

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING - JULY 2, 2019

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 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, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, and Dean LeBlanc. Members absent: Jason Willis (excused), Albert Menard (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused). 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 Chris Tauzin and seconded by Jill Hebert to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of June 4, 2019.

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 and Dean LeBlanc.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jason Willis (excused), Albert Menard (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

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

Parish President Chester Cedars and Council Members recognized and thanked Evangeline Council Eagle Scout Nathan Davis, along with Scoutmaster Harold Schoeffler, for their service in planting seventy-eight (78) native trees at the Cade Park. The volunteers, under Nathan Davis' leadership, also did some upgrades to the St. Martinville Festival grounds and the Henderson Boat Landing. Parish President Chester Cedars and Council Member Lisa Nelson thanked them for their service.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Jill Hebert 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, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin,
Jill Hebert and Dean LeBlanc.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jason Willis (excused), Albert Menard (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

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

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

Clerk of the Council Laci Laperouse read each Ordinance Summary.

Director of Administration Calder Hebert mentioned that both Ordinance Summary No. 1268-OR {An Ordinance amending 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: providing an exception to the zoning classification district on a portion of a road zoned in the original ordinance adopted on December 18, 1995. {**1031 Kennedy Drive**}} and Ordinance Summary No. 1269-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: Adding Gaston Road in District 5 and assigning an R-2 Classification therefor; and, providing an exception for **1017 Gaston Road.**} were approved by the Planning Commission and the property owners of Kennedy Drive were present should anyone have questions and/or concerns.

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

A motion was made by Jill Hebert 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, Lisa Nelson, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin,
Jill Hebert and Dean LeBlanc.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jason Willis (excused), Albert Menard (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 19-07-1268-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: PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION TO THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION DISTRICT ON A PORTION OF A ROAD ZONED IN THE ORIGINAL ORDINANCE ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 18, 1995. {1031 KENNEDY DRIVE}

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>
Kennedy Drive (1031)	R-2 (Mixed Residential)	C-1 (Light Commercial)

SECTION II. An exception is hereby made relative to 1031 Kennedy Drive (Assessor's Parcel No. 04101B2031), to allow for the operation of a sno-ball stand. 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. This zoning classification shall remain in effect only so long as the subject property remains owned by Eula Mae Semere, or the survivor in case of her untimely death.

Once the sno-ball stand is closed or the property is sold, the zoning classification will automatically revert back to the old zoning classification of R-2 (Mixed Residential).

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 and Dean LeBlanc.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jason Willis (excused), Albert Menard (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

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

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A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Byron Fuselier that the following ordinance be adopted, as amended:

ORDINANCE NO. 19-07-1269-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: PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION TO THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION DISTRICT ON A PORTION OF A ROAD ZONED IN THE ORIGINAL ORDINANCE ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 18, 1995. {1017 GASTON ROAD}

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>
Gaston Road (1017)	R-2 (Mixed Residential)	C-2 (General Commercial)

SECTION II. An exception is hereby made relative to 1017 Gaston Road. At that location and so long as it is owned by Kevin John, the property may be used to operate a welding business for a 20' x 20' building. However, no heavy equipment welding may be conducted on the premises. 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. This zoning classification shall remain in effect only so long as the subject property remains owned by the said Kevin John and the welding business is conducted by him. Once the welding business ceases to operate, or the property is no longer owned by Kevin John, for whatever reason(s), the zoning classification will automatically revert back to the classification of R-2 (Mixed Residential).

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 and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Jason Willis (excused), Albert Menard (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-060-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council is interested in reappointing members to the St. Martin Parish Recreation District No. 1 Committee, whose terms will expire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby reappoint Ms. Samantha Landry and Ms. Charlotte Ratcliff to serve as members of the St. Martin Parish Recreation District No. 1 Committee for five (5) year terms, expiring on July 6, 2024.

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 and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Jason Willis (excused), Albert Menard (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-061-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council is interested in reappointing a member to serve on the St. Martin Parish Sewerage District No. 2 Board whose term will expire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby reappoint Mr. Warren Arnaud to serve as members of the St. Martin Parish Sewerage District No. 2 Board (Cecilia) for a one (1) year term, expiring on July 5, 2019.

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-062-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council is interested in reappointing a member of the St. Martin Parish Water & Sewerage Commission No. 1 (Stephensville-Belle River) whose term has expired.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby reappoint Mr. Eroy Acosta to serve as a member on the St. Martin Parish Water & Sewerage Commission No. 1 (Stephensville-Belle River) for a two (2) year term expiring on July 2, 2021.

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 and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Jason Willis (excused), Albert Menard (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-063-RS

WHEREAS, due to the passing of Mr. Stanley Daigle, Sr., a member of the Water & Sewerage Commission No. 1 (Stephensville-Belle River), a vacancy exists on said board; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council has accepted the request of Mr. Ricky Acosta to fill the vacancy on the St. Martin Parish Water & Sewerage Commission No. 1 (Stephensville-Belle River).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby appoint Mr. Ricky Acosta as a member of the St. Martin Parish Water & Sewerage Commission No. 1 (Stephensville-Belle River), for a three (3) year term, expiring on July 2, 2022.

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 and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Jason Willis (excused), Albert Menard (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-064-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council is interested in reappointing members of the Hospital Service District No. 2 Board (St. Martin Hospital) whose terms have expired.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby reappoint Mr. Billy Guidry and Mr. Burton Dupuis to serve as members of the Hospital Service District No. 2 Board (St. Martin Hospital) for six (6) year terms, expiring on July 6, 2025.

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 and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Jason Willis (excused), Albert Menard (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-065-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council is interested in reappointing a member of the St. Martin Parish Library Board of Control whose term has expired.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby reappoint Mr. Cramin Wiltz to serve as a member of the St. Martin Parish Library Board of Control for a five (5) year term, expiring on July 1, 2024.

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 and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Jason Willis (excused), Albert Menard (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-066-RS

A Resolution approving and authorizing the Parish President to enter into a mutual aid agreement, on behalf of the Fire Service District, with the City of Lafayette, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, both the **ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT (“PARISH”)** acting through its Fire Service District and the **CITY OF LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA (“CITY”)**, acting through Lafayette City Parish Consolidated Government, maintains equipment and personnel for the suppression of fires and emergency incidents in or near their respective areas; and

WHEREAS, to promote public health, safety, and welfare, the **PARISH** and **CITY** desire to augment their fire protection services within their response areas for the purpose of initial structure fires, major fire events, and/or conflagrations; and

WHEREAS, the response areas of both the **PARISH** and **CITY** are in close proximity so that mutual aid for a fire emergency is feasible; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(B) of the Louisiana Constitution provides that the donation of the use of public resources by one political subdivision upon request of another political subdivision for a purpose the requesting political subdivision is authorized to pursue is not constitutionally proscribed; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14 (C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana further dictates that in order to accomplish a public purpose political subdivisions may engage in cooperative endeavors; and

WHEREAS, both **PARISH** and **CITY** are political subdivisions which have the authority and obligation to provide fire protection services; and

WHEREAS, the **PARISH** and **CITY** postulate that entering into the following accord will serve an extremely valuable public purpose and produce a significant public benefit; and

WHEREAS, the **PARISH** has always enjoyed an amicable relationship with **CITY**, and both have traditionally provided assistance to each other relative to such public safety and protection endeavors; and

WHEREAS, both the **PARISH** and **CITY** are amenable to an association which, in their collective judgment, will advance the objectives herein expressed; and

WHEREAS, both **PARISH** and **CITY** find and conclude that an agreement between them having as its object mutual aid services for fire suppression and emergency incidents will serve a public function and purpose and thus will inure to the benefit of the citizens of both political subdivisions:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Parish President is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to confect a written agreement with the **CITY OF LAFAYETTE**, acting through the **LAFAYETTE CITY PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT** for mutual aid for protection services and emergency incidents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any accord confected by and between the **ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT** and the **CITY OF LAFAYETTE**, acting through the **LAFAYETTE CITY PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT** for the said mutual aid services shall contain such other terms, conditions, and provisions as the Parish President, acting in his uncontrolled discretion, may deem appropriate.

