

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular meeting of the St. Martin Parish Council will be held on the date, at the time, and at the place specified below, upon the call of the St. Martin Parish Council Chairperson, Dean LeBlanc, all pursuant to Section 2-07 (C) the Parish Home Rule Charter:

MEETING DATE: May 5, 2020
TIME: 5:00 P.M.
**PLACE: CARROLL J. FUSELIER MEETING ROOM,
ANNEX BUILDING, 301 WEST PORT STREET
ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA**

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that acting pursuant to guidance provided by the La. Attorney General by memoranda dated March 16, 2020, and March 19, 2020, and in accordance with Section 4 of Executive Order 30 JBE 2020, this meeting will be attended via teleconference and/or video conference by the St. Martin Parish Council. Therefore, the undersigned certifies that if not for the teleconference and/or video conference attendance, the meeting would not occur because of the quorum dictates of Section 2-07 (H) of the Parish's Home Rule Charter and/or because of the ten person "gathering" limitation imposed by 33 JBE 2020 and 41 JBE 2020.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that anyone wishing to comment upon an agenda item to be voted upon, an e-mail may be submitted to the Council Clerk, Laci Laperouse at llaperouse@stmartinparish.net setting forth the substance of the comment. This e-mail must be received on or before 3:00 P.M. on May 5, 2020. Moreover, the Council policy on public comments shall be applicable except as otherwise restricted or amended by the dictates of this notice.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that video conference media will be available for those in attendance in the council chambers for the meeting. However, attendance in the chambers will be limited to 10 persons pursuant to Section 2 of the Governor's Executive Orders 33 JBE 2020 and 41 JBE 2020. This includes the Deputy Clerk of the Council/PIO, one security officer, as well as the media.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that because of the COVID-19 crisis, and on this occasion only, the entire meeting will be video recorded and available for live viewing on the St. Martin Parish Government Facebook page.

AS PARISH PRESIDENT, and upon consultation with Chairperson Dean LeBlanc, I hereby certify that but for attendance by video conference or teleconference by the St. Martin Parish Council at its regular meeting scheduled for May 5, 2020, a quorum as required by Section 2-07(H) of the Parish Home Rule Charter would likely not be present.

St. Martinville, Louisiana, the 5th day of May, 2020.

/s/ Chester R. Cedars

Chester R. Cedars

Parish President

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING - MAY 5, 2020

Pursuant to the Notice above the St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 5, 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 Vincent Alexander.

The following members participated through Zoom via video conference: Byron Fuselier, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr. Members absent: None. Also participating via Zoom: Parish President Chester Cedars, Director of Administration Calder Hebert, Director of Public Works Kasey Courville, P.E., Director of Finance Sean Hundley, Parish Attorney Allan Durand and Deputy Clerk of the Council/PIO Brooke Gillespie.

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Byron Fuselier to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of May 5, 2020.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 5th day of May, 2020.

Roddie Matherne, General Manager of Pelican Waste & Debris, L.L.C. discussed remedial action for delinquent accounts. Mr. Matherne advised the Council Members that they will soon begin picking up trash cans from residences with delinquent accounts. Chairman Dean LeBlanc requested guidelines be set, so that it's not arbitrary and they are not just focusing on one area/district. Council Members requested a listing of delinquent accounts be sent to them. Mr. Matherne stated he would submit the list by the next day.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-032-RS

AIR QUALITY AWARENESS MONTH IN ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, poor outdoor air quality can threaten the health of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that one out of every three people in the United States is at a higher risk of experiencing problems from ground-level ozone, a contributor to poor air quality; and

WHEREAS, children, people with lung disease, older adults, and people with heart disease tend to be more vulnerable to outdoor pollution, and it would be beneficial for people to learn more about the effects air quality may have on their health if they fall into one of these sensitive groups; and

WHEREAS, utilizing the Air Quality Index is simple and free of cost; and

WHEREAS, knowledge of the Air Quality Index can help protect our communities health; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and St. Martin Parish are supporting efforts to encourage citizens to utilize the Air Quality Index, understand what causes poor air quality, and make strides to improve the overall outdoor air quality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 5th day of May, 2020, does hereby proclaim the month of May 2020 as:

OFFICIAL AIR QUALITY AWARENESS MONTH IN ST. MARTIN PARISH.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 5th day of May, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-033-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council adopted a resolution establishing a Children and Youth Planning Board in the 16th Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, the 16th Judicial District Children and Youth Planning Board consist of thirteen members, and four members who will be appointed by the St. Martin Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, the members appointed by the parish council shall serve a term of office of two years and may be reappointed in accordance with the charters and law of the parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby reappoint Ms. Pamela Lemoins for a two (2) year term expiring on May 1, 2022, to serve as a member of the 16th Judicial District Children and Youth Planning Board.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 5th day of May, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-034-RS

WHEREAS, a contract for the Cade Park Pavilion, Basketball Court, and Paving Project, was awarded to low bidder, JC Construction, L.L.C. in the amount of \$1,776,000.00 (Base Bid and Alternates 1 & 2); and

WHEREAS, Vermilion Architects, L.L.C. has recommended Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$118,351.06 (increase); and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 3 also includes a one-hundred and sixteen (116) day extension in contract time for a completion date of September 10, 2020.

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. 3 in the amount of \$118,351.06 (increase) and a one-hundred and sixteen (116) day Contract Time extension for the Cade Park Pavilion, Basketball Court, and Paving Project, by JC Construction.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 5th day of May, 2020.

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Parish President Chester Cedars gave a brief update on the following:

COVID-19 - Parish President Chester Cedars stated the seven Parishes in LDH Region 4 (Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, and Vermilion) reflect a total number of positive tests of 1,431 and 121 deaths. This represents an increase in Region 4 of 64 positive cases and 7 deaths since May 1, 2020 (4 days). Parish President Chester Cedars advised the increase in St. Martin Parish over that 4-day period is an encouraging 6 cases and 2 deaths, the latter certainly being disappointing. The percentage increase in positive cases in Region 4 is 4.68%. The percentage increase reported on May 1, 2020, was 9.185%. This is extremely promising since the gating criterion which was cited as one of the bases for there not being a Phase 1 reopening was a lack of a downward trend in positive cases. Parish President Chester Cedars mentioned Region 4 was specifically mentioned as having not met that requirement. Parish President Chester Cedars stated last Friday he advised that he discussed with LDH concerns about factoring in positive tests of individuals confined in long-term care facilities such as nursing homes. It seems imprudent to include in the application of the gating criteria clusters of positive tests of those in such facilities. Parish President Chester Cedars stated the focus is the control of the spread of the disease from a communal perspective as regards meeting the gating criteria. Clusters of cases in one facility presents a different issue and can be easily controlled to prevent a communal spread. Parish President Chester Cedars stated the Parish needs to address with vigor these clusters in our nursing homes. Parish President Chester Cedars stated in an attempt to ascertain a “real-time” idea of the number of positive tests in the “community”, it seems that one ought to consider the number of recovered cases, subtracting both that number and the number of positive tests confined to long term care facilities. Parish President Chester Cedars stated we cannot lose sight of the fact that many people with COVID-19 symptoms, but not in a high-risk category, are not tested. Parish President Chester Cedars added many people have the virus, but are asymptomatic. Parish President Chester Cedars mentioned yesterday, such discussions transpired among a number of Parish Presidents and epidemiologist with LDH wherein he again referenced the foregoing. Parish President Chester Cedars is hopeful that this “link” will be an integral part of the chain of considerations when the gating criteria are next assessed relative to a phased re-opening.

OUTDOOR RELIGIOUS SERVICES - Parish President Chester Cedars reminded the Council Members the Governor announced that outdoor religious services will be permitted. On Friday the State Fire Marshal and LDH published a memorandum of the parameters. Parish President Chester Cedars has discussed this issue with many of the clergy throughout the Parish, and the services over the weekend were well received. Parish President Chester Cedars also advised that pavilions in the Parish Parks, although closed for other reasons, may be used for religious services so long as the criteria published by the Fire Marshal and LDH are followed. Parish President Chester Cedars stated this Thursday is the annual National Day of Prayer. There will be a ceremony on the lawn of the Courthouse beginning at 6:30 P.M. Parish President Chester Cedars advised if anyone plans on attending, please bring your own lawn chair. Parish President Chester Cedars attached a copy of the pertinent notice regarding this event:

ST. MARTIN NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
Thursday May 7th at 6:30 PM
COURT HOUSE LAWN

As approved by the Governor of the State of Louisiana, and in accordance with the guidelines of the Office of State Fire Marshal and Louisiana Department of Health, St. Martin Parish will hold the National Day of Prayer on Thursday May 7th at 6:30 PM on the St. Martin Parish Courthouse Lawn on Main Street in St. Martinville. The side streets adjacent to the Courthouse Lawn will be closed to allow seating for proper social distancing.

Prayer Participants are asked to bring their own lawn chair. All attendees shall be seated 6 feet from other attendees. However, family members can sit together, and each family group should keep a 6 feet social distancing space from other attendees. Masks are strongly recommended for attendees. However, all sponsors and managers of the event will wear masks. These guidelines have been given by the State of Louisiana and approved by the Parish President Chester Cedars.

The Louisiana Department of Health has recommended that persons not attend if they are 65 years or older or have the identified comorbid, chronic health conditions. We are asking citizens of St. Martin Parish to join us at the prayer event if possible, but the event will be Live Streamed on the City of St. Martinville Facebook page for those citizens who must continue to shelter in place.

2 Chronicles 7:14 declares that if God's people will humble themselves, pray and turn from their wicked ways, then God would hear from heaven, forgive their sins and heal their land.

May God, Hear us, Forgive us, and Heal us.

St Martin Parish National Day of Prayer
Chairman, Mike Fuselier

OPENING OF PARISH FACILITIES - Parish President Chester Cedars advised on Friday, May 1, 2020, all of the Parish's parks were opened, including the children's playground equipment. The pavilion, ball fields, and basketball courts remain closed, however. Parish President Chester Cedars has instructed that Uncle Dick Davis RV park will be opened this Thursday, May 7, 2020. Parish President Chester Cedars anticipates that all Parish Government offices will be opened to the public commencing no later than May 18, 2020. Parish President Chester Cedars monitors daily the matter and at this stage will continue to abide by the dictates of the Governor's guidance implicit in 52 JBE 2020. Any reopening of the Parish facilities will be pursuant to well-defined protocols designed to protect both the Parish employees and the general public.

A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Chris Tauzin 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