

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

### **REGULAR MEETING - NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:01 P.M., Tuesday, November 3, 2020, Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room, St. Martin Parish Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dean LeBlanc.

The Invocation was read by Deputy Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tangie Narcisse.

The following members were present: Byron Fuselier, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr. Members absent: Vincent Alexander (excused). Also present: Parish President Chester Cedars, Director of Administration Calder Hebert, Director of Public Works Kasey Courville, Director of Finance Sean Hundley, 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 October 6, 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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vincent Alexander (excused).

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

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by David Poirier to open the Public Hearing to obtain public comments regarding an Ordinance being considered for final adoption.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vincent Alexander (excused).

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

Chairman Dean LeBlanc asked for public comments regarding the Ordinance being considered for final adoption.

Deputy Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read the ordinance summary.

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

A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Brook Champagne 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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vincent Alexander (excused).

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

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

### **ORDINANCE NO. 20-11-1304-OR**

**AN ORDINANCE REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES ON ROOKERY ROAD, LOCATED IN DISTRICTS 4 AND 6, SECTIONS 83, 84, 91, 92, 126 AND 127, 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 ROOKERY 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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Vincent Alexander (excused).

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 3rd day of November, 2020.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-080-RS**

WHEREAS, according to the St. Martin Parish Home Rule Charter, Section 2.09. Independent Audit, “The Council shall provide for an annual independent post fiscal year audit, and such additional audits as it deems necessary, of the accounts and other evidence of financial transactions of the Parish government, including those of all parish government departments, offices or agencies”; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of St. Martin has engaged the services of Maraist & Maraist Certified Public Accountants for the past several years to conduct their annual audit; and

WHEREAS, the Parish is satisfied with the quality of services rendered and the reasonableness of the fees charged for said audit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 3rd day of November, 2020, does hereby approve engaging the services of Maraist & Maraist Certified Public Accountants to conduct the annual audit for the year 2020 for St. Martin Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, that the Parish President be and he is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to execute an “Engagement Agreement” with Maraist & Maraist CPAs for the year 2020 audit.

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

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-081-RS**

WHEREAS, Louisiana has approximately 326,000 veterans who have worn its nation's uniform in defense of freedom; and

WHEREAS, we can never repay our debt to our veterans for the privilege of liberty, for it is beyond any tangible price, but we can show our gratitude and appreciation for their exemplary deeds; and

WHEREAS, our Armed Forces have earned a special day, in which Louisiana's citizens – and more particularly the citizens of St. Martin Parish – may focus on their heroic accomplishments, and pay tribute with our hearts and minds to our living veterans and their deceased comrades, remembering to visit them in their places of rest, our hospitals and their homes; and

WHEREAS, in order that we pay meaningful tribute to those men and women who proudly served in our Armed Forces, Congress has provided that November 11th shall be set aside each year as a legal public holiday to honor America's veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 3rd day of November, 2020, that the Council does hereby proclaim Wednesday, November 11, 2020, as

**VETERANS DAY**

in St. Martin Parish and in recognition of their valor, the Council urges all citizens of St. Martin Parish to join in a fitting salute to our veterans by commemorating the day with proper observances, public tribute, ceremonial and private prayers for those who so served.

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-082-RS**

WHEREAS, a contract for the Cade Cabana and Beach Volleyball Project, was awarded to low bidder, JC Construction, L.L.C., with a Base Bid in the amount of \$1,190,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Vermilion Architects, L.L.C. has recommended Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$3,425.02 (increase); and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 2 also includes an Eighty-Six (86) 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. 2 in the amount of \$3,425.02 (increase) and an Eighty-Six (86) day Contract Time extension for the Cade Cabana and Beach Volleyball Project, by JC Construction, 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 Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Vincent Alexander (excused).

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-083-RS**

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

WHEREAS, Vermilion Architects, L.L.C. has recommended Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$5,003.29 (increase); and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 4 also includes an Eighty-Three (83) 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. 4 in the amount of \$5,003.29 (increase) and an Eighty-Three (83) day Contract Time extension for the Cade Park Pavilion, Basketball Court, and Paving Project, by JC Construction, 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 Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Vincent Alexander (excused).

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

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Deputy Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read the ordinances introduced for publication, as follows:

SUMMARY NO. 1305-OR (Introduced by Dean LeBlanc, District 8)

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

SUMMARY NO. 1306-OR (Introduced by Daniel Richard, Jr., District 9)

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

SUMMARY NO. 1307-OR (Introduced by Byron Fuselier, District 1)

An Ordinance reducing the speed limit to 15 mph on Landry Lane, located in District 1.

SUMMARY NO. 1308-OR (Introduced by Brook Champagne, District 6)

An Ordinance to amend and/or revise Article IX of Chapter 20 of the St. Martin Parish Code of Ordinances by the repeal, revision, enactment, and/or re-enactment of Sections 20-275, 20-275.1, 20-275.2, 20-275.3, 20-275.4, 20-275.5, and 20-276, all relative to the establishment of a Tourism Commission for St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, the imposition of a hotel and/or motel tax, and to provide for all other matters related thereto.

SUMMARY NO. 1309-OR (Introduced by Dean LeBlanc, District 8)

An Ordinance to accept the dedication of a road designated as "Peb Lane", the said road being identified on a plat of survey dated August 5, 2019, prepared by Huval & Associates, Inc., and being a part of Phase I of Sun Oaks Estates situated in Section 60, Township 8 South, Range 6 East of St. Martin Parish.

Parish President Chester Cedars informed the Council Members that St. Martin Parish Government will be offering training to its employees on Sexual Harassment and Ethics on Tuesday, December 8 at the St. Martin Parish Government Annex Building and the Fire District Training Facility. President Cedars mentioned that the Pontoon Bridge in Butte La Rose was ordered to be closed after being inspected by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. Parish President Chester Cedars noted that he anticipated this would happen back in February 2020. St. Martin Parish Government plans to undergo temporary repairs to the bridge, which will allow the bridge to be open to traffic for about six to seven more months before the replacement of the bridge commences. Parish President Chester Cedars reminded the Council Members that there is a FEMA Home Elevation Meeting on Thursday, November 5 at 6:00 P.M. President Cedars stated that LGAP and CWEF funding is substantially reduced from previous years. Parish President Chester Cedars also mentioned storm debris collection from Hurricane Delta is ongoing and nearly 50% complete. President Cedars referenced October Sales Tax collection for St. Martin Parish, noting that tax



revenue is higher in Sales Tax District Number 1, lower in Sales Tax District Number 2 and higher for the Hotel/Motel Tax than October 2019. Finally, Parish President Chester Cedars stated that he has received data on the mosquito counts post Hurricane Delta. While he has not had time to fully analyze the data, President Cedars has concluded that aerial spraying is more effective than ground spraying, and he is in the process of evaluating the best course of action for mosquito control for next year. In closing, Chairman Dean LeBlanc wished all candidates luck in tonight's election.

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

THEY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:



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LACI LAPEROUSE  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL