

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 3, 2018**

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:02 p.m., Tuesday, April 3, 2018, Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room, St. Martin Parish Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Dean LeBlanc.

The Invocation was read by Laci Laperouse, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Byron Fuselier.

The following members were present: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr. Members absent: Jason Willis (excused). Also present: Parish President Chester Cedars and Parish Attorney Allan Durand.

A motion was made by Jill Hebert and seconded by Albert Menard to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of March 6, 2018.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jason Willis (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 3rd day of April, 2018.

Vice-Chairman Dean LeBlanc welcomed Joshua Guillory who was present to announce his candidacy for Congress in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District of Louisiana. Mr. Guillory gave a brief background of his education, career and goals. Council Members thanked Mr. Guillory and wished him luck in the upcoming race.

Vice-Chairman Dean LeBlanc welcomed Petesie Fakier, District 1 and Coteau Holmes resident. Ms. Fakier described to the Council Members the on-going problem she has with a bar located next to her home. A picture (*on-file*) was circulated to the Council Members to show the proximity of her home to the bar. She has contacted law enforcement several times and is now requesting assistance from St. Martin Parish Government. Ms. Fakier described the issues such as

loud music and fights, along with other problems. After a general discussion ensued amongst Council Members and Ms. Fakier, Parish Attorney Allan Durand recommended Ms. Fakier file a civil injunction against the bar. Parish President Chester Cedars added he has met with Ms. Fakier and has made recommendations. Parish President Chester Cedars noted that St. Martin Parish Government is limited in the enforcement but would review the ordinance for possible amendment recommendations.

Vice-Chairman Dean LeBlanc welcomed David Pugh, District 2 resident. Mr. Pugh requested St. Martin Parish Council draft and consider a resolution urging the Department of Environmental Quality and/or Environmental Protection Agency to reject the renewal of Greenpoint, Inc.'s permit. Mr. Pugh, along with a few other residents, is in opposition of Greenpoint, Inc., as they feel Greenpoint, Inc. is not compliant to the restrictions that have been set upon the company. Mr. Pugh read from a handout (*on-file*) of several failed inspections to Greenpoint, Inc. from the Department of Environmental Quality. After a general discussion ensued amongst Council Members and the residents in opposition of Greenpoint, Inc., Parish President Chester Cedars offered to copy Mr. Pugh on correspondence he has regarding Greenpoint, Inc.

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Jill Hebert to open the Public Hearing to obtain public comments regarding an ordinance being considered for final adoption.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jason Willis (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 3rd day of April, 2018.

Vice-Chairman Dean LeBlanc asked for public comments regarding the proposed ordinance being considered for final adoption.

Clerk of the Council Laci Laperouse read the ordinance summary.

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

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Byron Fuselier 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, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tausin,  
Jill Hebert, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Jason Willis (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 3rd day of April, 2018.

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

### **ORDINANCE NO. 18-04-1216-OR**

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES ON LEBLANC DRIVE, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 9, SECTION 37, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council that it shall be unlawful for any person to drive any motor vehicle on LEBLANC DRIVE in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction shall suffer a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$50.00 at the discretion of the Court;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 3rd day of April, 2018.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-032-RS**

WHEREAS, the Bayou Fuselier/Bayou Pont Brule Drainage Improvements Project is in need of professional engineering services; and

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish Government hereby employs Comeaux Engineering & Consulting, APC to furnish required professional engineering services associated with the Bayou Fuselier/Bayou Pont Brule Drainage Improvements Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize Parish President Chester Cedars to execute on behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government a Standard Form of Agreement with Comeaux Engineering & Consulting, APC to furnish required professional engineering services associated with the Bayou Fuselier/Bayou Pont Brule Drainage Improvements Project.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of April, 2018.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-033-RS**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE TO PROVIDE AND SECURE A DRAINAGE STUDY FOR PORTIONS OF ST. MARTIN PARISH LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE.**

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government and the City of St. Martinville have determined that there are drainage issues which need to be addressed on the north side of the City of St. Martinville involving ditches and other conduits subject to the jurisdiction of both St. Martin Parish Government and the City of St. Martinville; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Martinville has proposed that St. Martin Parish Government and the City of St. Martinville enter into an intergovernmental agreement to address those issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Chester Cedars, St. Martin Parish President, is authorized to enter into and execute an intergovernmental agreement on behalf of St. Martin Parish with the City of St. Martinville to provide for and secure a drainage study with respect to drainage problems currently existing on or near the northern boundary for the City of St. Martinville, commonly referred to as the Magnolia Park-Durand Subdivision area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish's cost for the said study is be financed through proceeds from the bond issue approved by the electorate on December 10, 2016, and shall not exceed \$50,000.00.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of April, 2018.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-034-RS**

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish Government wishes to address the urgency of mosquito control in St. Martin Parish as a result of the potential of West Nile Virus and other diseases transmitted by mosquitoes; and

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish Government wishes to immediately address the need for encephalitis surveillance; and

WHEREAS, Cajun Mosquito Control, L.L.C. has the experience and expertise needed in encephalitis surveillance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize, direct, and empower Parish President Chester Cedars to enter into a contract with Cajun Mosquito Control, L.L.C., for a comprehensive encephalitis surveillance program for St. Martin Parish.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of April, 2018.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-035-RS**

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council regretfully accepted the resignation of Mr. Nortley Broussard as a member of the St. Martin Parish Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jonathan Gregory has been recommended to fill the vacancy of the St. Martin Parish Planning Commission created by Mr. Broussard's resignation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby appoint Mr. Jonathan Gregory for a five (5) year term expiring on April 3, 2023, to serve as a board member on the St. Martin Parish Planning Commission.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of April, 2018.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-036-RS**

WHEREAS, libraries provide free access to all– from books and online resources for families to library business centers that help support entrepreneurship and retraining; and

WHEREAS, our nation’s school, academic, public and special libraries make a difference in the lives of millions of Americans today, more than ever; and

WHEREAS, librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn and work in a challenging economy; and

WHEREAS, libraries are helping level the playing field for job seekers, with 88% of public libraries providing access to job databases and other online resources; and

WHEREAS, libraries are places of opportunity providing programs that teach all forms of literacy, promoting continuing education and encouraging lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, in times of economic hardship, Americans turn to – and depend on – their libraries and librarians; 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 3rd day of April, 2018, does hereby proclaim the week of April 8-14, 2018, 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.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of April, 2018.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-037-RS**

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

WHEREAS, the Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists. This law guarantees each citizen the critical, personal element of freedom of choice – selection of 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 St. Martin Parish Government are to provide leadership in an effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; 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 3rd day of April, 2018, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2018 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, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin,  
Jill Hebert, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Jason Willis (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of April, 2018.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-038-RS**

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Trace was designated a National Heritage Area October 2006, a distinction given to only 37 areas in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the heritage area is to preserve the unique, regional landscape and culture while making it accessible to visitors and the general public; and

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the Atchafalaya Trace Commission (ATC), due to the resignation of St. Martin Parish's representative, Mr. Aaron Flegeance; and

WHEREAS, the term for the St. Martin Parish representative is March 1, 2018 to February 28, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby appoint Mr. Carol D. Patin to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Aaron Flegeance to the Atchafalaya Trace Commission as commissioner for St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of April, 2018.

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Council Member Jill Hebert requested some clarification on Resolution Summary No. 039-RS {A Resolution authorizing Parish President Chester Cedars to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Breaux Bridge for the reconstruction of Bear Creek Circle located within Sales Tax District # 1, with the Parish and City absorbing one-half of the costs (Construction and Engineering) for said project.} Parish President Chester Cedars gave a detailed timeline of this matter. A chronological listing of e-mail correspondence between City of Breaux Bridge Mayor Ricky Calais and former Parish President Guy Cormier both agreeing to pay a portion of the

reconstruction of Bear Creek Circle, was discussed. It was determined that a one-cent sales tax was adopted by the people of this area several years ago, and then said area was annexed by the City of Breaux Bridge. Council Members Jill Hebert, Chris Tausin and Albert Menard all agreed they are not against this project, but feel it should be done by the same process as other roads in the parish, using a grading scale from an engineering firm.

There being no motion to Resolution Summary No. 039-RS, said Resolution fails.

### **SUMMARY NO. 039-RS**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council that Parish President Chester Cedars be and he is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement in behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government with the City of Breaux Bridge for the reconstruction of Bear Creek Circle located within Sales Tax District No. 1, with the Parish and City absorbing one-half of the costs (construction and engineering) for the said project.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-040-RS**

WHEREAS, the week of April 2-6, 2018, has been designated as National Community Development Week by the National Community Development Association to celebrate the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG Program provides annual funding and flexibility to local communities to provide safe and affordable housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities to low and moderate income citizens; and

WHEREAS, the HOME Program provides funding to local communities to create decent, safe, and affordable housing opportunities to low income citizens; and

WHEREAS, over the last five (5) years our community has received significant CDBG and HOME funds; and

WHEREAS, major public projects have become a reality in St. Martin Parish because of CDBG and HOME funds.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that St. Martin Parish Council does hereby designate the week of April 2-6, 2018, as

**NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK**

in support of these two valuable programs that have made tremendous contributions to the viability of the housing stock, infrastructure, public services, and economic vitality of the St. Martin Parish Community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Government opposes any attempts to eliminate the programs and urges the United States Congress to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by CDBG and HOME by supporting no less than \$3.3 billion for CDBG in FY 2019 and no less than \$1.2 billion for HOME in FY 2019.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of April, 2018.

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A motion was made by Daniel Richard, Jr., seconded by the entire Parish Council, and, therefore, unanimously adopted:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 18-041-RS**

WHEREAS, on Thursday, March 29, 2018, unexpected rains enhanced the potential for flooding in the communities of Stephenville and Belle River; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid areas were already the object of a declared State of Emergency issued by the St. Martin Parish President on March 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, it became necessary to secure several pumps to relieve a number of streets in the affected areas of flooding; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sugar Cane Cooperative, Inc. (“LASUCA”) upon request agreed to provide several of its pumps, at no cost, to St. Martin Parish for use in the areas in question; and

WHEREAS, both the Parish President and the St. Martin Parish Council are deeply appreciative of the voluntary actions of LASUCA; and

WHEREAS, both the Parish President and St. Martin Parish Council further note that the exemplary corporate citizenship displayed by LASUCA should not go without public notice and governmental recognition; and

WHEREAS, such acts as those exhibited by LASUCA on March 29, 2018, serve as benchmarks for all citizens, private and corporate; and

WHEREAS, the Parish President has determined that a mere letter of appreciation would not do justice to the honorable acts of LASUCA, and the Parish Council concurs fully in that assessment.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Parish President and the St. Martin Parish Council do hereby formally and publicly commend the Louisiana Sugar Cane Cooperative, Inc. (“LASUCA”) for its proactive conduct on March 29, 2018, in, with recompense, loaning valuable equipment to the St. Martin Parish Government to address potential weather related events, which endangered the property of the citizens of St. Martin Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President and the St. Martin Parish Council do formally extend its deep and heart-felt appreciation to LASUCA for its exemplary acts of citizenship relative to the acts referenced herein.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of April, 2018.

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A motion was made by Lisa Nelson and seconded by Albert Menard that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby extend the agenda for Resolution Summary No. 042-RS.

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

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

And the motion to extend the agenda was declared adopted on this 3rd day of April, 2018.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-042-RS**

A Resolution and proclamation acknowledging the resignation of J. Curley Scrantz, Constable for Ward 5 of St. Martin Parish, appointing an interim Constable for Ward 5 of St. Martin Parish until the Office is filled by the vote of the qualified electors of the said Ward 5, calling for a special election to fill the unexpired term of J. Curley Scrantz, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, J. Curley Scrantz, Constable for Ward 5 of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, has informed the St. Martin Parish Council that he has resigned his office effective April 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, acting pursuant to La. R.S. 18:652, the said J. Curley Scrantz has formally advised, in writing, the Louisiana Secretary of State of his resignation; and

WHEREAS, the resignation of the said J. Curley Scrantz is irrevocable under the dictates of La. R.S. 18:654; and

WHEREAS, the resignation of the said J. Curley Scrantz creates a vacancy in the Office of Constable of Ward 5 for St. Martin Parish, the said vacancy having actually occurred as of April 1 2018; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government has determined that the unexpired term of office of the said J. Curley Scrantz is approximately twenty-one (21) months; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:602 and/or La. R.S. 18:604 provide that a vacancy in the Office of Constable shall be filled by appointment by majority vote of the authorized membership of the governing authority within twenty (20) days after the vacancy occurs if there is no chief deputy constable; and

WHEREAS, there is no chief deputy constable for Ward 5 of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana law further provides that if more than one (1) year remains in the unexpired term of a vacant constable position, the aforesaid appointee shall serve until the office is filled by the vote of the qualified electorate in an election called by the parish governing authority; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:602 and/or La. R.S. 18:604 also mandates that within twenty (20) days of the vacancy, the appropriate governing authority shall issue a proclamation calling for a said special election to fill the unexpired term:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council formally and officially acknowledges the resignation of J. Curley Scrantz as Constable for Ward 5 of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, and extends its appreciation to him and his family for his years of dedicated and unselfish service to St. Martin Parish in general, and Ward 5 in particular.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby formally acknowledge and declare that a vacancy exists in the Office of Constable for Ward 5 of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby appoint Toby James Legrand, Sr. as Constable for Ward 5 of St. Martin Parish, to serve in that position until a special election is held and a qualified candidate duly elected and sworn into office, the said appointment being effective immediately. Moreover, the St. Martin Parish Council has determined that the said Toby James Legrand, Sr. meets all of the qualifications required by law relative to the Office of Constable for Ward 5 of St. Martin Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with La. R.S. 18:402(E) the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize and call a special election to be held in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, for the purpose of electing a Constable for Ward 5 of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, to fill the said vacancy for the unexpired term of the said J. Curley Scrantz.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to La. R.S. 18:467-468, the qualifying period for the said special election shall be from July 18, 2018, to July 20, 2018, inclusively.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with La. R.S. 18:402(E), the primary election shall be held on November 6, 2018, with the general election, if necessary, to be held on December 8, 2018, and that the said election(s) be conducted pursuant to the election laws of the State of Louisiana.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that, as mandated by law, the Clerk of Council for the St. Martin Parish shall: (1) immediately effect the publication of this proclamation in the official journal for St. Martin Parish; (2) within twenty-four (24) hours transmit by registered or certified mail a replica of this proclamation to the Honorable Becky Patin, Clerk of Court for St. Martin Parish; and

(3) by registered or certified mail send a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of State for the State of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of the said special election shall be promulgated as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Office of Secretary of State for the State of Louisiana issue forthwith to the said Toby James Legrand, Sr. the necessary commission and other documents required by law so that the appointee may assume the interim position of Constable of Ward 5 of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, without undue delay.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of April, 2018.

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

SUMMARY NO. 1217-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance reducing the speed limit to 5 mph on North Olivier Road, located in District 5.

SUMMARY NO. 1218-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance reducing the speed limit to 15 mph on Hammock Lane, located in District 5.

SUMMARY NO. 1219-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance reducing the speed limit to 15 mph on Sunset Bay, located in District 5.

SUMMARY NO. 1220-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance reducing the speed limit to 15 mph on Palm Harbor Way, located in District 5.

SUMMARY NO. 1221-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance reducing the speed limit to 15 mph on Breeze Drive, located in District 5.

SUMMARY NO. 1222-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance reducing the speed limit to 15 mph on Bamboo Drive, located in District 5.

SUMMARY NO. 1223-OR (Introduced by Byron Fuselier, District 1)

An Ordinance reducing the speed limit to 35 mph on Herman Dupuis Road, located in District 1.

SUMMARY NO. 1224-OR (Introduced by Daniel Richard, Jr., District 9)

An Ordinance to provide for the abandonment of a portion of Cecilia Loop previously dedicated to the St. Martin Parish Government by virtue of an Act recorded in Book 622, Page 486, under Entry Number 147741 of the Conveyance Records of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

Prior to adjournment Parish President Chester Cedars briefed the Council Members on a couple of projects in the Parish. Parish President Chester Cedars mentioned Sellers and Associates, Inc. will give an update of the Catahoula Lake Dredging Project at the next Committee Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2018, beginning at 4:30 p.m. as Sellers and Associates, Inc. is ready to proceed with said project. Parish President Chester Cedars also mentioned he has requested an insurer visit the Parish parks to conduct a safety study. Parish President Chester Cedars updated the Council on the high water threat in the Stephenville/Belle River area. Council Members Chris Tauzin and Lisa Nelson thanked Parish President Chester Cedars for keeping everyone informed and on a job well done.

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Byron Fuselier 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