

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING - OCTOBER 6, 2020

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 6, 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 Byron Fuselier.

The following members were present: Byron Fuselier, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc. Members absent: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused). Also present: Parish President Chester Cedars, Director of Administration Calder Hebert (arrived at 5:13 p.m.), Director of Finance Sean Hundley, Deputy Clerk of the Council/PIO Brooke Gillespie and Parish Attorney Allan Durand.

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 September 1, 2020.

This motion 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 and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

Alicia Butler announced her candidacy for District Judge, 16th Judicial District Court, Election Section 1, Division H (*push card on-file*).

Jimmy Dupuis announced his candidacy for Breaux Bridge City Marshal.

Eileen Winfrey was not present to address her concerns with Pelican Waste & Debris, L.L.C.

A motion was made by Chris Tausin and seconded by David Poirier to acknowledge receipt of the Year 2021 Sinking Fund and Operating and Maintenance Budgets and to approve the following Call For Public Hearing for the Year 2021 Sinking Fund and Operating and Maintenance Budgets.

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

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

And the motion was declared adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020, AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE CARROLL J. FUSELIER MEETING ROOM, ANNEX BUILDING, 301 WEST PORT STREET, ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PUBLIC INPUT ON THE **YEAR 2021 SINKING FUND AND OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE BUDGETS.**

COPIES OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 18, 2020 THRU DECEMBER 1, 2020) IN THE ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT FINANCE DEPARTMENT, ST. MARTIN PARISH ANNEX BUILDING, 301 WEST PORT STREET, ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA.

ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL
DEAN LEBLANC, CHAIRMAN
LACI LAPEROUSE, CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

ADV: November 18, 2020
November 25, 2020

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste to acknowledge receipt of the Year 2021 Parish Capital Outlay Budget and to approve the following Call For Public Hearing for the Year 2021 Parish Capital Outlay Budget.

This motion 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 and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 1st day of October, 2019.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020, AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE CARROLL J. FUSELIER MEETING ROOM, ANNEX BUILDING, 301 WEST PORT STREET, ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PUBLIC INPUT ON THE **YEAR 2021 PARISH CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET**.

COPIES OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 18, 2020 THRU DECEMBER 1, 2020) IN THE ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT FINANCE DEPARTMENT, ST. MARTIN PARISH ANNEX BUILDING, 301 WEST PORT STREET, ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA.

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Conduct Public Hearing to hear comments on values of property for assessment purposes fixed by the St. Martin Parish Assessor. {The Parish Council sits as a Board of Review to hear any complaints of values of property for assessment purposes set by the Assessor. The Board of Review can only hear the written or oral complaint of any qualified person, which has provided notice to the Board of Review at least 7 days prior to tonight's public hearing, either through appearing in person at its office or by filing such appeal by means of certified mail.}

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste to open public hearing to obtain public comments on values of property for assessment purposes fixed by the St. Martin Parish Assessor.

This motion 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 and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

Upon hearing no comments from the audience, Chairman Dean LeBlanc recognized St. Martin Parish Assessor Todd Dugas.

Assessor Todd Dugas has submitted to the Board of Review their certification of the assessed valuation of all properties in St. Martin Parish for tax year 2019. No appeals were received. Assessor Dugas reviewed and discussed the St. Martin Ten (10) Top assessments, Abstract of Assessment Detailed Comparison 2019 vs 2020 and the 2020 Grand Recapitulation Report (*on-file*). Parish President Chester Cedars and Council Members thanked Assessor Todd Dugas and his staff for a job well done.

A motion was made by Brook Champagne and seconded by Byron Fuselier to close public hearing.

This motion 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 and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Tangie Narcisse to open the Public Hearing to obtain public comments regarding the ordinances 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,
Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

Chairman Dean LeBlanc asked for public comment regarding the proposed ordinances being considered for final adoption.

Clerk of the Council Laci Laperouse read each Ordinance Summary.

Council Member Vincent Alexander questioned Ordinance Summary No. 1303-OR {An Ordinance to authorize the St. Martin Parish Government to sell by public disposition all of its interest in the property located at 1019 Flo Street, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, situated in Section 23, Township 8 South, Range 6 East of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, all in accordance with La. R.S. 47:2201, *et seq.*} by requesting the years on the mineral rights be extended. Parish President Chester Cedars advised Council Member Vincent Alexander you can only reserve the rights for ten (10) years.

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

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

And the motion was declared adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 20-10-1302-OR

AN ORDINANCE REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES ON **FRERE ROAD**, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 4, SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council that it shall be unlawful for any person to drive any motor vehicle on **FRERE ROAD** in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction shall suffer a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$50.00 at the discretion of the Court;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 20-10-1303-OR

An Ordinance to authorize the St. Martin Parish Government to sell by public disposition all of its interests in the property located at 1019 Flo Street, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, situated in Section 23, Township 8 South, Range 6 East of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, all in accordance with La.R.S. 47:2201, *et seq.*

WHEREAS, the following described property was adjudicated to the St. Martin Parish Government in accordance with La.R.S. 47:2196:

That certain parcel of ground, together with all of the buildings and improvements thereon erected and thereunto belonging, situated in the the Parish of St. Martin, Louisiana, in Section 23, T8S, R6E, and more particularly described as Lot 15 on that certain plat of survey prepared by Clarence Thibodeaux, dated May 22, 1979, and recorded in Book 869, Page 197, under Entry Number 205643 of the Conveyance Records of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana; the said property having such having dimensions and boundaries as shown and depicted on the aforesaid plat of survey.

Being the identical property acquired by Eric and Stacey Barras by virtue of an act of donation dated June 1, 2005, and recorded in Book 1422, Page 608 of the Conveyance Records of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

The aforesaid property having a municipal address of 1019 Flo Street, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, 70517.

WHEREAS, the aforesaid property is abandoned and blighted, and has little or no value since the cost to abate it blighted condition exceeds its value; and

WHEREAS, no one has availed themselves of any right of redemption relative to the disposition of the said property in favor of the St. Martin Parish Government; and

WHEREAS, no one has filed any litigation seeking to annul the adjudication confected in favor of the St. Martin Parish Government; and

WHEREAS, all interested parties have been advised that the periods for redemption and/or annulment of the aforementioned adjudication have not tolled; and

WHEREAS, the property in question serves no useful purpose for the public, in general, and the St. Martin Parish Government, in particular; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government has determined that the said property has little or no value to the Parish; and

WHEREAS, Maurice Barousse, Jr. and his spouse, Millie Dauphine Barousse, have expressed an interest in acquiring the said property especially since they have performed significant upkeep to the property which is adjacent to their home; and

WHEREAS, the said Maurice Barousse, Jr. and Millie Dauphine Barousse will remediate the said property as regards its blighted and neglected condition; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the subject property to Maurice Barousse, Jr. and Millie Dauphine Barousse will be of significant benefit to both the St. Martin Parish Government and the general public:

BE IT, THEREFORE, ORDAINED that, on behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government, Parish President Chester R. Cedars be authorized, empowered, and directed to initiate the steps necessary to sell the following described property which has been adjudicated to the Parish, the disposition thereof to be confected in accordance with La.R.S. 47:2202(B), *et seq*:

That certain parcel of ground, together with all of the buildings and improvements thereon erected and thereunto belonging, situated in the the Parish of St. Martin, Louisiana, in Section 23, T8S, R6E, and more particularly described as Lot 15 on that certain plat of survey prepared by Clarence Thibodeaux, dated May 22, 1979, and recorded in Book 869, Page 197, under Entry Number 205643 of the Conveyance Records of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana; the said property having such having dimensions and boundaries as shown and depicted on the aforesaid plat of survey.

Being the identical property acquired by Eric and Stacey Barras by virtue of an act of donation dated June 1, 2005, and recorded in Book 1422, Page 608 of the Conveyance Records of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

The aforesaid property having a municipal address of 1019 Flo Street, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, 70517.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the sale of the subject property shall be in accordance with the procedures permitted by La. R.S. 47:2202(B), *et seq* .

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the sale of the subject property shall be for a minimum amount of Five Thousand and No/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the sale shall be pursuant to the normal terms and conditions of cash sales executed in the State of Louisiana and these special terms, conditions, and provisions:

- A. The sale shall be without warranty of title;
- B. All structures situated on the property shall be sold without warranty of fitness, expressed and/or implied, including those set forth in Articles 2520, *et seq*, of the Louisiana Civil Code;
- C. All notices mandated by La.R.S. 47:2706 and La.R.S. 47:2207 shall be the sole and exclusive obligation of vendor;
- D. The provisions specified in La.R.S. 47:2207(B) shall be incorporated in the sales instrument; and
- E. All mineral rights shall be reserved in favor of the St. Martin Parish Government.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Parish President Chester R. Cedars be further authorized to incorporate in the aforesaid sale document such other terms, conditions, and provisions as he deems necessary and proper.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Parish President Chester R. Cedars be authorized, directed, and empowered to adopt any and all other steps necessary to effectuate the terms, provisions, and conditions of this edict.

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 and shall be further governed by the provisions of La.R.S. 47:2201, *et seq.*

This Ordinance 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 and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

Parish Attorney Allan Durand stepped out at 5:32 p.m. and returned at 5:34 p.m.)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-067-RS

WHEREAS, the Assessor of St. Martin Parish has opened his books for public inspection and review for a period of fifteen (15) calendar days, from August 25, 2020, thru September 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor of St. Martin Parish has certified to the St. Martin Parish Council (Board of Review of Assessments) the total assessed valuation of **\$501,644,625.00** of all properties in the Parish of St. Martin for the tax year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council has given public notice that they would sit as a Board of Review on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at 5:00 P.M. in the Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room, St. Martin Parish Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana, for the purpose of receiving protests and hearing complaints of values of property for assessment purposes in the Parish, fixed by the St. Martin Parish Assessor. That it will hear the written or oral complaint of any qualified person as provided by R.S. 47:1992, who has provided notice to the Board of

Review on or before Tuesday, September 29, 2020, at 4:30 P.M. either through appearing in person at its office or by filing such appeal by means of certified mail; and

WHEREAS, no written or oral complaints of any qualified person as provided by R.S. 47:1992, were provided to the Board of Review on or before Tuesday, September 29, 2020, at 4:30 P.M.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened on this 6th day of October, 2020, that the Council certifies the Assessment List as submitted by the Assessor of 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 and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-068-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government intends to submit budget requests to the Division of Administration for Capital Outlay Funds; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government does not have the financial resources necessary to fund projects which will be requested and which are described herein; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council has selected and authorized the submission of the following State Capital Outlay Budget Requests for year 2021-2022:

- * Frontage Road Louisiana Highway 328 to 347
- * Joe Daigre Canal Drainage Improvements
- * Replacement of Butte La Rose Pontoon Bridge
- * Coulee LaSalle Drainage Improvements
- * Road Improvements on Four-Mile Bayou Road
- * Installation of water lines along Louisiana Highway 94 from the municipal limits of the City of Breaux Bridge to the Vermilion River (Lafayette-St. Martin Parish line), for the express purpose of providing potable water to homes, residential developments, and businesses within the corridor of Louisiana Highway 94
- * Infrastructure improvements to Waterworks District No. 4
- * Supplemental funding for the dredging of Catahoula Lake, necessary to improve drainage of entirety of St. Martin Parish and other parishes within the watershed from which Catahoula Lake receives water
- * Acquisition of a Variable Frequency Control Unit necessary to maintain water system pressure during frequent periods of time in which the water tower at the St. Martin Industrial Park Water Treatment Plant is non-functional because of legally mandated inspections, routine maintenance, and inclement weather conditions
- * Planning and improvements to Landry Lane, Edna Street, and Adell Street
- * Construction/Renovation of Vacant Technology Center for Rural Healthcare and Wellness facility

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 6th day of October, 2020, does hereby certify to the Division of Administration, Facility Planning and Control, that it does not have cash or bond funding available to fund these projects although it has the capability to provide the statutorily mandated match.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Parish President Chester Cedars, be and is authorized, directed and empowered to act on behalf of St. Martin Parish, in all matters pertaining to the aforesaid projects, all relative to seeking budget requests for Capital Outlay funds, executing cooperative endeavor agreements should Capital Outlay funding be granted, and certifying requests for disbursements from the State of Louisiana.

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-069-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council recognizes the need for highway improvements and is desirous that certain highway priorities be considered in the 2021-2022 highway budget as follows:

1. Replacement of Butte La Rose Pontoon Bridge.
2. Construct an exchange/exit at the intersection of Louisiana Highway 354 and I-10.
3. Culverts to be placed from Louisiana Highway 347 along the South side of Louisiana Highway 352.
4. Replace or elevate culverts for Coulee LaSalle and Cypress Bayou at Louisiana Highway 182.
5. Extend Louisiana Highway 94 from intersection with Rees Street to Doyle Melancon/Lion Castille Road and continuing in a straight line path to the intersection of Louisiana Highway 347 and Louisiana Highway 349.
6. Straighten out curves on Louisiana Highway 96 West of St. Martinville.
7. Perform drainage study on Louisiana Highway 347 (Cecilia Senior High School Highway) between parish road Bruce Huval Street to parish road Madeline Boulevard.
8. Perform drainage study on Louisiana Highway 347 (Grandpoint Highway) between parish road Louis Circle to Louisiana Highway 678 (Grand Anse Highway).
9. Construct Frontage Roads, the entire length of St. Martin Parish, along U.S. Highway 90.
10. Reconstruction and overlay of Louisiana Highway 328, from I-10 to Cecilia Senior High School Highway.
11. Reconstruction and overlay of Louisiana Highway 31 from Poche Bridge to St. Martin Parish/St. Landry Parish line.
12. Reconstruction/Repair of Henderson Levee Road (Louisiana Highway 352).
13. Reconstruction/Repair of Cecilia High School Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 6th day of October, 2020, that Senator Fred H. Mills, Jr., Senator Rick Ward, III, Senator Gerald Boudreaux, Representative Michael “Mike” Huval, Representative Marcus Bryant, Representative Gerald “Beau” Beauillieu, IV, and Representative Vincent St. Blanc, III (and/or their respective successors, if any) submit the above priorities to Governor John Bel Edwards and to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development requesting assistance in accomplishing the foregoing priorities.

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-070-RS

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE OF LOUISIANA OFF SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations as enacted by the United States Congress mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges under the authority of St. Martin Parish in accordance with those Standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to St. Martin Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 6th day of October, 2020, that the St. Martin Parish Government (herein referred to as the Parish) does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as the DOTD) that for the period October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2020:

1. The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all Parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.
2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the LA DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings or any missing structural ratings.

3. All Parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.
4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the LA DOTD are noted.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off System Bridge Replacement Program.

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-071-RS

A Resolution authorizing Parish President Chester Cedars to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) among the Louisiana Department of State, Office of the Secretary of State, the St. Martin Parish Registrar of Voters, and the St. Martin Parish Government for the temporary use of the Evangeline Volunteer Fire Department, the Breaux Bridge Volunteer Fire Department, the Cecilia Community Center, and the VFW Hall as temporary voting sites for the elections on November 3, 2020, and December 5, 2020.

WHEREAS, the elections scheduled for November 3, 2020, and December 5, 2020, are anticipated to have a high voter turnout; and

WHEREAS, the current polling sites for Precincts 04, 07, 16, 31, 32, 39, 48, and 49 are not large enough to safely accommodate a large number of voters at a given point in time because of the COVID-19 mitigation measures to which all precincts in the State of Louisiana must adhere; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government, St. Martin Parish Clerk of Court, and the St. Martin Parish Registrar of Voters wish to adopt all steps to protect voters at their polling locations and to encourage the citizens of this Parish to exercise their rights to vote; and

WHEREAS, all election workers should also be afforded a safe and secure location relative to voting precincts:

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby designate the following locations shall serve as the polling place for Precincts 04, 07, 16, 31, 32, 39, 48, and 49, all as regards the elections scheduled for November 3, 2020, and December 5, 2020:

Precinct 04	Evangeline Volunteer Fire Department 204 Cemetery Street St. Martinville, LA 70582
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Precinct 07	Evangeline Volunteer Fire Department 204 Cemetery Street St. Martinville, LA 70582
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- Precinct 16 Evangeline Volunteer Fire Department
204 Cemetery Street
St. Martinville, LA 70582

- Precinct 31 Breaux Bridge Volunteer Fire Department
225 North Main Street
Breaux Bridge, LA 70517

- Precinct 32 Breaux Bridge Volunteer Fire Department
225 North Main Street
Breaux Bridge, LA 70517

- Precinct 39 Breaux Bridge Volunteer Fire Department
225 North Main Street
Breaux Bridge, LA 70517

- Precinct 48 Cecilia Civic Center
2464 Cecilia High School Road
Breaux Bridge, LA 70517

- Precinct 49 VFW (Main Hall)
1020 VFW Drive
Arnaudville, LA 70512

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Parish President Chester R. Cedars be and is hereby authorized, directed, and empowered to execute all documents and Memoranda of Understanding among the Louisiana Department of State, Office of the Secretary of State, the St. Martin Parish Registrar of Voters, and Office of Clerk of Court, and any of party deemed necessary by him in order to effect to locations of the precincts referenced herein, all such agreements containing such terms, conditions, and provisions as deemed necessary and fit in his uncontrolled discretion.

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 and Dean LeBlanc.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-072-RS

WHEREAS, cooking, heating, and electrical fires represent three of the nation's leading causes of home fires, and are collectively responsible for nearly half of all home fires and almost one-third of the associated fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of home cooking, heating, and electrical fires can be prevented by taking simple safety precautions; and

WHEREAS, developing a home fire escape plan and practicing it at least twice a year are critical to escaping a fire safely; and

WHEREAS, proper installation, testing, and maintenance of smoke alarms are part of a thorough home fire escape plan; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Week 2020 theme, is "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!"; and

WHEREAS, the fire service of St. Martin Parish is dedicated to the safety of life and property from the devastating effects of fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby proclaim the week of October 4-10, 2020, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

and urges all citizens of St. Martin Parish to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work, and school, and to take the steps needed to make their homes and families safe from the leading causes of home fires, which include cooking, heating and electrical.

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-073-RS

WHEREAS, in recent years, the Louisiana State Legislature has recognized the seriousness of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the law of the State of Louisiana now addresses domestic violence as a unique and severe criminal offense and dictates enhanced criminal penalties commensurate therewith; and

WHEREAS, the treatment of domestic violence by the criminal justice system, while admirable, is not a panacea for the prevention of such egregious misconduct; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence knows and recognizes no boundaries of race, age, gender, social status, or community; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence has a direct impact on over 4 million Americans annually; and

WHEREAS, women are victims of homicides committed in connection with acts of domestic violence at the rate of 2.2 per 100,000 females; and

WHEREAS, empirical studies reflect that children of maternal victims of domestic violence are 50% more likely to be victims of domestic violence and furthermore, experience lifelong repercussions from the trauma associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, the general public erroneously believes that domestic violence is a “crime of passion” when in actuality, it is a crime of violence; and

WHEREAS, 81% of female homicide victims in the State of Louisiana are committed by a partner or ex-partner; and

WHEREAS, there has been at least one reported domestic homicide in every parish in the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, over 5,000 adult women annually in Louisiana will experience some form of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, 72% of all murder-suicides involve an intimate partner, and 94% of the victims of these crimes are females; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership Against Domestic Violence reports that every 9 seconds a woman in the United States is subject to physical domestic abuse; and

WHEREAS, a successful campaign against domestic violence commences with an understanding and deep appreciation of the pervasiveness of this societal cancer termed “domestic violence”; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent vehicle for the citizens of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, to learn and study the issues associated with domestic violence and thus, commit themselves to provide support, financial and otherwise, for organizations and individuals which sponsor and/or offer advocacy services, shelters, and other related assistance to both the victims of domestic violence and their minor offspring;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 6th day of October, 2020, does hereby officially declare the month of October 2019 as:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana. All citizens of this parish are encouraged to commit themselves to offering support in any way plausible for all organizations and individuals who provide advocacy services, shelters, and other related assistance to those affected by domestic violence.

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 and Dean LeBlanc.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-074-RS

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the United States, aside from skin cancer; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society (ACS), an estimated 276,480 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to occur among women in the United States this year; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 42,170 women are expected to die from the disease in 2020 alone; and

WHEREAS, the impact of breast cancer is wide ranging, directly affecting women; and

WHEREAS, the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM) is an annual international health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities every October to increase awareness of the disease and to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention and cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 6th day of October, 2020, does hereby celebrate 35 years of awareness, education and empowerment and recognizes the month of October 2020 as:

NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

and urges all citizens in St. Martin Parish to actively participate in the events and programs that the American Cancer Society pursues towards the cause, prevention and cure of this disease.

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-075-RS

WHEREAS, Head Start is a national initiative that provides comprehensive services in education, social services, health, nutrition, parent involvement, disabilities, and transition to largely low-income children and their families; and

WHEREAS, it is known that Head Start had humble beginnings during the summer of 1965 and was viewed largely as a pilot program, but has grown and expanded to become the foremost Early Childhood Development Program in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the SMILE, CAA has long recognized the benefits of such a program in St. Martin Parish and became an active participant by agreeing to administer the program; and

WHEREAS, the successes of Head Start are well-documented, and this body is very proud of its accomplishments in this regard; and

WHEREAS, Head Start serves the needs of lower income families throughout this nation, serving more than 15 million children and their families nationwide – 1,600 people in the tri-parish area of St. Martin, Iberia, and Lafayette Parishes alone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby proclaim October 2020 as:

HEAD START AWARENESS MONTH

and urges all citizens to continue to support Head Start and to recognize and acknowledge the important educational, social, and economic accomplishments of Head Start during the past 55 years, particularly that of the SMILE, CAA Head Start Program.

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 and Dean LeBlanc.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-076-RS

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia affects people of any age, gender, race or background, negatively impacting over 70 million people around the world, including many individuals in the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, there are 15 different forms of Dysautonomia. These include Neuropathy, Vasovagal Syncope, Pure Autonomic Failure, and Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (commonly known as POTS), just to list a few; and

WHEREAS, people who have been diagnosed with some form of Dysautonomia often have secondary conditions such as: Lupus, Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, Sjogren's syndrome or Diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia is an extremely disabling and life changing disease, and this chronic illness can result in the inability to work or attend school and may cause social isolation, depression and /or anxiety; and

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia not only has physical effects on its victims, but the malady also introduces emotional and financial issues, and as such, it results in extremely stress on the families of those impacted; and

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia Louisiana is a local organization that advocates on behalf of patients living with Dysautonomia and those individuals suffering from its symptoms and still struggling for a diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Dysautonomia Louisiana is to bring much needed awareness to the community and information to the medical professionals across Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 6th day of October, 2020, does hereby officially declare the month of October 2020 as:

DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS MONTH

in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana. All citizens of this parish are encouraged to adopt any and all steps to insure that the general public and medical profession remain attentive and responsive to this disease.

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 and Dean LeBlanc.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-077-RS

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby retroactively reappoint Mr. Wilray Cormier to serve on the St. Martin Parish Planning Commission for a five (5) year term expiring on June 14, 2025.

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-078-RS

A Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a contract with Sellers & Associates to provide engineering services for the Bayou Estates Flood Wall Project and approving the budget therefor.

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; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of Resolution Number 20-045-RS, the St. Martin Parish Council authorized the rejection of all bids and further authorized the Parish President to terminate all prior contracts related to the said project; and

WHEREAS, the Parish President on July 28, 2020, terminated the services of Mo Saleh of Professional Engineering and Environmental Consultants, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the Parish President, the firm of Sellers & Associates has reviewed all plans and specifications related to the Bayou Estates Flood Wall Project and has opined that the project can be contemplated, with modifications, for a total costs construction cost of \$6,193,897.30 which includes constructions costs, engineering fees, and administration expenses, a total amount which is less than that previously budgeted and reflected by the bids:

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President be and is hereby authorized to retain the services of Sellers & Associates for engineering services related to revisions to the previous plans and specifications for the subject project and for the bidding and construction thereof, all subject to such terms, conditions deemed proper by the Parish President.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total budget for the project is hereby fixed at \$6,193,897.30, inclusive of engineering costs, constructions costs, and administrative expenses. with the said sum being financed via CDBG-DRU, HMGP funds, and such other awards/sources including any which may be available from the Louisiana Watershed Initiative. Under no circumstances shall the contribution of the St. Martin Parish Government exceed \$1,364,950.00.

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-079-RS

WHEREAS, a contract for the Four Mile Bayou Bridge Replacements Project, was awarded to low bidder, M. Matt Durand, L.L.C., with a Base Bid in the amount of \$679,946.00; and

WHEREAS, Huval and Associates has recommended Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$35,000.00 (increase); and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 also includes a Ten (10) day Contract Time extension.

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 \$35,000.00 (increase) and a Ten (10) day Contract Time extension for the Four Mile Bayou Bridge Replacements Project, by M. Matt Durand, L.L.C.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

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

SUMMARY NO. 1304-OR (Introduced by Brook Champagne, District 6)

An Ordinance reducing the speed limit to 15 mph on Rookery Road, located in Districts 4 and 6.

SUMMARY NO. 1305-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance to adopt the Sinking Fund and Operating and Maintenance Budgets for the Year 2021.

SUMMARY NO. 1306-OR (Introduced by Dean LeBlanc, District 8)

An Ordinance to adopt the Parish Capital Outlay Budget for the Year 2021.

Prior to adjournment Parish President Chester Cedars updated the Council Members on several items not requiring Council action as follows: Election Day protocols due to COVID-19, Home Elevation Program, Halloween schedule, the re-opening of lounges/bars and Hurricane Delta. Also mentioned was the recent passing of Mr. Eddie Dumatrait. Mr. Dumatrait served on the St. Martin Parish Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by David Poirier 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