

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL MEETING - JUNE 8, 2017**

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Special Session pursuant to the following Notice of Special Meeting:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

Chairman Jason Willis has called a **Special Meeting** of the St. Martin Parish Council for 5:00 P.M., Thursday, June 8, 2017, Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room, St. Martin Parish Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana, in accordance with the Provisions of the St. Martin Parish Home Rule Charter, Section 2.07, Council Meetings and Rules, Paragraph C, to consider the following items:

- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) INVOCATION
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 4) ROLL CALL
- 5) SPECIAL BUSINESS:  
None.
- 6) ORDINANCES INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING:  
None.
- 7) RESOLUTIONS:

**SUMMARY NO. 065-A-RS (Introduced by Jill Hebert, District 6)**

A Resolution approving the Notice of Election to be published in connection with a special election to be held in the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**SUMMARY NO. 071-RS (Introduced by Byron Fuselier, District 1)**

A Resolution approving the holding of an election in St. Martin Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, October 14, 2017, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

8) ORDINANCES INTRODUCED FOR PUBLICATION:

None.

9) ADJOURNMENT.

*NOTE: According to the Home Rule Charter, Section 2.07, Paragraph C, "the power of the Council to act at a special or emergency meeting shall be limited, under penalty of nullity, to the objects specifically enumerated in the call."*

**ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL  
LACI LAPEROUSE  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jason Willis.

The Invocation was read by Laci Laperouse and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Daniel Richard, Jr.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-065-A-RS**

A Resolution approving the Notice of Election to be published in connection with a special election to be held in the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

**SECTION 1. Publication of Notice of Election.** This Governing Authority having previously approved the holding of an election on Saturday, October 14, 2017, for the purpose of providing funding for senior citizens programs, activities, services and facilities operated by the St. Martin Council on Aging, Inc., in both Upper St. Martin Parish and Lower St. Martin Parish (the "Election"), a Notice of Special Election shall be published in the *Teche News*, a newspaper of general circulation within the Parish, published in St. Martinville, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the Parish, once

a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full, which said Notice of Election shall contain all matters required by law, including but not limited to those enumerated in Section 18:1285 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

Notwithstanding the forgoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the Chairman of this Governing Authority is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing proposition that may be required to comply with any State or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 2. Repealer. Any prior action of this Governing Authority in conflict with the terms of this Resolution shall be deemed to be amended, but only to the effect of such conflict.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 8th day of June, 2017.

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/s/ Laci Laperouse  
Clerk

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/s/ Jason Willis  
Chairman

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the St. Martin Parish Council, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), on June 6, 2017, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION  
(MILLAGE)**

Shall the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), levy a special tax of one and seventy-five hundredths (1.75) mills on all property subject to taxation within the Parish (an estimated \$650,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2017 and ending with the year 2026, for the purpose of providing funding for senior citizens programs, activities, services and facilities operated by the St. Martin Council on Aging, Inc., in both Upper St. Martin Parish and Lower St. Martin Parish?

The said special election will be held at each and every polling place in St. Martin Parish, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room, St. Martin Parish Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017, at FIVE O'CLOCK (5:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-071-RS**

A Resolution approving the holding of an election in St. Martin Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, October 14, 2017, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of St. Martin Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of St. Martin Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1, State of Louisiana (the "Commission"), adopted a resolution on May 22, 2017, calling a special election in the Commission on Saturday, October 14, 2017, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of St. Martin Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1, State of Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the Commission, on Saturday, October 14, 2017, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION  
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)**

Shall St. Martin Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1, State of Louisiana (the "Commission") levy a seven and sixty-five hundredths (7.65) mills tax (the "Tax") on all the property subject to taxation within the Commission (an estimated \$180,500 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2017 and ending with the year 2026, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating sewers and sewerage disposal works?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the Commission to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 8th day of June, 2017.

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/s/ Laci Laperouse  
Clerk of the Council

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/s/ Jason Willis  
Chairman of the Council

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ST. MARTIN

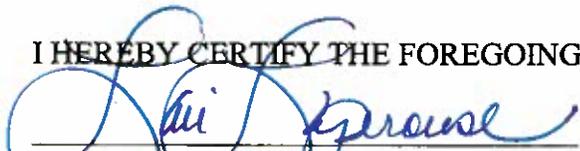
I, the undersigned Clerk of the Council of the St. Martin Parish Council, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Parish Council on June 8, 2017, approving the holding of an election in St. Martin Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at St. Martinville, Louisiana, on this, the 8th day of June, 2017.

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/s/ Laci Laperouse  
Clerk of the Council

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:



LACI LAPEROUSE  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL