

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING - JUNE 2, 2020

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:01 P.M., Tuesday, June 2, 2020, Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room, St. Martin Parish Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dean LeBlanc.

The Invocation was read by Laci Laperouse, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Poirier.

The following members were present: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc. Members absent: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tazuin (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused). Also present: Parish President Chester Cedars, Director of Administration Calder Hebert, Director of Public Works Kasey Courville, P.E., Parish Attorney Allan Durand and Deputy Clerk of the Council/PIO Brooke Gillespie.

A motion was made by Carla JeanBatiste and seconded by David Poirier to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of May 5, 2020.

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

YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Brook Champagne,
Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tazuin (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 2nd day of June, 2020.

A motion was made by Brook Champagne and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Special Meeting of May 19, 2020

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

YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Brook Champagne,
Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tazuin (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 2nd day of June, 2020.

A motion was made by Brook Champagne and seconded by Tangie Narcisse 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: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Brook Champagne,
Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tauzin (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 2nd day of June, 2020.

Chairman Dean LeBlanc asked for public comments regarding each proposed ordinance 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 Chairman requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Brook Champagne and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste that the Public Hearing be closed.

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

YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Brook Champagne,
Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tauzin (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 2nd day of June, 2020.

A motion was made by David Poirier and seconded by Brook Champagne that the following ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 20-06-1289-OR

An Ordinance authorizing the Parish President to execute an agreement for the use of property in connection with the deposit of spoil generated by the dredging of Catahoula Lake, known as the “Catahoula Lake Improvements Project”.

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government has been allocated minimum of \$1,250,000.00 for the dredging of Catahoula Lake; and

WHEREAS, the project is known as “The Catahoula Lake Improvements Project” (hereinafter “The Project”); and

WHEREAS, in connection with The Project, St. Martin Parish desires to enter into an agreement for the use of property needed to deposit dredged materials to be generated from Catahoula Lake; and

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish publicly advertised for Requests for Proposals for the use of such property for the aforesaid purpose(s); and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the engineering firm of Sellers and Associates, Inc., and pursuant to federal procurement procedures, the said proposals were rated and ranked; and

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by Jackie Theriot and Sue Theriot was deemed to be in the best interests of the project; and

WHEREAS, Sellers and Associates, Inc. recommends the acceptance of the proposals submitted by Jackie Theriot and Sue Theriot:

BE IT, THEREFORE, ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council that the proposal submitted by the said Jackie Theriot and Sue Theriot be and is hereby accepted with regard to the use of property owned by them in connection with the deposit of sediment associated with the Catahoula Lake Improvements Project.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Parish President be and is hereby directed, empowered, and authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement with the said Jackie Theriot and Sue Theriot for the use of their property described in its proposal submitted to the Parish and rated and ranked by Sellers and Associates, Inc., all in connection with the deposit of sediment generated in connection with the Catahoula Lake Improvements Project. Any such agreement shall reflect the

terms and conditions set forth in the proposal submitted by the said Jackie Theriot and Sue Theriot.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council that the Parish President be and is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to incorporate in any such agreement such other terms, conditions, and provisions as he may deem necessary and fit in order to effectuate the above and foregoing edict.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that 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: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Brook Champagne,
Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tausin (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 2nd day of June, 2020.

A motion was made by Brook Champagne and seconded by David Poirier that the following ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 20-06-1290-OR

An Ordinance to authorize the St. Martin Parish Government to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with St. Landry Parish Fire Protection District #5 whereby for the sum of \$450,000.00, the St. Martin Parish Government will have the right to occupy premises located in the Town of Arnaudville, Louisiana, for the purposes of fire protection services rendered by the Fire Service District of St. Martin Parish and/or the Arnaudville Fire Department.

WHEREAS, both St. Landry Parish Fire Protection District #5 (“St. Landry”) and St. Martin Parish Government (“St. Martin”), acting through its Fire Service District, jointly provide fire protection and related first responder services in the Town of Arnaudville, Louisiana (“Town”) and in the surrounding area;

WHEREAS, the Town is located in both St. Landry Parish and St. Martin Parish;

WHEREAS, both St. Martin and St. Landry maintain equipment and personnel for the suppression of fires and emergency incidents in or near their respective areas of responsibility;

WHEREAS, to promote public health, safety, and welfare, St. Martin and St. Landry desire to augment their fire protection services within their respective response areas for the purposes of structure fires, major fire events, other conflagrations, and/or related emergency events such as automobile accidents;

WHEREAS, the response areas of both St. Martin and St. Landry are in such close proximity that mutual aid for fire and related emergencies is feasible;

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(B) of the Louisiana Constitution sanctions the joint use of public resources by political subdivisions for public service pursuits;

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

WHEREAS, both St. Martin and St. Landry are political subdivisions which have the authority and obligation to provide fire protection services;

WHEREAS, St. Martin and St. Landry postulate that entering into an intergovernmental agreement pursuant to the terms referenced herein shall serve an extremely valuable public purpose and produce significant public benefits;

WHEREAS, St. Martin has always enjoyed an amicable relationship with St. Landry, and both have traditionally provided assistance to each other relative to such public safety and protection endeavors;

WHEREAS, both St. Martin and St. Landry are amenable to an association which, in their collective judgment, will advance the objectives herein expressed;

WHEREAS, both St. Martin and St. Landry find and conclude that an agreement between them having as its object the sharing of facilities and providing mutual aid services, all 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;

WHEREAS, St. Landry is the owner of the following described property:

That certain tract of land, together with all buildings and improvements thereon located, and all rights, ways, privileges, and servitudes thereto appertaining, situated in Section 45, Township 7 South, Range 5 East, of the Town of Arnaudville in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, the said property being irregular in shape, containing .949 acres, and being depicted as Tract 1 on a plat of survey prepared by Jacob L. Jarrell dated January 27, 2020, a copy of which is appended hereto; the said property containing such boundaries and dimensions as depicted on the attached plat of survey (hereinafter referred to as "Property");

WHEREAS, St. Landry has agreed to construct a fire station on the Property which is located in the Town;

WHEREAS, St. Martin has agreed to provide the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 (\$450,000.00) Dollars towards the construction of the said facility (fire station), and in return, St. Martin shall have the right to:

1. Locate a minimum of five (5) fire units (trucks) at the said station;
2. Access the said facility on a twenty-four (24) hour, seven (7) days a week, basis;
3. Store reasonable and necessary fire fighting equipment, apparel, and related paraphernalia at the said station; and
4. Locate and utilize all reasonable and necessary communications equipment in the said station;

WHEREAS, any intergovernmental accord reached in connection with the foregoing shall have a term of no less than fifty (50) years;

WHEREAS, all obligations for the construction of the facility (fire station) shall be the sole responsibility of St. Landry;

WHEREAS, the payment and securing of all property and casualty insurance for the premises, as well as all utility services consumed on the premises, shall be the sole obligation of St. Landry:

BE IT, THEREFORE, ORDAINED that Parish President Chester R. Cedars be authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with St. Landry whereby the Fire Service District of St. Martin Parish, acting through its Arnaudville Fire Department, shall have the right to occupy and utilize the following described property:

That certain tract of land, together with all buildings and improvements thereon located, and all rights, ways, privileges, and servitudes thereto appertaining, situated in Section 45, Township 7 South, Range 5 East, of the Town of Arnaudville in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, the said property being irregular in shape, containing .949 acres, and being depicted as Tract 1 on a plat of survey prepared by Jacob L. Jarrell dated January 27, 2020, a copy of which is appended hereto; the said property containing such boundaries and dimensions as depicted on the attached plat of survey;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the acquisition of the right to use the aforesaid property under the terms and conditions expressed herein shall be for a sum not to exceed Four Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 (\$450,000.00) Dollars and shall be for the sole and exclusive purpose of enabling and enhancing the ability of the St. Martin Parish Fire Service District, acting through the Arnaudville Fire Department, to provide fire and related emergency services.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that, at a minimum, the St. Martin Parish Fire Service District shall have the following rights relative to the use of the aforesaid facility/property:

1. The right to locate a minimum of five (5) fire units (trucks) at the said station;
2. The right to access the said facility on a twenty-four (24) hour, seven (7) days a week, basis;
3. The right to store all reasonable and necessary fire fighting equipment, apparel, and related paraphernalia on the premises; and
4. The right to locate and utilize all necessary and reasonable communications equipment.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the term of any such intergovernmental agreement by which St. Martin, through its Fire Service District, will have the aforesaid rights shall not be less than fifty (50) years.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the acquisition of the property rights referenced herein shall be pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement between St. Martin and St. Landry, the said accord to be confected by the Parish President of St. Martin Parish pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in this edict and under such further terms, conditions, and provisions as the said Parish President may deem necessary and fit in his uncontrolled discretion.

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.

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

YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Brook Champagne,
Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tausin (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 2nd day of June, 2020.

A motion was made by David Poirier and seconded by Brook Champagne that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-036-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government has made an official call for bids for the New Floating Docks Project at Clayton Boudreaux Memorial Park and Uncle Dick Davis Park, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the advertisement, sealed bids were opened April 19, 2020, and eleven (11) complete bid packets were received for said project; and

WHEREAS, the bids were taken under advisement and have been analyzed by A&E Consultants, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, A&E Consultants, Inc. has recommended, in writing, the low bidder, Michael David Breaux, Inc., with a Base Bid in the amount of \$184,500.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby award the contract for the New Floating Docks Project at Clayton Boudreaux Memorial Park and Uncle Dick Davis Park, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, to the low bidder, Michael David Breaux, Inc., in the amount of \$184,500.00.

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

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

- YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tausin (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of June, 2020.

A motion was made by Carla JeanBatiste and seconded by Brook Champagne that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-037-RS

WHEREAS, a contract for the Whitney Drive Improvements Project, was awarded to low bidder, Elliott Construction, L.L.C., with a Base Bid in the amount of \$218,295.00; and

WHEREAS, Duplantis Design Group has recommended Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$23,067.04 (increase).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize, direct and empower the Parish President to execute Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$23,067.04 (increase) for the Whitney Drive Improvements Project, by Elliott Construction, L.L.C.

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

- YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tausin (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of June, 2020.

A motion was made by Brook Champagne and seconded by David Poirier that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-038-RS

WHEREAS, a contract for the Live Oak Circle Culvert Realignment Project, was awarded to low bidder, Le Talley Ho Construction Co., Inc., with a Base Bid in the amount of \$33,145.00; and

WHEREAS, Sellers & Associates, Inc. has recommended Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$3,420.00 (increase).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize, direct and empower the Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$3,420.00 (increase) for the Live Oak Circle Culvert Realignment Project, by Le Talley Ho Construction Co., Inc.

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

- YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tausin (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of June, 2020.

A motion was made by Brook Champagne and seconded by David Poirier that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-039-RS

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AN ACT OF ACCEPTANCE FROM LE TALLEY HO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., PERTAINING TO THE COMPLETION OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE LIVE OAK CIRCLE CULVERT REALIGNMENT PROJECT.

WHEREAS, Le Talley Ho Construction Company, Inc., as Contractor, has completed the Live Oak Circle Culvert Realignment project in accordance with the plans and specifications contained in the contract documents pertaining thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Council of St. Martin Parish Government desires to accept the completed work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Government that the President of said St. Martin Parish Government be and is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to execute a Notice of Acceptance for and on behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government, accepting the work as being completed, and that he be authorized and directed to have a copy of said acceptance recorded in the Conveyance Records of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana.

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

YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tausin (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of June, 2020.

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE

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

Public notice is hereby given, according to law, that the undersigned Owner has accepted the work done by Le Talley Ho Construction Company, Inc., Contractor, domiciled at 1051 Clover Hill Road, St. Martinville, LA 70582 under the contract with said firm for the Live Oak Circle Culvert Realignment project.

All subcontractors, architects, engineers, master mechanics, mechanics, workmen, laborers, and furnishers of materials, machinery, fixtures and supplies must assert whatever claims they have against the said Contractors or against the property growing out of the execution of the contract according to law, within forty-five (45) days from registration hereof.

/s/ Chester Cedars
CHESTER CEDARS, PARISH PRESIDENT
ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT
ST MARIN PARISH, LOUISIANA

June 3, 2020

A motion was made by Carla JeanBatiste and seconded by Brook Champagne that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-040-RS

WHEREAS, the process of developing a well educated citizenry involves use of formal and informal approaches by dedicated professionals; and

WHEREAS, in 1914 Congress passed the Smith-Lever Act, creating the Cooperative Extension Service that links Land Grant College campus faculty to those seeking information in off campus locales; and

WHEREAS, this is achieved via a partnership of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Louisiana State University AgCenter and local government; and

WHEREAS, this Cooperative Agreement between the LSU AgCenter and local government acknowledges the value to clientele of all partners having a uniform understanding for programming support; and

WHEREAS, a Cooperative Agreement is needed between the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service (LCES) and St. Martin Parish Government; and

WHEREAS, it shall be in effect for five (5) years for the period July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council hereby authorizes, directs, and approves of the Parish President Chester Cedars to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service to assure continued informal educational programming from the LSU AgCenter.

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

YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Brook Champagne,
Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tauzin (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of June, 2020.

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A motion was made by Tangie Narcisse and seconded by David Poirier that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-041-RS

WHEREAS, in accordance with La R.S. 43:141, the official journal of each parish is to be selected the first meeting in June each year; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of the current official journal for St. Martin Parish expires on June 30, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby appoint the *Teche News* as the official journal for St. Martin Parish, and that said appointment period will begin on July 1, 2020, and will expire on June 30, 2021.

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

- YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tausin (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of June, 2020.

A motion was made by Brook Champagne and seconded by David Poirier that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-042-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council is interested in reappointing members to the St. Martin Parish Board of Waterworks Commissioners District No. 4 (Catahoula) whose terms will expire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby reappoint Mr. Charles Latiolais, Jr. for a four (4) year term which will expire on June 6, 2024, and Mr. Gary Carter, Sr. for a two (2) year term which will expire on June 6, 2022, to serve as members of the St. Martin Parish Board of Waterworks Commissioners District No. 4 (Catahoula).

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

- YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tausin (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of June, 2020.

A motion was made by Brook Champagne and seconded by David Poirier that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-043-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council is interested in reappointing a member to serve on the Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District whose term will expire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby reappoint Mr. Tommy Thibodeaux to serve on the Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District for a two (2) year term, expiring on June 30, 2022.

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

- YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tausin (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of June, 2020.

A motion was made by David Poirier and seconded by Brook Champagne that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-044-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council is interested in reappointing a member to the St. Martin Parish Tourist Commission whose term has expired.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby reappoint Ms. Carole Lancon to serve as a member of the St. Martin Parish Tourist Commission for a three (3) year term, expiring on June 2, 2023.

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

- YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tausin (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of June, 2020.

A motion was made by Brook Champagne and seconded by David Poirier that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-045-RS

A Resolution rejecting all bids on all phases/segments received for the Bayou Estates Flood Wall Project and authorizing the Parish President to explore other alternatives to address meeting the objectives of the project and maintaining funding from CDBG and FEMA.

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government previously advertised for bids for the Bayou Estates Flood Wall Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the foregoing, however, only one bid was received which was more than \$4,400,000.00 over the amount available for the project; and

WHEREAS, on the advice of the engineer for the project, Mo Saleh of the firm of Professional Engineering and Environmental Consultants, Inc., the said bid was rejected on December 3, 2019, by the St. Martin Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council on December 3, 2019, authorized the rebidding of the project, dividing it into four separate segments, contracts, or phases; and

WHEREAS, after due advertisement therefor, sealed bids were opened on March, 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the low bid on each of the segments, contracts, or phases was as follows:

Contract A-Floodwall and Floodgates: Circle, LLC	\$3,367,952.50
Contract B-Pump Station: Circle, LLC	\$1,374,281.10
Contract C-36" HDPE Force Main: Cycle Construction	\$992,000.00
Contract D-Drainage System Revisions	NO BID

WHEREAS, the total of the bids received was \$5,734,233.60; and

WHEREAS, the low bid on each phase, contract, or segment exceeded the amount budgeted therefor; and

WHEREAS, the total of all of the low bids was in excess of the \$4,500,000 budgeted for the entire project; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the segment, phase, or contract which received no bid is \$1,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Mo Saleh of Professional Engineering and Environmental Consultants, Inc., the engineering firm retained by St. Martin Parish Government relative to the said project, has recommended that all bids be rejected; and

WHEREAS, Mo Saleh of Professional Engineering and Environmental Consultants, Inc., the engineering firm retained by St. Martin Parish Government relative to the said project, has stated that: "In order to have a complete functional project, all four contracts must be constructed"; and

WHEREAS, the time limitations set forth in the Public Bid Law of the State of Louisiana were suspended by Executive Orders 32 JBE 2020, 41 JBE 2020, and/or 52 JBE 2020:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby formally reject all bids on all segments, phases, or contracts related to the Bayou Estates Floodwall Project on the basis that the total of the bids received exceed the budget for the project, and/or no bids were received on one of the segments of the project, and/or a functional project requires the construction and completion of all phases, segments, or contracts.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President be and is hereby authorized to explore other alternatives which may protect the funding for the project without compromise to the functionality or objectives thereof, including without limitation the retention of other firms to: evaluate the project; protect the current CDBG and FEMA funding; and/or, secure other funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President be further authorized to terminate all prior contracts related to this project as he may deem necessary and proper under the circumstances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of 32 JBE 2020, 41 JBE 2020, and 52 JBE 2020 be incorporated herein by reference as same pertains to the Public Bid Law of the State of Louisiana.

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

- YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tauzin (excused) and Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of June, 2020.

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

SUMMARY NO. 1291-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance authorizing a contract with the Office of Gulf Coast Restoration, Department of the Treasury of the United States for continued public use of the New Floating Docks Project at Clayton Boudreaux Memorial Park and Uncle Dick Davis Park.

SUMMARY NO. 1292-OR (Introduced by Daniel Richard, Jr., District 9)

An Ordinance providing for the adoption of Millage Rate(s) for the Tax Year 2020.

Prior to adjournment, Parish President Chester Cedars gave a brief update on several topics, including but not limited to, the sales tax report for the month of April has decreased which was to be expected. Parish President Chester Cedars mentioned the year 2020 should be OK, but 2021 will be a challenge. Parish President Chester Cedars stated he will be in contact with Duplantis Design Group (DDG) to proceed with the road projects. Parish President Chester Cedars reminded the Council Members that he has contacted St. Martin Economic Development Authority (SMEDA) Director Jennifer Stelly, at the request of Chairman LeBlanc, to give an update on the impact and recovery of the COVID-19 pandemic. Parish President Chester Cedars also reminded everyone of the COVID-19 testing sites, which are being hosted by Lafayette General Health, around St. Martin Parish. Parish President Chester Cedars stated although it is still too early to tell, he is closely monitoring tropical depression Cristobal. Chairman LeBlanc requested status of high water in Stephenville. Parish President Chester Cedars stated it is stable at the moment; however with the disturbance in the Gulf of Mexico, it could change.

A motion was made by Carla JeanBatiste and seconded by Brook Champagne 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