

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 3, 2020

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:05 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 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 Brook Champagne.

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

A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of February 4, 2020.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier,
Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Chris Tauzin (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 3rd day of March, 2020.

Gary O'Neal, Senior Project Manager of Quality Engineering & Surveying, L.L.C. and Robert Leslie, Drainage Engineer, gave an update on the Breaux Bridge Manor Drainage Improvements Project. Mr. O'Neal stated the study is complete and probable cost is now being determined. Once the cost is determined, they will submit it to FEMA and Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. Mr. O'Neal mentioned the benefits from this project will include 4.755 - 5 miles of drainage improvements. Visual maps were displayed and are currently being displayed in the Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room.

A motion was made by David Poirier and seconded by Byron Fuselier to open the Public Hearing to obtain public comments regarding the ordinance being considered for final adoption.

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

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

And the motion was declared adopted this 3rd day of March, 2020.

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 Chairman requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Daniel Richard, Jr. 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, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier,
Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Chris Tauzin (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 3rd day of March, 2020.

Parish President Chester Cedars requested the Council Members defer action indefinitely for Ordinance Summary No. 1286-OR.

A motion was made by Daniel Richard, Jr. and seconded by Brook Champagne that the following ordinance be deferred indefinitely:

ORDINANCE SUMMARY NO. 1286-OR

An Ordinance to amend Article III of Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, by the repeal, revision, enactment and/or re-enactment of Section 14-66, all relative to the St. Martin Parish flood plain ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Parish Council of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, duly convened in regular session on the 3rd day of March, 2020, that:

Section 14-66 of Article III of Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances for St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, be amended by the repeal, revision, enactment, and/or re-enactment of Section 14-66 as follows:

Sec. 14-66. - General standards.

- (1) In all areas of Special Flood Hazard, the following provisions are required for all new construction and substantial improvements:
 - (a) All new construction or substantial improvements shall be designed (or modified) and adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy;
 - (b) All new construction or substantial improvements shall be constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood damage;
 - (c) All new construction or substantial improvements shall be constructed with materials resistant to flood damage;
 - (d) All new construction or substantial improvements shall be constructed with electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities that are designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding;
 - (e) All new and replacement water supply systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the system;

- (f) New and replacement sanitary sewage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the system and discharge from the systems into floodwaters;
- (g) On-site waste disposal systems shall be located to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during flooding;
- (h) Fill or other materials placed within a known flood hazard or floodplain shall be protected against erosion. Acceptable means of protection include but are not limited to rip-rap, vegetation covers, hydro-mulch, erosion control matting or bulk heading;
- (i) All developments shall comply with the provisions of article IV of this chapter, pertaining to development drainage detention; and
- (j) The parish shall not permit the development of any land in a flood hazard, floodplain or floodway area where such land is found to be incompatible with its proposed use due to poor drainage, flooding or other factors which would make the area vulnerable to flood damages that could pose a potential hazard to public health and safety. A development proposed within a flood hazard, floodplain or floodway being identified as such by the latest edition FIRM maps shall be in accordance with the applicable regulatory agencies.

(2) Freeboard Requirements:

In all areas of St. Martin Parish, Special Flood Hazard areas and otherwise, the following provisions are required for all new construction and substantial improvements:

- (a) All new residential, nonresidential and manufactured home structures, and any substantial improvements related to the same shall have the minimum lowest floor elevation be one foot above the highest of the following three measurements:
 - 1. Base flood elevation as determined by the latest flood insurance rate map (FIRM) as issued by FEMA;
 - 2. Centerline of the nearest street across from or adjacent to the structure; or
 - 3. Highest recorded historical or modeled (100-year) inundation levels.
- (b) All mechanical equipment must also comply with the above minimum lowest floor elevation requirements.

- (c) Should the above freeboard calculation requirement result in an unreasonable elevation, a waiver may be requested.
- (d) A licensed land surveyor or engineer will be required to certify (a)(2) and/or (a)(3) above through the use of the Freeboard Elevation Form.
- (e) "Freeboard Elevation Form" shall be available at the St. Martin Parish Government building, 400 Port Street, St. Martinville, La., and shall be used in determinations relative to this section.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council that the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any provision, word, phrase, or clause of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective on the date signed by the Parish President, as provided by Section 2-12 of the Home Rule Charter of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

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

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

And the Ordinance was declared deferred this 3rd day of March, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-016-RS

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish meets the requirements to participate in the Summer Nutrition Program as established by the United States Department of Agriculture in conjunction with the Louisiana Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, due to the success of last year's Summer Nutrition Program, St. Martin Parish Government is again interested in sponsoring such a program in St. Martin Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby endorse the participation of the St. Martin Parish Government in the Summer Nutrition Program for the year 2020 and authorize the St. Martin Parish President to sign all necessary documents for application into said program.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of March, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-017-RS

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross fulfills a unique and vital role in our state, providing help and hope in the face of emergencies and disaster, and is a true reflection of the humanitarian and volunteer spirit of the American people; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 102 years, Presidents have called on the American people to support the Red Cross and its humanitarian mission. In World War I, President Woodrow Wilson ordered the Red Cross to raise funds to support emergency aid to the military, as mandated by the Red Cross Congressional Charter. At that time, the American Red Cross set a goal of \$125 million and in less than six weeks donation totaled \$146 million – a tribute to the overwhelming generosity of the American public; and

WHEREAS, in 1943, during World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first president to proclaim March as Red Cross Month and called on Americans to “rededicate themselves to the splendid aims and activities of the Red Cross.” President Roosevelt’s call to action nearly 77 years ago started a tradition of designating March as Red Cross Month, a time to recognize and support the valuable work of the American Red Cross by making a financial contribution, donating blood, taking a life-saving class, or volunteering to help the Red Cross perform its mission; and

WHEREAS, every day, sometimes more than once a day, the volunteers of the South Louisiana Region of the American Red Cross are there to save the day when a neighbor’s house burns down. They are there when, as so often happens here in Louisiana, a weather-related disaster strikes. The Red Cross is there when someone needs life-saving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand. It connects military families with their loved ones in service, and provides training in CPR, aquatics safety, and first aid. It spreads humanitarian aid and goodwill to people around the world; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana depends on the American Red Cross more than many states, because of our location on the Gulf Coast. Because it is not a government agency, the Red Cross depends on support from the public to continue its humanitarian work. This is especially true in these challenging economic times.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 3rd day of March, 2020, does hereby proclaim the month of March 2020 as

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, and respectfully requests that each citizen of ST. MARTIN PARISH become partners in preparedness with their local Red Cross Chapters and to become active participants in advancing the noble mission of the Red Cross.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of March, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-018-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council is interested in reappointing members to the St. Martin Parish 911 Emergency Board of Commissioners whose terms have expired.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby reappoint Mr. Calder Hebert, Mr. Brody Miller, and Mr. Terry Guidry to serve as members of the St. Martin Parish 911 Emergency Board of Commissioners for four (4) year terms; said terms will expire on March 1, 2024.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of March, 2020.

A motion was made by Daniel Richard, Jr. and seconded by Tangie Narcisse that the following resolution be adopted, as amended:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-019-RS

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH RECREATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE NUMBER 20-02-1287 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, in accordance with La.R.S. 33:4533, *et seq*, on February 4, 2020, the St. Martin Parish Council adopted Ordinance Number 20-02-1287-OR which established a governing body known as the “St. Martin Parish Recreation Board of Directors”; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid ordinance repealed, revised, enacted, and/or re-enacted Sections 28-100 through 28-105 of the Parish’s Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned edict provides for five (5) board members to be appointed by the Parish President, each board member representing the following parks: Cecile Rousseau Memorial Park (Village of Parks); Clayton Boudreaux Memorial Park (Catahoula); Paul Angelle Park (Cecilia); Magnolia Park (St. Martinville); and, Parc Hardy (Breux Bridge); and

WHEREAS, the said dictates of the Parish Ordinance provide for the appointment by the Parish President of a sixth board member to serve as the Chairperson; and

WHEREAS, all appointments shall be confirmed by the St. Martin Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, the Parish President has appointed the following persons for the St. Martin Parish Recreation Board of Directors:

Cecile Rousseau Memorial Park – Blake Oubre

Clayton Boudreaux Memorial Park – Randal Savoy

Paul Angelle Park – Melvin Guidry

Magnolia Park – Wayne Oubre

Parc Hardy – Adrienne Fontenot

Chairperson – Rowdy Huval

WHEREAS, the Parish President has further set the salary for each director at \$4,000 annually with the salary for the Chairperson being \$5,000 annually:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Parish President's appointment of the following directors of the St. Martin Parish Recreation Board of Directors be and are hereby confirmed:

Cecile Rousseau Memorial Park – Blake Oubre

Clayton Boudreaux Memorial Park – Randal Savoy

Paul Angelle Park – Melvin Guidry

Magnolia Park – Wayne Oubre

Parc Hardy – Adrienne Fontenot

Chairperson – Rowdy Huval

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the salary of each director shall be \$4,000 annually except for the Chairperson whose salary shall be \$5,000 annually, all as fixed by the Parish President.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each of the foregoing initial appointments shall be effective retroactively to the adopting of Ordinance Number 20-02-1287-OR.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of March, 2020.

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

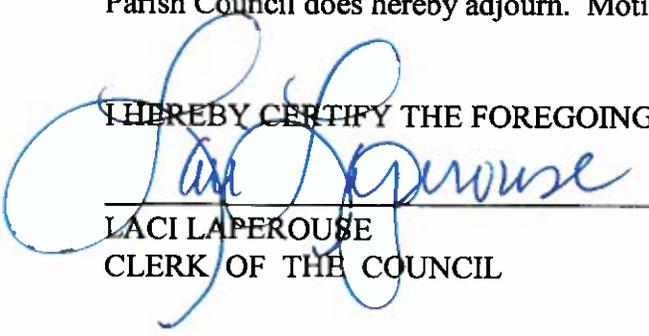
SUMMARY NO. 1288-OR (Introduced by David Poirier, District 4)

An Ordinance reducing the speed limit to 25 mph on Raspy Road, located in District 4.

Prior to adjournment, informational items not requiring Council action were discussed.

A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by David Poirier that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby adjourn. Motion was unanimously approved.

HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:



LACI LAPEROUSE
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL