

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

### **REGULAR MEETING - MAY 4, 2021**

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 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 Chris Tauzin.

The Invocation was read by Brooke Gillespie, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Poirier.

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

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Byron Fuselier to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of April 6, 2021.

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, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Brook Champagne (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 4th day of May, 2021.

Guy Cormier, Executive Director of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, gave a Legislative update. Executive Director Guy Cormier mentioned that we are about halfway through session. Since this year is a fiscal year/session, all bills have to have a "financial impact". Mr. Cormier briefly described several bills being discussed in session. Mr. Cormier thanked the Council Members for being members of the National Association of Counties (NACo) and mentioned that their new administration understands the needs of local governments. Finally, Mr. Cormier reminded the Council Members that the Police Jury Association of Louisiana Annual Convention

is quickly approaching. St. Martin Parish Council Members and Parish President Chester Cedars thanked Executive Director for coming.

Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read Special Business Item A): RULE TO SHOW CAUSE to address nuisance property at 1036 Jean LaFitte Street, Breaux Bridge. Property owned by Keith Thibodeaux.

Property owner, Keith Thibodeaux, was present to discuss the condition of 1036 Jean LaFitte Street, Breaux Bridge. Mr. Thibodeaux stated that he purchased the property in a Sheriff's Sale and just saw the property for the first time on Sunday, April 4, 2021. Mr. Thibodeaux stated he will do his best to clean up the property. Parish President Chester Cedars recommended proceeding with the Rule, but allowing Keith Thibodeaux forty-five (45) days to remediate the condition of the property. After hearing testimony from Parish President Chester Cedars and upon reviewing the photographs taken by Mr. Solarie (*on-file*), the Council found that under Section 24-105 of the St. Martin Parish Code of Ordinances, the condition of the property renders it a "Nuisance" as a result of the overgrown grass and dilapidated structure on the premises.

Therefore, a motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Byron Fuselier authorizing Parish President Chester Cedars to proceed with an Order of Condemnation and Abatement.

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

And the motion was declared adopted this 4th day of May, 2021.

A motion was made by David Poirier and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste to open the Public Hearing on Application for FY 2022/2023 LCDBG funding.

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

And the motion was declared adopted this 4th day of May, 2021.

Parish President Chester Cedars declared that St. Martin Parish Waterworks District No. 5 was abolished, and we entered into an agreement with Henderson/Nina Water to provide water to those residents. There is a grant available in the amount of approximately one million dollars. Parish President Chester Cedars stated a Public Hearing is required by our grantee when applying for LCDBG funding.

Chairman Chris Tauzin asked for public comments Application for FY 2022/2023 LCDBG funding.

Upon requesting and hearing no comments from the audience regarding the Application for FY 2022/2023 LCDBG funding, the Chairman requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Daniel Richard, Jr. and seconded by Byron Fuselier 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, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Brook Champagne (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 4th day of May, 2021.

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

And the motion was declared adopted this 4th day of May, 2021.

Chairman Chris Tauzin asked for public comments regarding the ordinances being considered for final adoption.

Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read each ordinance summary.

Upon requesting and hearing no comments from the audience 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 Byron Fuselier 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, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Brook Champagne (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 4th day of May, 2021.

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

### **ORDINANCE NO. 21-05-1316-OR**

AN ORDINANCE REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES ON **BROOKWOOD DRIVE**, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 1, SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 11 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 **BROOKWOOD DRIVE** in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, at a speed in excess of 20 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, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Brook Champagne (excused).

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 4th day of May, 2021.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-05-1317-OR**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 19, ST. MARTIN PARISH ZONING ORDINANCE, APPENDIX D, PARISH ROAD ZONING DATA SHEETS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT BY: AMENDING ZONING CLASSIFICATION DISTRICT ON A PORTION OF A ROAD ZONED IN THE ORIGINAL ORDINANCE ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 18, 1995. {1111 SECTION 28 ROAD}

The Parish Council of the Parish of St. Martin does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION I: The Parish Road Zoning Data Sheets are hereby amended to change the zoning classification district on a portion of the parish road listed below and to allow the remainder of the road to remain as classified.

<u>Road</u>	<u>Old Zoning Classification</u>	<u>New Zoning Classification</u>
Section 28 Road (1111)	R-2 (Mixed Residential)	C-2 (General Commercial)

This zoning classification change is being made to allow for the operation of a wholesale food distribution business, at 1111 Section 28 Road, St. Martinville, Louisiana, Assessor's Parcel No. 10702A2220. Any building expansion over 432 square feet, which is 50% of the requested

approval for a newly constructed kitchen with freezer, will require approval by the Parish Council in the form of an amended ordinance. If a change in this type of business is desired in the future, the change would have to be approved by the Parish Council in the form of an amended ordinance. This zoning classification shall remain in effect only so long as the subject property remains owned by Leon Theriot and/or Tallie Jo Jackson Theriot, or the survivor in case of the untimely death of one of them. Once the wholesale food distribution business is closed or the property is sold, the zoning classification will automatically revert back to the old zoning classification of R-2 (Mixed Residential).

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

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 4th day of May, 2021.

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

### **ORDINANCE NO. 21-05-1318-OR**

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government encourages the registered voters of this Parish to exercise their constitutional right and privilege to vote at all elections and on all ballot matters; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature has enacted special legislation which permits early voting for the electorate of this state; and

WHEREAS, the Registrar of Voters for St. Martin Parish, Patricia Guidry, has likewise embraced the position that the privilege of voting is sacred and public officials should adopt all steps to accommodate the electorate and to encourage voting; and

WHEREAS, the Registrar of Voters for St. Martin Parish, Patricia Guidry, acting in conjunction with the St. Martin Parish Government, has established a branch office in lower St. Martin Parish for the purpose of early voting, all in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1309(B)(1); and

WHEREAS, the Parish President, the St. Martin Parish Council, and Patricia Guidry, Registrar of Voters for St. Martin Parish, acknowledge that St. Martin Parish extends in one direction more than fifty miles and is interspersed with navigable waters; and

WHEREAS, exercising the authority granted to her as Registrar of Voters for St. Martin Parish by La. R.S. 18:1309(C), Patricia Guidry has established an additional branch office for the sole and exclusive purpose of early voting, the said branch office being the St. Martin Parish Water & Sewerage Board in Stephenville, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Registrar of Voters for St. Martin Parish has determined that it is no longer practical to continue having the aforesaid early voting at its current location and therefore recommends that the early voting location in lower St. Martin Parish be relocated to the New Fire Station-Stephenville at 1227 Stephenville Road, Morgan City, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Parish President, Chester R. Cedars, and the St. Martin Parish Council concur in the recommendation of the said Registrar of Voters:

BE IT, THEREFORE, ORDAINED that the St. Martin Parish Government, acting through the St. Martin Parish Council, does hereby formally declare and proclaim that the early voting site in Stephenville be and is hereby relocated to the New Fire Station-Stephenville located at 1227 Stephenville Road in Morgan City, Louisiana; and the said shall henceforth be available to the Registrar of Voters for St. Martin Parish for the purposes of early voting, all in accordance with the authority set forth in La. R.S. 18:1309(C).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Parish President is hereby authorized to adopt all steps which, in his uncontrolled discretion, he deems necessary to effectuate the foregoing edict, including the execution of any and all agreements among the Louisiana Department of State, Office of Secretary of State, the St. Martin Parish Registrar of Voters, the St. Martin Parish Government, and any other party for the confection of the New Fire Station-Stephenville as the early voting site in lower St. Martin Parish.

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

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 4th day of May, 2021.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-05-1319-OR**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF MILLAGE RATE(S) FOR THE TAX YEAR 2021.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council that the Assessor be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to assess the following millage on the assessment rolls for the year 2021.

	MILLAGE	KEY
GENERAL PARISH ALIMONY	2.220 mills	1067004
CORPORATE CRIMINAL	0.97125 mills	1067005
ROAD MAINTENANCE	3.630 mills	1067014
HEALTH UNIT MAINTENANCE & OPERATION	2.620 mills	1067009
FIRE PROTECTION MAINTENANCE	5.680 mills	1067013
COURTHOUSE & LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER	2.080 mills	1067012
DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE	5.140 mills	1067015
RECREATION MAINTENANCE & OPERATION	1.020 mills	1067011
INDUSTRIAL PARK	1.510 mills	1067018
ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 MAINTENANCE	11.180 mills	1067053
PARISHWIDE BOND SINKING FUND	4.410 mills	1067067
SUB-ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 OF ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1	6.460 mills	1067058
LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE	3.830 mills	1067052
LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE	3.900 mills	1067010

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

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 4th day of May, 2021.

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

### **ORDINANCE NO. 21-05-1320-OR**

An Ordinance appointing Chantelle Dever to the position of Deputy Clerk of the Council/Public Information Officer to replace Brooke Gillespie, and to set the salary of the said Chantelle Dever, all in accordance with Section 2-10 of the St. Martin Parish Home Rule Charter.

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2021, acting pursuant to Section 2-10(A) of the Home Rule Charter for St. Martin Parish the St. Martin Parish Council appointed Brooke Gillespie to the position of Clerk of the Council, effective immediately; and

WHEREAS, the said Brooke Gillespie had previously served as Deputy Clerk of the Council/Public Information Officer; and

WHEREAS, after a thorough vetting and interview process, the Council has been requested to appoint Chantelle Dever to the vacant position of Deputy Clerk of the Council/Public Information Officer; and

WHEREAS, the salary of all employees of the Council must be fixed by ordinance according to Section 2-10(C) of the Home Rule Charter:

BE IT, THEREFORE, ORDAINED that the ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL in accordance with the mandates of Section 2-10(B) of the St. Martin Parish Home Rule Charter does hereby confirm and ratify the appoint Chantelle Dever as Deputy Clerk of the Council/Public Information Officer.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby set the salary of Chantelle Dever at Range 10, Step 9 effective upon the assumption of the duties associated with the aforesaid position.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon 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, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Brook Champagne (excused).

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 4th day of May, 2021.

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Jason Akers with Foley & Judell, LLP was present for questions. Mr. Akers stated both Ordinance Summary Nos. 037-RS and 038-RS were tax renewals. Mr. Akers also noted that Ordinance Summary No. 039-RS is authorizing the refinancing of existing debt at a lower rate. This will save the Parish approximately \$40,000 annually for ten (10) years.

The following resolution was offered by Daniel Richard, Jr., seconded by the entire Parish Council, and, therefore, unanimously adopted:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 21-037-RS**

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Sales Tax District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a sales and use tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Sales Tax District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "District"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 29 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the District on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

#### **SALES TAX RENEWAL PROPOSITION**

Shall Sales Tax District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to levy and collect a tax of one percent (1%) (the "Tax"), for a period of twenty (20) years from October 1, 2022, upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the District, all as defined by law (an estimated \$3,000,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary expenses of collecting and administering the Tax), to be dedicated and used for the purposes of constructing, resurfacing, reconstructing and maintaining Parish roads and road bridges within the District (but specifically excluding employees salaries, wages and benefits)?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the *Teche News*, a newspaper of general circulation within the District, published in St. Martinville, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the District, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the Parish President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing proposition that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room, St. Martin Parish Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021, at FIVE O'CLOCK (5:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts in the District are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said elections, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the District will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Clerk of the Council of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the Chairman and/or Clerk of the Council of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of St. Martin Parish and the Registrar of Voters of St. Martin Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the sales and use tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

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, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Brook Champagne (excused).

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

/s/ Brooke Gillespie  
Clerk of the Council

/s/ Chris Tausin  
Chairman

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the St. Martin Parish Council, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Sales Tax District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on May 4, 2021, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

**SALES TAX RENEWAL PROPOSITION**

Shall Sales Tax District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to levy and collect a tax of one percent (1%) (the "Tax"), for a period of twenty (20) years from October 1, 2022, upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the District, all as defined by law (an estimated \$3,000,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary expenses of collecting and administering the Tax), to be dedicated and used for the purposes of constructing, resurfacing, reconstructing and maintaining Parish roads and road bridges within the District (but specifically excluding employees salaries, wages and benefits)?

The said special election shall be held at the polling places for the following precincts, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

**PRECINCTS TO BE INSERTED**

The polling places for the precincts set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$62,300.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room, St. Martin Parish Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021, at FIVE O'CLOCK (5:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at St. Martinville, Louisiana, on this, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

ATTEST:

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/s/ Chris Tauzin  
Chairman

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/s/ Brooke Gillespie  
Clerk of the Council

The following resolution was offered by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Tangie Narcisse:

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-038-RS**

A resolution approving the holding of an election in St. Martin Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, October 9, 2021, to authorize the rededication of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of St. Martin Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of St. Martin Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1, State of Louisiana (the "Commission"), adopted a resolution on April 19, 2021, calling a special election in the Commission on Saturday, October 9, 2021, to authorize the rededication of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the Commission has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the Commission to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of St. Martin Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1, State of Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the Commission, on Saturday, October 9, 2021, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION  
(MILLAGE EXTENSION & REDEDICATION)**

Shall St. Martin Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1, State of Louisiana (the "Commission"), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of four and ninety hundredths (4.90) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation within the jurisdiction and territorial limits of the Commission (an estimated \$114,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for an additional ten (10) years, ending with the year 2031, and shall the Commission be further authorized to rededicate the use of proceeds of the Tax, heretofore or hereafter received, solely for the purposes of improving, extending, maintaining and operating the waterworks system and sewerage system of the Commission?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the Commission to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

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, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Brook Champagne (excused).

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

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/s/ Brooke Gillespie  
Clerk

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/s/ Chris Tauzin  
Chairman



The following resolution was offered by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Daniel Richard, Jr.:

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-039-RS**

A resolution authorizing the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), to proceed with a financing in an amount not to exceed \$4,600,000 through the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority"); requesting the Authority to issue its revenue refunding bonds and authorizing the borrowing by the Parish of the proceeds from the sale thereof for the purpose of refunding the outstanding Revenue Bonds (St. Martin Parish Project), Series 2011 of the Authority; employing bond counsel, financial advisor and underwriter; authorizing an application to the State Bond Commission; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, comprised of La. R.S. 33:4548.1 through 33:4548.16, inclusive, is known as the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Act"); and

**WHEREAS**, it is the purpose of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority") to encourage public infrastructure and public works of all types, and to assist political subdivisions in constructing public works and in financing and refinancing the construction of public infrastructure and public works; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") is a participating political subdivision of the Authority in accordance with the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has previously issued its \$7,345,000 Revenue Bonds (St. Martin Parish Project), Series 2011 (the "Series 2011 Bonds"), the proceeds of which were loaned by the Authority to the Parish and used for the purpose of (i) providing for the financing necessary to fund the construction, acquisition, improvement and expansion of public facilities and public works within the geographical boundaries of the Borrower, including roads and bridges, drainage and other capital improvements; and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds, including the premium for the bond insurance policy insuring the Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to achieve cash flow savings in the upcoming calendar years, the St. Martin Parish Council requests that the Authority issue its not to exceed \$4,600,000 Revenue Refunding Bonds (St. Martin Parish Project), in one or more series (the "Bonds") for the purpose of (i) refunding all or a portion of the outstanding Series 2011 Bonds; (ii) funding a reserve fund, if necessary; and (iii) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the St. Martin Parish Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, that

**SECTION 1.** The Parish hereby requests the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority") to authorize and deliver its Revenue Refunding Bonds (St. Martin Parish Project), in one or more series (the "Bonds"), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$4,600,000.

**SECTION 2.** The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned by the Authority to the Parish pursuant to a loan agreement by and between the Authority and the Parish (the "Loan Agreement") and used for the purposes of (i) refunding all or a portion of the outstanding Series 2011 Bonds; (ii) funding a reserve fund, if necessary; and (iii) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds. The Parish will make the payments required pursuant to the Loan Agreement from all revenues received by it, to the extent legally available for the payment of debt service on the Bonds.

The Bonds shall mature not later than October 1, 2031 and shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed five percent (5.00%) per annum.

**SECTION 3.** Application by the Authority to the State Bond Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for approval of the issuance and sale of the Bonds is hereby approved.

By virtue of the Authority's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's (the "Commission") approval, the Parish hereby resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval is expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the "State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.", adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006 (the "Policy"), as to the borrowing and other matters subject to the approval, including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap or other products or enhancements covered thereby.

**SECTION 4.** This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., of New Orleans, Louisiana, as Bond Counsel, is hereby employed to do and perform work of a traditional legal nature as bond counsel with respect to the issuance and sale of said Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of such Bonds, shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to the issuance and sale thereof and shall furnish its opinions covering the legality of the issuance of the Bonds. The fee of Bond Counsel for each series of bonds shall be fixed at a sum not exceeding the fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for such bond counsel work in connection with the issuance of revenue bonds and based on the amount of said Bonds actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses, said fees to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said Bonds. The Parish President is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and this Governing Authority hereby agrees to and accepts the terms of, the engagement letter of Bond Counsel appended hereto. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his written approval of said employment and of the fees herein designated, and the Clerk is hereby empowered and directed to provide for payment of the

work herein specified upon completion thereof and under the conditions herein enumerated without further approval of this Governing Authority.

**SECTION 5.** Stifel, Nicolaus and Company, Incorporated, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is hereby requested to be appointed as placement agent/underwriter in connection with the Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the Parish and to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds and contingent upon the issuance of the Bonds; provided that no compensation shall be due to said placement agent/underwriter unless the Bonds are actually sold and delivered.

**SECTION 6.** The Parish hereby retains Government Consultants, Inc., of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to act as its Municipal Advisor ("MA") pursuant to the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the rules promulgated thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Parish hereby acknowledges that it is represented by the MA and will rely upon the advice of the MA with respect to the Bonds. The fee to be paid the MA shall be payable solely from the proceeds of the Bonds when and if issued, and the amount thereof shall be subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission. The Parish President is hereby authorized and directed, in his discretion, to execute any contract the MA may require with respect to the engagement.

**SECTION 7.** The Authority is hereby requested to take all actions necessary to issue and sell the Bonds.

**SECTION 8.** The Parish President and Clerk of the Council are each hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this resolution and to assist the Authority in carrying out its functions in connection with the financing, and the application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission by the Authority is hereby approved.

The foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Brook Champagne (excused).

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

/s/ Brooke Gillespie  
Clerk of Council

/s/ Chester R. Cedars  
Parish President

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-040-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 4th day of May, 2021, does hereby proclaim the month of May 2021 as:

**OFFICIAL AIR QUALITY AWARENESS MONTH IN ST. MARTIN PARISH.**

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of May, 2021.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-041-RS**

A RESOLUTION INDICATING THE INTENTION OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARTIN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO APPROVE THE TWO (2) YEAR APPOINTMENT OF GUY CORMIER AS A DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD OF THE LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY (THE "AUTHORITY") AS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER 10-D OF TITLE 33 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, comprised of R.S. 33:4548.1 through 4548.16 is known as the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Act (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Act creates the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority") for the purpose of assisting political subdivisions, as defined in the Act, and other designated entities in acquiring, financing and constructing certain facilities, including environmental, public infrastructure, community and economic development purposes and to otherwise establish programs to aid in the financing of local government and economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, previously passed a resolution to become a participating political subdivision of the Authority in accordance with the Act.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, acting in such capacity:

Section 1. Approve the appointment of Guy Cormier to serve as a Director of the Authority for a term of two (2) years from the date hereof.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately and a certified copy hereof shall be forwarded to the offices of the Authority.

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of May, 2021.

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A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Daniel Richard, Jr. that the following resolution be adopted, as amended:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 21-042-RS**

WHEREAS, due to the passing of Mr. Cramin Wiltz, a member of the St. Martin Parish Library Board of Control, a vacancy exists on said board; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council has accepted the request of Mr. Michael Formeller to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Wiltz on the St. Martin Parish Library Board of Control; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brenda Hobbs, a current member of the St. Martin Parish Library Board of Control, has notified the board that she is not interested in being reappointed at the conclusion of her term; said term is set to expire on August 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council has accepted the request of Mr. Henry Derouselle to fill the vacancy on the St. Martin Parish Library Board of Control that will be created by Ms. Hobbs' resignation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby appoint Mr. Michael Formeller with a term effective May 4, 2021, until July 1, 2024, and Mr. Henry Derouselle for a five (5) year term effective August 4, 2021, until August 4, 2026, to serve as members of the St. Martin Parish Library Board of Control

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of May, 2021.

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

### **RESOLUTION NO. 21-043-RS**

A Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a contract with C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC to provide engineering and associated services on behalf of St. Martin Parish Government, such professional services including improvements to the Alcide Bonin Canal and Bayou Portage.

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government has determined that there is an acute need to study, evaluate, and likely improve/enlarge the drainage facilities commonly referred to as the Alcide Bonin Canal and Bayou Portage; and

WHEREAS, the services of an engineering firm are necessary to evaluate this prospect and to prepare the necessary plans and specifications associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, any major work on the aforementioned drainage facilities will require surveying and complex, time consuming permit applications with various federal and state regulatory agencies; and

WHEREAS, the firm of C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC has the capabilities to address all of the foregoing issues in-house; and

WHEREAS, the firm of C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC has previously provided St. Martin Parish Government with consulting services relative to other minor projects and have performed the work timely and effectively; and

WHEREAS, the prior work of C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC has been pursuant to agreements confected by the Parish President which, to satisfy potential procurement issues in the

event of grant applications, should be ratified despite the efficacy thereof; and

WHEREAS, C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC is located in Acadiana and is recommend for the foregoing by the Director of Public Works for St. Martin Parish:

BE IF, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Parish President be and is hereby authorized to enter into a master service agreement with C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC with a specific task assignment for engineering and related services for the investigation, evaluation, and development of the plans for improvements to the drainage facilities known as the Alcide Bonin Canal and Bayou Portage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue pursuant to the said master service agreement such other task assignments or work orders as he may deem necessary and proper during the course of administering the affairs of St. Martin Parish Government including but not limited to those related to the Alcide Bonin Canal and Bayou Portage evaluations, study, and plan development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all prior engagements between St. Martin Parish and C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC relative to engineering and related services be and are hereby confirmed and ratified to the extend necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this resolution under such terms, conditions, and provisions he deems necessary and proper 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, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	Brook Champagne (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of May, 2021.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-044-RS**

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY NEEDS OF ST. MARTIN PARISH AND AFFIRMING RESOLUTION NUMBER 21-036-RS, ALL RELATIVE TO THE FY 2022/2023 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION.

WHEREAS, by virtue of Resolution Number 21-036-RS adopted on April 6, 2021, the St. Martin Parish Council approved the submission of a FY 2022/2023 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant ("LCDBG") Public Facilities Application; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council published on April 28, 2021, in its official journal, The Teche News, notice of a Public Hearing relative to its applications for funding under the State of Louisiana FY 2022/2023 Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, among other matters, the purpose of the aforesaid public hearing was to obtain public/community views, ideas, and suggestions of the housing and community development needs of St. Martin Parish; and

WHEREAS, the said public hearing was conducted at the regular meeting of the St. Martin Parish Council on May 4, 2021, all as set forth in the aforementioned public notice published in the Parish's official journal:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT that the Parish accepts all input received from the public hearing relative to its prior approval for the submission of a FY 2022/2023 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution Number 21-036-RS adopted on April 6, 2021, be and is hereby affirmed, confirmed, and ratified. Consequently, the Parish President is authorized to adopt all steps necessary and proper in his discretion to execute the terms, conditions, and provisions of both Resolution Number 21-036-RS and this resolution, all according to his discretion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of May, 2021.

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

SUMMARY NO. 1321-OR (Introduced by Brook Champagne, District 6)

An Ordinance altering the boundaries of Sales Tax District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing.

SUMMARY NO. 1322-OR (Introduced by Byron Fuselier, District 1)

An Ordinance approving the creation of the position of Public Works Project Manager to be appointed by the Parish President, the said position being created to assist the Director of Public Works in the management of capital improvement projects and to perform such other tasks as assigned by the Director of Public Works and approved by the Parish President.

SUMMARY NO. 1323-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance to enact Section 36-18 of the St. Martin Parish Code of Ordinances to require all mobile home parks, apartment complexes, and recreational vehicle parks to provide commercial grade dumpsters for waste collection.

SUMMARY NO. 1324-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 40 of the St. Martin Parish Code of Ordinances to revise the definition of "subdivision" set forth in Section 40-166, and to add Section 40-300.1 to provide for the definition of "Mobile Home Park."

Chairman Chris Tauzin stated the floor is now open for informational items not requiring council action. Council Member David Poirier recognized Olyvia Bourque. Olyvia and her cousins are having a lemonade stand to raise money to give to search efforts for the missing crew members of Seacor Power.

Parish President Chester Cedars gave updates on several items not requiring council action. Parish President Chester Cedars announced that the United States Army Corps of Engineers has finally issued a permit for the channel improvements to the Joe Daigne Canal. The permit was signed on May 3, 2021. This is the first permit associated with the 2017 drainage bonds. It is anticipated

that bids will be solicited for the \$3 million project the by the end of the month and construction should commence by August of this year. Parish President Chester Cedars stated there is a new personal protective equipment (PPE) facility opening in St. Martin Parish. SafeSource Direct is investing \$77 million to open a 400,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Broussard. This facility will bring 976 direct jobs to St. Martin Parish with an annual salary of \$38,000. Parish President Chester Cedars declared that St. Martin Parish will be conducting a Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, September 18, 2021. Finally, President Cedars reminded the Council that the Grand Opening of the Cecilia Civic Center is Friday May 7 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon.

A motion was made by Tangie Narcisse and seconded by Byron Fuselier that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby extend the agenda for Executive Session.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Brook Champagne (excused).

And the motion to extend the agenda was declared carried by unanimous vote this 4th day of May, 2021.

Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read the extension item, as follows:

In accordance with La. R.S. 42:17(A), Executive Session to discuss privileged information and formulate strategy associated with potential litigation whereby public discourse would have a detrimental effect on the Parish's position in the prospective litigation.

A motion was made by Tangie Narcisse and seconded by Byron Fuselier that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby enter Executive Session and recess the Regular Meeting.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Brook Champagne (excused).

And the motion to enter in Executive Session was declared carried by unanimous vote this 4th day of May, 2021.

*Regular Meeting recessed at 6:10 P.M.*

*Executive Session adjourned, and Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:50 P.M.*

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by David Poirier that the Regular Meeting reconvene.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.


ABSENT: Brook Champagne (excused).

And the motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting was declared carried by unanimous vote this 4th day of May, 2021.

Parish President Chester Cedars announced that while in Executive Session, he discussed with the St. Martin Parish Council Members some issues that have developed and his plans to address those issues in case litigation becomes a reality. Parish President Chester Cedars stated he has taken the steps necessary to protect the interests of St. Martin Parish Government, as well as its citizens.

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:

  
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BROOKE GILLESPIE  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL