parish's mandated waste disposal services under the terms and conditions set forth herein and under such additional terms and conditions as he may deem necessary and fit in his uncontrolled discretion.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any provision, word, phrase, or clause of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval of the St. Martin Parish Council and the signature of the Parish President, all in accordance with the dictates of the Home Rule Charter of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

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

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

And the Ordinance was declared deferred this 2nd day of April, 2019.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-031-RS

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish Government wishes to hire Mr. Henry Pickney (an independent contractor) for the duties related to the opening and closing for events scheduled at the Cade Community Center at 1688 Smede Highway, St. Martinville, Louisiana, and that he will work on as needed basis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henry Pickney’s biennial contract is effective April 6, 2019, and will expire on April 6, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby approve and authorize Parish President Chester Cedars to execute a contract in behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government with Mr. Henry Pickney.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of April, 2019.

A motion was made by Neil Thibodeaux and seconded by Jill Hebert that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-032-RS

WHEREAS, the week of April 22-26, 2019, has been designated as National Community Development Week by the National Community Development Association; and

WHEREAS, ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT has for several years been a participant in and a benefactor of the Community Block Grant Program (CDBGP) which funds public infrastructure, economic development, and housing programs in St. Martin Parish; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the CDBGP, a strong, effective, and professional relationship has been developed among the government of St. Martin Parish and its residents, principally, though not exclusively, those of low-to-moderate income; and

WHEREAS, ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT acknowledges that the CDBGP is a partnership among federal, state, and local government, and that the services funded by the CDBGP is reliant upon the dedication and good will of the combined efforts of the foregoing; and

WHEREAS, the CDBGP provides annual funding and flexibility to local communities to provide safe and affordable housing, sewer, water, and street improvements projects, and other infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the United States Government, State of Louisiana, and the political subdivisions of the latter acknowledge and recognize the critical value and contributions of the CDBGP; and

WHEREAS, since the inception fo the CDBGP in 1974 to date major public projects have become a reality in St. Martin Parish because of CDBGP funds:

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that St. Martin Parish Council does hereby designate the week of April 22-26, 2019, as

NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this designation signifies the appreciation and recognition of all participants whose hard work and devotion to the residents of low-and moderate-income neighborhoods which helps insure the quality and effectiveness of the Community Development Block Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Government opposes any attempts to eliminate or reduce the funding for the CDBGP and hereby urges the United States Congress to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by CDBGP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be conveyed to the appropriate elected and appointed officials of the federal government including by not limited to the entire Congressional delegation who serves the State of Louisiana.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of April, 2019.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-033-RS

WHEREAS, today's libraries are not just about book but what they do for and with people;
and

WHEREAS, libraries of all types are at the heart of cities, towns, schools and campuses; and

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions where people of all backgrounds can be together and connect; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians build strong communities through transformative services, programs and expertise; and

WHEREAS, libraries, which promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all, are cornerstones of democracy; and

WHEREAS, libraries promote civic engagement by keeping people informed and aware of community events and issues; and

WHEREAS, librarians and library workers partner with other civic organizations to make sure their community's needs are being met; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians empower their communities to make informed decisions by providing free access to information; and

WHEREAS, libraries are a resource for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status, by offering services and educational resources that transform lives and strengthen communities; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 2nd day of April, 2019, does hereby proclaim the week of April 7-13, 2019, as

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, and does hereby encourage all residents to visit the library this week to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available at your library and explore what's new at your library and engage with your librarian. Because of you, Libraries Transform.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of April, 2019.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-034-RS

WHEREAS, the strength of our nation flows from the promise of individual equality and freedom of choice; and

WHEREAS, the 51st Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April 2019, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever and wherever it exists; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid law guarantees each citizen the critical, personal element of freely and without any invidious compunction selecting a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of that law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the departments and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in an effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government embrace all of the foregoing ideals; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home, will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 2nd day of April, 2019, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2019 as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, and does hereby encourage all citizens to abide by the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Law, and ask the citizens of this Parish to join in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of April, 2019.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-035-RS

RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT, ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA, A CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION, PERTAINING TO THE CADE PARK UPGRADES (SPLASH PAD, BASEBALL FIELD, AND CONCESSION STAND) PROJECT, ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, Acadiane’ Renovations, Ltd., 15223 Highway 182 West, Franklin, Louisiana 70538, has substantially completed the work on the Cade Park Upgrades (Splash Pad, Baseball Field, and Concession Stand) Project, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, that Parish President Chester Cedars be and is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to execute a Certificate of Substantial Completion for and on behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government accepting the work on the Cade Park Upgrades (Splash Pad, Baseball Field, and Concession Stand) Project, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, as being complete.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that he be authorized and directed to have a copy of said Certificate recorded in the mortgage records of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of April, 2019.

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and especially all subcontractors, architects, engineers, master-mechanics, workmen, laborers, and furnishers of material, machinery, and fixtures.

Public Notice is given, according to law, that the undersigned Owner has accepted the work done by Acadiane' Renovations, Ltd., 15223 Highway 182 West, Franklin, Louisiana 70538, under its contract with said Firm pertaining to the Cade Park Upgrades (Splash Pad, Baseball Field, and Concession Stand) Project, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

All subcontractors, architects, engineers, master-mechanics, workmen, laborers, and furnishers of materials, machinery, fixtures, and supplies must assert whatever claims they have against the said Contractor, growing out of the execution of the Contract.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at St. Martin Parish, Louisiana on this 3rd day of April, 2019.

OWNER: ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT

BY: /s/ Chester Cedars
Parish President Chester Cedars

A motion was made by Jason Willis and seconded by Jill Hebert that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-036-RS

A Resolution authorizing the Parish President from time to time to execute intergovernmental agreements with the municipalities within St. Martin Parish for assistance in public works maintenance matters, all as required by Article VII, Section 14(C)(14) of the Louisiana Constitution.

WHEREAS, various municipalities within St. Martin Parish are frequently confronted with maintenance public works projects for which they do not have the necessary equipment or human resources to adequately address; and

WHEREAS, a municipality so situated has traditionally requested that **ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT (“PARISH”)** assist it in the performance of the such public work through the use of Parish personnel and/or equipment; and

WHEREAS, the **PARISH** has always enjoyed an amicable relationship with the municipalities within the St. Martin Parish, and has traditionally provided assistance relative to such public works endeavors; and

WHEREAS, both the Parish President and St. Martin Parish Council are amendable to continuing the practice of providing assistance to municipalities relative to public works when such assistance will not compromise the obligations of the **PARISH** as regards its responsibilities mandated by law; and

WHEREAS, such assistance serves a public purpose which the affected municipalities are authorized to exercise; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(C)(14) of the Louisiana Constitution (effective December 12, 2018) permits political subdivisions to enter into cooperative endeavors for such public purposes provided such agreements are reduced to writing:

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Parish President be and is hereby authorized, directed and empowered from time to time to enter into agreements with the various municipalities within St. Martin Parish for the provision of assistance for public works maintenance projects so long as a municipality requests assistance, the municipality is authorized to exercise the work in question, and such assistance will not compromise the ability of the St. Martin Parish Government to perform its legally mandated obligations, public works or otherwise.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any accord confected by and between the Parish President on behalf of St. Martin Parish and any municipality shall contain such terms, conditions, and provisions as the Parish President, acting in accordance with Section 3-09 of the Home Rule Charter of St. Martin Parish, and acting in his uncontrolled discretion, may deem appropriate. However, any such accord shall comply strictly with the dictates of Article VII, §14(C)(14) of the Louisiana Constitution, effective December 12, 2018.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of April, 2019.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-037-RS

WHEREAS, a contract for the Paul Angelle Park Concession Stand, Pavilion, and Park Improvements Project, was awarded to low bidder, Michael David Breaux, Inc., with a Base Bid in the amount of \$562,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Angelle Architects, L.L.C. has recommended Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$4,042.25 (increase).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby ratify the signature of the Parish President on Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$4,042.25 (increase) for the Paul Angelle Park Concession Stand, Pavilion, and Park Improvements Project, by Michael David Breaux, Inc.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of April, 2019.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-038-RS

WHEREAS, there exists a contract for the provision of services for the Louisiana WIC Program related to the provisions of WIC services; and

WHEREAS, said contract will expire on June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals is offering to renew the contract for an additional three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, the approval of said contract is contingent on available funds for Fiscal Year 2020, 2021 and 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Parish President be and he is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to negotiate the renewal of the contract and on the current terms and conditions and others that he may deem advisable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, that the Parish President be and he is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute a contract or contracts with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, and to execute said documents on behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government, and further we do hereby give him the power and authority to do all things necessary to implement, maintain, amend, or renew said documents.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of April, 2019.

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

SUMMARY NO. 1260-OR (Introduced by Daniel Richard, Jr., District 9)

An Ordinance to authorize the St. Martin Parish Government to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Myran Chautin and Karen Richard Chautin, husband and wife, relative to the use as a recreational facility two parcels of land totaling .160 acres in the Town of Arnaudville, Louisiana.

SUMMARY NO. 1261-OR (Introduced by Byron Fuselier, District 1)

An Ordinance to authorize the St. Martin Parish Government to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the St. Martin Parish Recreation District No. 1 for use of property for the construction of a command center.

SUMMARY NO. 1262-OR (Introduced by Jason Willis, District 3)

An Ordinance setting a No Thru Truck Traffic on Neuville Anthony Road, located in District 3.

SUMMARY NO. 1263-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance reducing the speed limit to 25 mph on a portion of Zin Zin Road (from the bridge to Nina Highway), located in District 5.

Prior to adjournment, Parish President Chester Cedars updated the Council on several items not requiring action. Parish President Chester Cedars reminded the Council Members that over 3,000 empty sandbags were stolen recently from the southern part of the parish. Parish President Chester Cedars made it known that since this incident, two (2) companies have donated 6,000 sandbags total. Parish President Chester Cedars stated advertisement of bids for the replacement of the Potato Shed Road Bridge were published, and bids will be open May 7, 2019. Parish President Chester Cedars added this should be about a six (6) month construction period. Parish President Chester Cedars also mentioned the bids for the Cecilia Civic Center went out on March 27, 2019. Parish President Chester Cedars informed the Council Members a meeting will be held soon to receive an update on the Restore Act funds. Parish President Chester Cedars reminded everyone these funds cannot be used for infrastructure. Parish President Chester Cedars told the Council Members he will be attending a meeting, complete with a tour of the control structure, for the Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District on Friday, April 5, 2019. Parish President Chester Cedars encouraged the Council to attend said meeting.

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Byron Fuselier that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby enter Executive Session to discuss the matter entitled, "St. Martin Parish Government v. Bryan Champagne, et al" hearing number 83926-E of the dockets of the 16th Judicial District, St. Martin Parish.

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, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin,
Jill Hebert, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion to enter in Executive Session was declared adopted on this 2nd day of April, 2019.

Regular Meeting recessed at 5:48 p.m.

Executive Session adjourned, and Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:08 p.m.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Albert Menard 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, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin,
Jill Hebert, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting was declared adopted on this 2nd day of April, 2019.

Parish Attorney Allan Durand advised this matter is set for trial and went over the trial strategy with Council Members.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Chris Tauzin 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