

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING - MAY 1, 2018

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:05 p.m., Tuesday, May 1, 2018, 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 Jason Willis.

Prior to the invocation, Parish President Chester Cedars requested a moment of silence for the recent passing of J. Curley Scrantz. Mr. Scrantz was the former Ward 5 Constable of St. Martin Parish. The Invocation was read by Laci Laperouse, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Neil Thibodeaux.

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

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Chris Tauzin to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of April 3, 2018.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux,
Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Albert Menard (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 1st day of May, 2018.

Glenn Angelle, Angelle Architects, L.L.C. gave a PowerPoint presentation (*on-file*) on the Paul Angelle Park Improvements. Mr. Angelle explained upgrades, the projected timeline and budget for this project.

Laura Huval and Paula Ohlmeyer, representatives of the Cecilia Cultural District Advisory Committee gave a PowerPoint presentation (*on-file*) providing information on the many wonderful benefits of having a cultural district within the community of Cecilia. Laura Huval and Paula Ohlmeyer requested support from the Council Members by way of resolution. Parish President

Chester Cedars recommended to the Council approving an extension to the agenda to add a Resolution supporting the application of the Cecilia Cultural District.

A motion was made by Daniel Richard, Jr. and seconded by Dean LeBlanc that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby extend the agenda for Resolution Summary No. 051-RS.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux,
Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Albert Menard (excused).

And the motion to extend the agenda was declared carried by unanimous vote this 1st day of May, 2018.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc, seconded by the entire Parish Council, and, therefore, unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-051-RS

A Resolution acknowledging and approving the application for a Cultural District known as "Cecilia et Les Alentours" in the community of Cecilia, Louisiana, and to provide for such other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, Act Number 298 of the 2007 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorizes local governing authorities, such as the St. Martin Parish Government, to create Cultural Districts as a mechanism for community revitalization through the creation of centers for cultural activities; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism, Office of Cultural Development, is authorized to develop standard criteria for Cultural Districts and to determine whether a proposed Cultural District satisfies those criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism, Office of Cultural Development, has promulgated administrative rules which set forth the procedure for local governing authorities to submit applications to designate and certify a specific geographical area as a Cultural District; and

WHEREAS, the following geographical area situated wholly within St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, may meet the criteria for the creation of a Cultural District, the area being comprised, generally, as follows: the most northern portion of the boundary at Huron Road East, crossing Bayou Portage, up to and including the Levee Road and Bayou Amy; on the eastern boundary going south on Levee Road along Bayou Amy to the area known as Grand Anse; the southern boundary includes the southern part of Louisiana Highway 678, continuing westward towards Cecilia, and includes a portion of Louisiana Highway 328; and the western boundary being slightly west of Teche Elementary School on Louisiana Highway 31, and also includes Harold Stoutes Road and a portion of Declouet Road, up to Louisiana Highway 31, including historic First Bethlehem Church and a popular live oak tree; and

WHEREAS, within the boundaries of a state certified Cultural District, several tax incentives may be available, including, but not limited to, a sales tax exemption on the sale of certain original works of art, individual income tax credits for eligible expenses incurred during the rehabilitation of certain owner/occupied residential or owner/occupied mixed use structures, and income and corporate franchise tax credits for eligible expenses incurred during the rehabilitation of certain historic structures; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural District boundaries referenced herein embrace an area in which the St. Martin Parish Government has expended and/or has committed to expend funds in excess of One Million and No/100 (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars for improvements to parks and recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid boundaries of the subject Cultural District also include a multi-use facility which the St. Martin Parish Government intends to acquire, said structure containing in excess of six thousand (6,000) square feet; and

WHEREAS, only a local governing authority is authorized to submit an application for the designation and certification of a Cultural District; and

WHEREAS, a “local governing authority” is defined by LAC 25:I Section 1101 as “the governing authority of the parish in which the Cultural District is located”; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government is the “local governing authority” of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Cultural District, “Cecilia et Les Alentours”, is situated entirely within the Parish of St. Martin:

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Government does hereby support and endorse the submission of an application to the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism, Office of Cultural Development, to designate “Cecilia et Les Alentours” as a state certified Cultural District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Laura Berard Huval and Paula Calais Ohlmeyer are hereby authorized to submit, on behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government, all supporting documents, reports, and other forms mandated for the creation, administration, and reporting deemed necessary and proper to effect the creation of a Cultural District within the geographical boundaries specified herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all administrative employees of the St. Martin Parish Government shall, as directed by the Parish President, cooperate with efforts to compile the necessary information and data required for the said application, as well as all subsequent reporting necessary for the administration of the said Cultural District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all citizens and businesses within St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, including, but not limited to, the community known as Cecilia, Louisiana, are encouraged to support and promote the activities consistent with the purposes of the Cultural District to be known as “Cecilia et Les Alentours”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President be authorized, directed, and empowered to execute any and all documents necessary for the creation and administration of the proposed Cultural District, “Cecilia et Les Alentours”, and to adopt any and all other additional steps deemed proper and feasible in his uncontrolled discretion to effectuate the above and foregoing resolution.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 1st day of May, 2018.

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A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Neil Thibodeaux to open the Public Hearing to obtain public comments regarding ordinances being considered for final adoption.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux,
Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Albert Menard (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 1st day of May, 2018.

Chairman Jason Willis asked for public comments regarding each proposed ordinance being considered for final adoption.

Clerk of the Council Laci Laperouse read each Ordinance Summary.

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

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Chris Tauzin that the Public Hearing be closed.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux,
Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Albert Menard (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 1st day of May, 2018.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 18-05-1217-OR

AN ORDINANCE REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES ON **NORTH OLIVIER ROAD**, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 5, SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 8 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 **NORTH OLIVIER ROAD** in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, at a speed in excess of 5 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, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Albert Menard (excused).

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 1st day of May, 2018.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 18-05-1218-OR

AN ORDINANCE REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES ON **HAMMOCK LANE (THE HAMMOCKS)**, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 5, SECTION 66, TOWNSHIP 8 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 **HAMMOCK LANE** 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, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux,
Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Albert Menard (excused).

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 1st day of May, 2018.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 18-05-1219-OR

AN ORDINANCE REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES **SUNSET BAY (THE HAMMOCKS)**, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 5, SECTION 66, TOWNSHIP 8 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 **SUNSET BAY** 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, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Albert Menard (excused).

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 1st day of May, 2018.

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Daniel Richard, Jr. that the following ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 18-05-1220-OR

AN ORDINANCE REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES ON **PALM HARBOR WAY (THE HAMMOCKS)**, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 5, SECTION 66, TOWNSHIP 8 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 **PALM HARBOR WAY** 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, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux,
Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Albert Menard (excused).

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 1st day of May, 2018.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 18-05-1221-OR

AN ORDINANCE REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES ON **BREEZE DRIVE (THE HAMMOCKS)**, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 5, SECTION 66, TOWNSHIP 8 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 BREEZE DRIVE 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, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux,
Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Albert Menard (excused).

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 1st day of May, 2018.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 18-05-1222-OR

AN ORDINANCE REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES ON **BAMBOO DRIVE (THE HAMMOCKS)**, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 5, SECTION 66, TOWNSHIP 8 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 **BAMBOO DRIVE** 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, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux,
Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Albert Menard (excused).

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 1st day of May, 2018.

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Daniel Richard, Jr. that the following ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 18-05-1223-OR

AN ORDINANCE REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES ON **HERMAN DUPUIS ROAD**, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 1, SECTIONS 7, 11, 12, 13 AND 31, TOWNSHIPS 8 SOUTH AND 9 SOUTH, RANGES 7 EAST AND 8 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 **HERMAN DUPUIS ROAD** in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, at a speed in excess of 35 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, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux,
Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Albert Menard (excused).

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 1st day of May, 2018.

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A motion was made by Daniel Richard, Jr. and seconded by Dean LeBlanc that the following ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 18-05-1224-OR

An Ordinance to provide for the abandonment of a portion of Cecilia Loop previously dedicated to the St. Martin Parish Government by virtue of an act recorded in Book 622, Page 486, under Entry Number 147741 of the Conveyance Records of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council that by virtue of this ordinance, and in accordance with Section 2-11 of the Home Rule Charter for St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, and the provisions of La. R.S. 48:701, that the western portion of Cecilia Loop which is outlined in red on the attached plat of survey, prepared by Robert L. Wolfe, Jr., dated September 14, 2017, and which was dedicated to the **ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT** (formerly the St. Martin Parish Police Jury) by virtue of an act recorded in Book 622, Page 486, under Entry Number 147741 of the Conveyance Records of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, be and is hereby formally abandoned.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the **ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT** has determined that the owner of the property which fronts on that portion of Cecilia Loop has requested its abandonment.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the **ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT** declares and reserves the right to revoke the abandonment, *ab initio*, in the event any sort of proceedings are instituted against it or any of its agents, employees, Parish Council members, Parish President, or any insurer of any of the foregoing, wherein such proceedings seek compensation and/or damages in accordance with Article I, §4 of the Louisiana Constitution and/or La. R.S. 13:5111. This right of revocation shall be applicable for a period of three (3) years from the effective date of this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Parish President be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effect the terms and provisions of this decree.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED 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.

THIS ORDINANCE shall become effective as provided by Section 2-12 of the Home Rule Charter of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

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

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

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 1st day of May, 2018.

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(Insert Plat)

TERRY THIBODEAUX
OR ASSIGNS

TRACT 3
0.422 AC²³

BOYD LOUIS
OR ASSIGNS

20' SLEMO SERVITUDE
LOT NO. 105000

TBM #2
60d NAIL IN POWER POLE
ELEV=24.47

30' SLEMCO SERVITUDE
ACT NO. 284178

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18-043-RS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council that Parish President Chester Cedars be and he is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement in behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government with the City of Breaux Bridge for the reconstruction of Bear Creek Circle located within Sales Tax District No. 1, with the Parish and City absorbing one-half of the costs (construction and engineering) for the said project.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 1st day of May, 2018.

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Council Member Jill Hebert requested the remainder of Bear Creek Circle to be improved. Council Member Chris Tauzin also agreed this would be a great idea. Parish President Chester Cedars stated he would contact the City of Breaux Bridge to inform them of the recommendation and make sure they have funding to split the cost with the parish.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18-044-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 1st day of May, 2018, does hereby proclaim the month of May 2018, 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, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux,
Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Albert Menard (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 1st day of May, 2018.

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A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Daniel Richard, Jr. that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-045-RS

WHEREAS, during the 2016 Regular Session of the legislature, House Bill No. 689 was passed by both the Louisiana Senate and House of Representatives and became Act 638; and

WHEREAS, Act No. 638 creates Indigent Defender Fund Boards in the city courts of New Iberia, Franklin, Breaux Bridge, Jeanerette, and Morgan City; and

WHEREAS, the city judge, or any other officer of the city court designated by the city judge, shall collect all fines, forfeitures, penalties, and costs, and all funds so collected, excluding costs, shall be paid to the town treasury of the town of Breaux Bridge when the prosecution is on behalf of the town, and into the parish treasury of the St. Martin Parish Government general fund when the prosecution is on behalf of the state or the parish; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding any other provision of this Section to the contrary, thirty percent of the funds collected by the city court of Breaux Bridge pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 15:168(B) shall be deposited into a special fund created for this purpose. The fund shall be referred to as the Breaux Bridge Indigent Defender Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Breaux Bridge Indigent Defender Fund Board shall manage and oversee funds remitted to the Breaux Bridge Indigent Defender Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Breaux Bridge Indigent Defender Fund Board shall consist of three members residing in the Breaux Bridge City Court district, one member appointed by the city council of Breaux Bridge, one member appointed by the St. Martin Parish Council, and one member appointed by the legislative delegation from nominees from the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby appoint Mr. Justin R. Cantu to serve as a member on the Breaux Bridge Indigent Defender Fund Board, representing St. Martin Parish.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 1st day of May, 2018.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18-046-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 appoint Ms. Pamela Lemoins for a two (2) year term expiring on May 1, 2020, 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, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux,
Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Albert Menard (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 1st day of May, 2018.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18-047-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council has a written report on a nuisance property in our parish, which the St. Martin Parish Planning and Zoning Coordinator has declared to be a public nuisance; and

WHEREAS, being declared a “nuisance” entails any condition of or the use of any premises, buildings, or structures which:

1. Unreasonably causes or tends to cause substantial diminution in the value of the property of others in the neighborhood or vicinity in which, such premises, buildings or structure is located; or
2. Is unreasonably offensive to the senses or persons or ordinary sensibility; or
3. Is in any way dangerous to the health and safety of others.

WHEREAS, Vincent Lormand is identified in the St. Martin Parish Assessor's Office Tax Rolls as the owner of the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby find the property at 1136 Grand Anse Highway, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana (Parcel ID 04202C4322), to be a nuisance in violation of Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinances for St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby give the property owner thirty (30) days to remediate the offending conditions of said property.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 1st day of May, 2018.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18-048-RS

RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT, ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA, A CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION, PERTAINING TO THE CLAYTON BOUDREAUX MEMORIAL PARK MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING PROJECT, ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, Bienvenu Construction Company, Inc., 908 Ridge Road, Suite 3, Duson, Louisiana 70529, has substantially completed the work on the Clayton Boudreaux Memorial Park Multipurpose Building Project, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, that Parish President Chester Cedars be and is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to execute a Certificate of Substantial Completion for and on behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government accepting the work on the Clayton Boudreaux Memorial Park Multipurpose Building Project, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, as being complete.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that he be authorized and directed to have a copy of said Certificate recorded in the mortgage records of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 1st day of May, 2018.

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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE

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

Public Notice is given, according to law, that the undersigned Owner has accepted the work done by Bienvenu Construction Company, Inc., 908 Ridge Road, Suite 3, Duson, Louisiana 70529, under its contract with said Firm pertaining to the Clayton Boudreaux Memorial Park Multipurpose Building Project, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

All subcontractors, architects, engineers, master-mechanics, workmen, laborers, and furnishers of materials, machinery, fixtures, and supplies must assert whatever claims they have against the said Contractor, growing out of the execution of the Contract.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at St. Martin Parish, Louisiana on this 2nd day of May, 2018.

OWNER: ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT

BY:/c/ Chester Cedars
Parish President Chester Cedars

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18-049-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government is well aware that substantial delays have occurred in repairing that portion of Louisiana Highway 352 along the Atchafalaya Basin levee which are necessary beginning less than a mile south of the Henderson bridge on said highway; and

WHEREAS, the road has been reduced to a one lane road, resulting in significant delays and inconvenience to the users of the road; and

WHEREAS, the road is a significant commercial avenue for crawfishermen and commercial fishermen, as well as, the only access from the north side of Henderson to several commercial and recreational boat landings located along the levee in the Henderson area; and

WHEREAS, the national organization of the Boy Scouts of America has acquired a site in this area for a large national Boy Scout wilderness area, and the road is absolutely indispensable for significant construction at that site which is expected in the very near future; and

WHEREAS, the summer recreational boating and fishing season is starting now, and this has and will result in a significant amount of traffic on the road to the point that traffic will back up well into the Town of Henderson if the road repairs are not promptly completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby request that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development employ all available emergency measures to cause the Highway 352 road repairs to be completed as fast as is possible, including round the clock operations by the contractor if necessary.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 1st day of May, 2018.

A motion was made by Jill Hebert and seconded by Lisa Nelson to table Resolution Summary No. 050-RS.

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

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

And the motion failed this 1st day of May, 2018.

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A motion was made by Daniel Richard, Jr. and seconded by Dean LeBlanc that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-050-RS

A Resolution acknowledging the contractual engagement of Dean Doré by the Parish President for consulting services in connection with the Public Works Department of St. Martin Parish Government, and to provide for such other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Home Rule Charter of **ST. MARTIN PARISH** provides for the appointment of a Director of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the position of Director of Public Works has been vacant since October, 2014; and

WHEREAS, since the vacancy of the aforesaid position, the Parish President has performed the duties of Public Works Director; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2018, the Parish President resigned from his office, effective March 2, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Chester R. Cedars was appointed to serve as Parish President until a special election was held for the remainder of the current term of the Parish Presidency; and

WHEREAS, the special election is not scheduled until November 6, 2018, with the general election, if necessary, being scheduled for December 8, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the current Parish President has determined that the Public Works Department is in dire need of a Director; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Home Rule Charter of St. Martin Parish, a director serves at the pleasure of the Parish President; and

WHEREAS, the ability of the Parish President to recruit and appoint a Director is severely diminished and impaired by the uncertainty of the Parish Presidency; and

WHEREAS, the qualifying criteria for the Director of Public Works dictated by the Home Rule Charter limit the census of potential candidates; and

WHEREAS, no satisfactory candidate for the Director of Public Works has emerged; and

WHEREAS, the absence of a Public Works Director has resulted in undue hardships for the current Public Works Supervisors and the personnel under their supervision; and

WHEREAS, the Parish President has concluded that it would be beneficial to retain the services of an individual to assist the Parish President and the supervisors in the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, the Parish President and Dean Doré are amenable to an association which, in their collective judgment, will advance the objectives herein expressed; and

WHEREAS, the Parish President, Chester R. Cedars, and **DEAN DORÉ** find and conclude that such an agreement will serve a public function and purpose, and thus will inure to the benefit of the citizens of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Parish President seeks the acknowledgment and endorsement of the St. Martin Parish Council in his decision:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that decision of the St. Martin Parish President to retain the services of Dean Doré is hereby acknowledged, endorsed, and affirmed, noting that the retention is the product of the administrative decision, solely and exclusively, of the Parish President acting pursuant to Section 3-09 of the Home Rule Charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does not object to the confection of a written agreement with **DEAN DORÉ** for public works services to be rendered on an independent, consulting basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any accord confected by and between the Parish President on behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government and **DEAN DORÉ** for shall contain such terms, conditions, and provisions as the Parish President, acting in accordance with Section 3-09 of the Home Rule Charter of St. Martin Parish, and acting in his uncontrolled discretion, may deem

appropriate except that the St. Martin Parish Council does not agree to the payment of any sum for such services in excess of Three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars and No/100 (\$3,300.00) monthly.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 1st day of May, 2018.

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(Lisa Nelson stepped out at 6:07 p.m.)

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

SUMMARY NO. 1225-OR (Introduced by Byron Fuselier, District 1)

An Ordinance providing for the abolishment of Waterworks District No. 5 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana; authorizing the St. Martin Parish President to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with Henderson-Nina Water System, Inc. with respect to the transfer of the assets of the said District on the condition that potable, quality water services will be provided by it within the jurisdictional/geographical boundaries thereof; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing.

SUMMARY NO. 1226-OR (Introduced by Dean LeBlanc, District 8)

An Ordinance to amend Article I of Chapter 26 of the St. Martin Parish Code of Ordinances by the repeal of Section 26-3 and the enactment and/or re-enactment of Section 26-3 through Section 26-3.4 of the said Chapter 26, all relative to the offenses of littering and granting certain jurisdictional rights to justices of the peace.

(Jason Willis stepped out at 6:07 p.m.)

SUMMARY NO. 1227-OR (Introduced by Dean LeBlanc, District 8)

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinances for St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, by the enactment of Article VII thereof consisting of Sections 24-170 through 24-178, all relative to establishing an administrative procedure for nuisance properties.

SUMMARY NO. 1228-OR (Introduced by Dean LeBlanc, District 8)

An Ordinance to amend and/or revise Article V of Chapter 24 of the St. Martin Parish Code of Ordinances by the repeal, revision, enactment, and/or re-enactment of Section 24-105 and Section 24-129(a) of the said Chapter 24, all relative to the regulation of nuisances.

SUMMARY NO. 1229-OR (Introduced by Dean LeBlanc, District 8)

An Ordinance setting the speed limit to 25 mph on Lucette Guidry Road, located in District 8.

SUMMARY NO. 1230-OR (Introduced by Jason Willis, District 3)

An Ordinance providing for the adoption of Millage Rate(s) for the Tax Year 2018.

(Jason Willis returned at 6:10 p.m.)

SUMMARY NO. 1231-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance to rezone and assign the appropriate zoning classification, with specific conditions, as regards to that certain tract of land containing 0.76 acre, situated at 1007 Babineaux Road, and located in Section 43, Township 8 South, Range 6 East, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Chris Tauzin that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby extend the agenda for Ordinance Summary Nos. 1232-OR and 1233-OR.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin,
Jill Hebert, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT AT VOTING: Lisa Nelson.

ABSENT: Albert Menard (excused).

And the motion to extend the agenda was declared adopted this 1st day of May, 2018.

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

SUMMARY NO. 1232-OR (Introduced by Dean LeBlanc, District 8)

An Ordinance to authorize the St. Martin Parish Government to purchase from First Baptist Church of Cecilia all of its interests in that certain parcel of land, with all improvements, located in Section 60, Township 8 South, Range 6 East, in the community of Cecilia, Louisiana.

SUMMARY NO. 1233-OR (Introduced by Byron Fuselier, District 1)

An Ordinance to authorize the St. Martin Parish Government to purchase from West Vermilion Properties, L.L.C. all of its interests in that certain parcel of land, with all improvements, located in Section 1, Township 11 South, Range 6 East of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

Prior to adjournment, Parish President Chester Cedars briefed the Council Members on the following on-going projects and other pertinent happenings in the Parish:

FOUR-MILE BAYOU ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - Parish President Chester Cedars mentioned the issue with this project is the bridge on this road cannot handle the load of the equipment that is needed for the improvements. Parish President Chester Cedars is working with property owners to find other means of getting this project completed.

WATER WORKS DISTRICT #5 - Parish President Chester Cedars stated Ordinance Summary Number 1225-OR has been introduced and will be voted on at the June 5th meeting. Parish President Chester Cedars stated this is an extremely important matter, and believes will set the stage for other decisions vetting in the near future.

NUISANCE ORDINANCES - Parish President Chester Cedars stated three ordinances (Summary Numbers 1226-OR, 1227-OR, and 1228-OR) were introduced at tonight's meeting, and will be voted on at the June 5th meeting. The third ordinance, 1228-OR, re-defines the meaning of "nuisance" to make it more specific. Numbers 1226-OR and 1227-OR have been discussed and, respectively, expand the definition of littering, grant jurisdiction to the Justice of the Peace system for enforcement of littering violations, and establish an administrative process for handling blighted and condemned properties. Parish President Chester Cedars added he is excited about these steps to address valid concerns.

MILLAGE RATES - Parish President Chester Cedars mentioned Ordinance Summary Number 1230-OR is for the adoption of millage rates for the year 2018. The rates are the same as we set last year. Parish President Chester Cedars stated he gave this matter much thought and considered the prospect of rolling some of the millages forward. However, after conferring with Sean Hundley, Director of Finance, and the St. Martin Parish Assessor, Parish President Chester Cedars could not justify in good conscience disturbing the rates by either a roll forward or a roll backward. The assessor anticipates a reduction in property valuation of only 3% maximum. This will have an insignificant impact on our collections and rendered either a roll forward or roll backward improvident.

ANNUAL REPORT - Parish President Chester Cedars stated last year, the Parish published and mailed an "annual report" at a cost of over \$13,000.00. The amount budgeted this year for a similar report is \$15,000.00. Parish President Chester Cedars reviewed the report and concluded that it adds nothing beyond the information St. Martin Parish Government shares with the public daily on our website and which we disseminate regularly through our social media outlets. Parish President Chester Cedars found that such an expenditure would be imprudent.

GOMESA FUNDS - Parish President Chester Cedars stated he learned Friday afternoon that the Parish has received \$616,852.85 from the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act. Last year this time, the Trump Administration released a draft FY 2018 budget which called for a repeal of GOMESA funds. Pressure from several fronts convinced the President to change his position. Currently, Parish President Chester Cedars is researching what restrictions, if any, we have on the use of this money. Previously, working with Duplantis Engineering, former Parish President Guy Cormier drafted a preliminary plan for the use of GOMESA funds which are designed to be spent on coastal restoration, a term which is somewhat amorphous under the Act.

PERMIT OFFICE UPGRADES - Parish President Chester Cedars mentioned he has negotiated the purchase of property at 420 East Bridge Street in St. Martinville. It is a two-story structure. Mr. Rodney Richard and members of St. Martin Parish Government have examined the structure and postulate that it is indeed a great purchase. Parish President Chester Cedars mentioned at least two departments will be relocated at this location along with providing additional storage space.

CECILIA CULTURAL DISTRICT - Parish President Chester explained the formation of such a district could yield many dividends for our ENTIRE parish. Parish President Chester Cedars stated he has been assured that the creation of the district will not impose any restrictions on property use (except when an owner wishes grants, etc). Parish President Chester Cedars exclaimed he personally endorses the creation of the district.

MAY COMMITTEE MEETING - Parish President Chester Cedars mentioned he has requested that Michelle Brignac appear at the May committee meeting to give an update of what is happening at the Animal Shelter. Parish President Chester Cedars has also requested Ms. Brignac to present an overview of the entire Animal Protection and Welfare program which we sponsor.

PUBLIC WORKS - Parish President Chester Cedars stated personnel in public works do an admirable job considering the number of work orders which St. Martin Parish Government receives, and the number of miles of roads and drainage laterals St. Martin Parish Government are called upon to maintain. Parish President Chester Cedars added that since October 2014, St. Martin Parish Government has been without a Public Works Director. Parish President Chester Cedars stated he has made the decision to retain Dean Dore' to offer assistance in the public works arena. This position will be a part-time engagement and terminable at will.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Chris Tauzin 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