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 and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Jason Willis (excused), Albert Menard (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

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

Parish President Chester Cedars welcomed Dr. James Bergan, Director of Freshwater & Wetland Conservation who gave a brief statement of the Cypress Island Preserve Boardwalk Project. Dr. Bergan provided to the Council Members and Parish President Chester Cedars an informational packet (*on-file*) which provides detailed information by The Nature Conservancy of Louisiana for the purpose of the Cypress Island Preserve Boardwalk Project.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-067-RS

A Resolution supporting the application of The Nature Conservancy for a grant from the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Program for the purposes of the maintenance of boardwalks at Lake Martin.

WHEREAS, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Transportation Act provides funds to the State of Louisiana for grants to federal, state, local agencies, non-profit organizations, and commercial entities to acquire, develop, and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trails; and

WHEREAS, the FHWA Recreational Trails Programs for Louisiana (FRTPL) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the state and setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the program; and

WHEREAS, these regulations require an application to have a resolution of support from the local governmental body of the jurisdiction in which the proposed project is located:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby endorse and support the application being submitted to the FRTPL by The Nature Conservancy of Louisiana for the purpose of erecting and/or maintaining boardwalks.

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

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

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

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

SUMMARY NO. 1270-OR (Introduced by Daniel Richard, Jr., District 9)

An Ordinance prohibiting the parking of motor vehicles on either side of Madeline Boulevard, located in District 9.

SUMMARY NO. 1271-OR (Introduced by Lisa Nelson, District 2)

An Ordinance reducing the speed limit to 25 mph on Alex Jean-Batiste Road, located in District 2.

SUMMARY NO. 1272-OR (Introduced by Daniel Richard, Jr., District 9)

An Ordinance to revise Ordinance No. 19-01-1250-OR to clarify the circumstances under which conditions the zoning classification will revert to R-2, all as regards to that certain tract of land containing 12.826 acres, situated at 1071 Gecko Road, and located in Section 109, Township 8 South, Range 5 East, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

SUMMARY NO. 1273-OR (Introduced by Jill Hebert, District 6)

An Ordinance to amend and/or revise Article III of the St. Martin Parish Zoning Ordinance.

A motion was made by Chris Tausin and seconded by Jill Hebert that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby extend the agenda for Ordinance Summary No. 1274-OR.

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 Tausin, Jill Hebert and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Jason Willis (excused), Albert Menard (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the motion to extend the agenda was declared carried by unanimous vote this 2nd day of July, 2019.

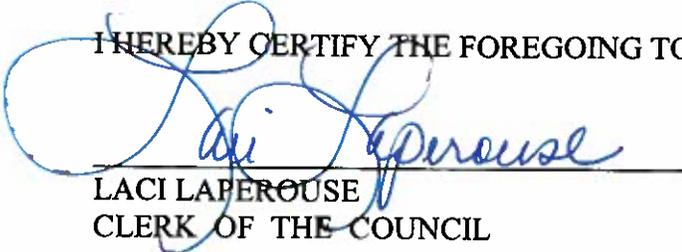
SUMMARY NO. 1274-OR (Introduced by Byron Fuselier, District 1)

An Ordinance amending 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: providing an exception to the zoning classification district on a portion of a road zoned by an amended ordinance adopted on January 4, 2011. {1030 Herman Dupuis Road}

Prior to adjournment, Parish President Chester Cedars briefed the Council Members on the GOMESA funding which will pay for the construction of a new bridge in Butte LaRose, to replace the Pontoon Bridge. Parish President Chester Cedars stated there would be no FEMA assistance for the June 6, 2019 rain event. Parish President Chester Cedars also discussed his disappointment in both the former and current solid waste providers as the transition has not been satisfactory.

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:



LACI LAPÉROUSE
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL