

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING - JULY 20, 2021

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Special Session pursuant to the following Notice of Special Meeting:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Chairman Chris Tauzin has called a **Special Meeting** of the St. Martin Parish Council for 4:30 P.M., Tuesday, July 20, 2021, Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana, in accordance with the Provisions of the St. Martin Parish Home Rule Charter, Section 2.07, Council Meetings and Rules, Paragraph C, to consider the following items:

1) CALL TO ORDER

2) INVOCATION

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4) ROLL CALL

5) SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Executive Session to discuss negotiations with Pelican Waste & Debris, LLC for exit plan/amendment of current contract for waste disposal services, all as a consequence of written demand from Pelican's counsel which implicates potential litigation. See La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2).

6) ORDINANCES INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

7) RESOLUTIONS:

SUMMARY NO. 059-RS (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

A Resolution amending and/or revising the Parish's current contract with Pelican Waste & Debris, LLC to provide for a termination date, and the said amended contract to provide for such other related matters as may be negotiated and set forth in accordance with the Parish President's discretion.

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RESOLUTIONS: (Continued . . .)

SUMMARY NO. 060-RS (Introduced by Dean LeBlanc, District 8)

A Resolution awarding the contract for the collection, transportation, and customer billing of residential and commercial solid waste and the disposal of recyclable materials pursuant to formal Request for Proposals issued on June 4, 2021.

8) ORDINANCE INTRODUCED FOR PUBLICATION:

SUMMARY NO. 1331-OR (Introduced by Daniel Richard, Jr., District 9)

An Ordinance awarding a franchise to the successful respondent to formal Request for Proposals for St. Martin Parish's mandated waste disposal program in accordance with the terms of the said Request for Proposals.

9) ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: According to the Home Rule Charter, Section 2.07, Paragraph C, "the power of the Council to act at a special or emergency meeting shall be limited, under penalty of nullity, to the objects specifically enumerated in the call."

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Tauzin.

The Invocation was read by Brooke Gillespie, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vincent Alexander.

The following members were present: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr. Members absent: Byron Fuselier (excused). Also present: Parish President Chester Cedars, Director of Administration Calder Hebert, Director of Public Works Kasey Courville, Parish Attorney Allan Durand and Deputy Clerk of the Council Chantelle Dever.

Under Item 5 of the agenda, a motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations with Pelican Waste & Debris, LLC for exit plan/amendment of current contract for

waste disposal services, all as a consequence of written demand from Pelican's counsel which implicates potential litigation. See La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2).

This motion to enter into Executive Session having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused).

And the motion to enter into Executive Session was declared adopted on this 20th day of July, 2021.

The Council thereupon convened in Executive Session at 4:32 P.M.

The Council terminated the Executive Session at 5:11 P.M.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Tangie Narcisse that the Council terminated the Executive Session.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted on this 20th day of July, 2021.

Parish President Chester Cedars declared that during Executive Session, the Council was informed of specific demands set forth in correspondence from Pelican Waste & Debris, LLC's counsel relative to an exit plan/amendment to its current contract for waste disposal services.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-059-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government, pursuant to Ordinance Number 19-05-1259-OR adopted on May 7, 2019, and Resolution Number 19-050-RS adopted on May 7, 2019, awarded a franchise for waste disposal services to Pelican Waste and Debris, LLC and authorized the execution of a contract for such services; and

WHEREAS, acting in accordance with the Resolution and Ordinance, Parish President Chester Cedars signed a contract with Pelican Waste and Debris, LLC for such services; the said contract being dated May 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the said contract provides for a five (5) year term commencing on July 1, 2019, all in accordance with Resolution Number 19-050-RS and Ordinance Number 19-05-1259-OR; and

WHEREAS, Pelican Waste and Debris, LLC, Parish President Chester R. Cedars, and the St. Martin Parish Council concur that the said contract should be revised to provide for a termination date of no later than January 1, 2022:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize and direct Parish President Chester R. Cedars to execute such documents and instruments necessary to confect an amended or revised contract with Pelican Waste and Debris, LLC providing for a termination date no later than January 1, 2022, and providing for a waiver of any and all franchise fees subsequent to July 1, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President be and he is hereby authorized and directed to incorporate in the same amended or revised contract such other terms, conditions, and provisions as he may deem necessary and proper. Therefore, the Parish President is authorized and directed to sign and execute all necessary contract documents to effectuate the foregoing dictates under such terms, conditions, and provisions as he deems proper and fit.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 20th day of July, 2021.

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Parish President Chester Cedars announced the successful respondent is Waste Connections Bayou, Inc. There were four (4) total graders for the proposals, two (2) from St. Martin Parish Government and two (2) from Sellers & Associates, Inc. President Cedars declared he has already contacted several of our neighboring parishes currently using Waste Connections Bayou, Inc. In closing, Parish President Chester Cedars exclaimed he strongly recommends awarding the contract to Waste Connections Bayou, Inc.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-060-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government, acting under the direction of the Parish President, Chester R. Cedars, has prepared, advertised, and disseminated Request for Proposals (RFPs) for a franchise for a Solid Waste Disposal Contract for St. Martin Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Request for Proposals, four (4) sealed responses were received on July 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the proposals were taken under advisement and were evaluated/graded/scored under the direction of Sellers & Associates, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the proposals were scored with respect to the following criteria specified in the formal Request for Proposals: (1) references from past projects of similar size and scope; (2) qualifications and experience of key staff on similar projects; (3) resources and equipment available for performing the work; (4) knowledge of St. Martin Parish Government and technical capability; (5) costs of services offered; (6) conformity to the RFP technical specifications; and (7) amenities offered which are not set forth in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the highest scoring respondent was Waste Connections Bayou, Inc; and

WHEREAS, Sellers & Associates, Inc. has recommended that the franchise agreement be awarded to the said Waste Connections Bayou, Inc., all as mandated by law; and

WHEREAS, Parish President Chester R. Cedars has discussed the RFP process with Sellers & Associates, Inc., and has reviewed and evaluated all of the responses; and

WHEREAS, Parish President concurs that Waste Connections Bayou, Inc. has submitted a response to the RFP which is the most advantageous to the residents of St. Martin Parish; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:4169.1 mandates that an exclusive contract for waste disposal be awarded only via a competitive process and in accordance with the public bid laws of the state:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby award a franchise for the St. Martin Parish Solid Waste Disposal Contract, to the highest scoring respondent, Waste Connections Bayou, Inc.; the said contract to be executed in accordance with dictates of the terms and provisions of the Request for Proposals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize Parish President Chester R. Cedars to sign all necessary contract documents to effect the award of this contract under the terms, conditions, and provisions of the said Request for Proposals, and under such additional terms and conditions as he deems proper and fit.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 20th day of July, 2021.

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

SUMMARY NO. 1331-OR (Introduced by Daniel Richard, Jr., District 9)

An Ordinance awarding a franchise to the successful respondent to formal Request for Proposals for St. Martin Parish’s mandated waste disposal program in accordance with the terms of the said Request for Proposals.

Prior to adjournment, Bruce Emley, Division Vice President of Waste Connections Bayou, Inc. introduced himself. Mr. Emley noted that Waste Connections Bayou, Inc. currently services multiple parishes across Louisiana. Waste Connections Bayou, Inc. Takes pride in their work and their employees. They will be using side-load trucks and will have a mobile application available for St. Martin Parish residents. The application will allow users to track trucks, pay bills, receive alerts, and more. Mr. Emley declared they are excited to work with St. Martin Parish and invited all Council Members to tour their facility in Rayne.

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:



BROOKE GILLESPIE
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL