

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING - SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:01 P.M., Tuesday, September 7, 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 Daniel Richard, Jr.

The following members were present: Byron Fuselier, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr. Members absent: None. Also present: Parish President Chester Cedars, Director of Administration Calder Hebert, Director of Public Works Kasey Courville, Deputy Clerk of the Council Chantelle Dever, and Parish Attorney Allan Durand.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Tangie Narcisse to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of August 3, 2021.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Robert Burns addressed the Council regarding the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of August 3, 2021. Mr. Burns declared that he runs an internet blog. Mr. Burns expressed that the Council should look over the minutes very carefully and either defer or amend the minutes if there is any reference to Mr. Billy Broussard burning on his property. Mr. Billy Broussard expressed that he would like to reiterate the comments of Mr. Robert Burns.

Council Member Dean LeBlanc noted that the minutes do not mention Mr. Broussard burning on his property.

This motion to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of August 3, 2021, having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 7th day of September, 2021.

A motion was made by Brook Champagne and seconded by Dean LeBlanc to approve the following Quietus for 2020 Tax Rolls for the Sheriff's Department:

Q U I E T U S

ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

WHEREAS, BECKET BREAU, TAX COLLECTOR, HAS EXHIBITED TO ME SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE THAT ALL TAXES DUE TO THE PARISH GOVERNING AUTHORITY SHOWN ON THE AD VALOREM TAX ROLLS OF ST. MARTIN PARISH FOR THE YEAR 2020 HAS BEEN PAID OR ACCOUNTED FOR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I ISSUE THIS QUIETUS ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT IN FAVOR OF SAID BECKET BREAU, TAX COLLECTOR, AND AGAINST ANY CLAIM ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT FOR THE AD VALOREM TAXES OF THE YEAR STATED ABOVE.

/s/ Sean Hundley
SEAN HUNDLEY
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 7th day of September, 2021.

Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read Special Business Item B: RULE TO SHOW CAUSE to address nuisance property at 1010 Adley Loop, Breau Bridge. Property owned by Scott and Kaci Phillips.

Property owner Scott Phillips was present to discuss the condition of 1010 Adley Loop, Breaux Bridge. Mr. Phillips mentioned he has had four (4) major surgeries since purchasing the property. Mr. Phillips stated he has been saving money to purchase a lawn mower but has been unable to do so due to unexpected circumstances. Mr. Phillips declared he has been spraying chemicals to kill grass. Parish President Chester Cedars recommended proceeding with the Rule, but allowing the administration to work with Mr. Scott Phillips on a deadline to remediate the condition of the property. After hearing testimony from Compliance Officer Ronald Solarie 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 debris on the premises.

Therefore, a motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Brook Champagne 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, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 7th day of September, 2021.

Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read Special Business Item C: RULE TO SHOW CAUSE to address nuisance property at 1016 Robert Lane, Breaux Bridge. Property owned by Michael Sonnier.

Property owner Michael Sonnier. was not present to discuss the condition of 1016 Robert Lane, Breaux Bridge. Compliance Officer Ronald Solarie stated the property owner has made improvements relative to the condition of the property. After hearing testimony from Compliance Officer Ronald Solarie 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 trash and abandoned vehicles on the premises.

Therefore, a motion was made by David Poirier and seconded by Brook Champagne

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

And the motion was declared adopted this 7th day of September, 2021.

Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read Special Business Item D: RULE TO SHOW CAUSE to address nuisance property at 1067 Red Barn Road, Breaux Bridge. Property owned by Jeffery and Juanita Guidry.

Property owners Jeffery and Juanita Guidry were present to discuss the condition of 1067 Red Barn Road, Breaux Bridge. Mr. Guidry declared health concerns have come up within the family, and those issues became top priority. Mr. Guidry noted that some of the items on the property belong to his children, and he has already contacted with them about it. Finally, Mr. Guidry stated he has also been trying to get a dumpster from Waste Management. After hearing testimony from Compliance Officer Ronald Solarie 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 debris on the premises.

Therefore, a motion was made by Daniel Richard, Jr. and seconded by Dean LeBlanc 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,
Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 7th day of September, 2021.

Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read Special Business Item E: RULE TO SHOW CAUSE to address nuisance property at 1072 Vermilion Street, Breaux Bridge. Property owned by Sandra Granier.

Property owner Sandra Granier was present to discuss the condition of 1072 Vermilion Street, Breaux Bridge. Ms. Granier mentioned she will start cleaning the property as soon as she can. Ms. Guidry asked for recommendations on who to contact to have the house demolished. After hearing testimony from Compliance Officer Ronald Solarie 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 Byron Fuselier and seconded by Brook Champagne 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,
Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 7th day of September, 2021.

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

And the motion was declared adopted this 7th day of September, 2021.

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

Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read each Ordinance Summary.

St. Martin Parish resident Billy Broussard questioned if farming equipment is exempt from the weight limitation on Bordelon Road (Ordinance Summary No. 1333-OR). Council Members declared sugar cane farmers will still have use to the roadway.

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

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc 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, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 7th day of September, 2021.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-09-1331-OR

AN ORDINANCE AWARDING A FRANCHISE TO THE SUCCESSFUL RESPONDENT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR ST. MARTIN PARISH'S MANDATED WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government has previously solicited formal Request for Proposals relative to mandated waste disposal services of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:4169.1 authorizes parish governments to award franchises to waste disposal providers; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of a bid process initiated through the aforementioned formal Request for Proposals, a respondent has submitted what has been deemed to be the most acceptable response/proposal, all pursuant to the evaluation criteria set forth in the aforementioned request for

proposals and negotiations:

BE IT, THEREFORE, ORDAINED that Waste Connections Bayou, Inc. be declared the successful respondent/offeror relative to the Parish's mandated waste disposal program.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the aforesaid successful respondent be awarded a contract for a period of ten (10) years for residential and commercial waste disposal services for the unincorporated areas of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Parish President, Chester R. Cedars, be and is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to negotiate a contract for the Parish's mandated waste disposal services under the terms and conditions specified in the Request for Proposals and under such additional terms and conditions as he may deem necessary and fit in his uncontrolled discretion.

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.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval of the St. Martin Parish Council and the signature of the Parish President, all in accordance with the dictates 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, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	None.

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 7th day of September, 2021.

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Parish President Chester Cedars felt constrained to give an update on the “rate increases” for which Pelican Waste & Debris, LLC has billed St. Martin Parish residents:

- St. Martin Parish Government’s first notice of the proposed rate increase was transmitted to my office on August 16, 2021;
- Immediately, President Cedars instructed our Parish Attorney to contact Pelican Waste & Debris’ attorney advising that St. Martin Parish does not agree to and/or approve of any such increase;
- The increase is deemed by the Parish to be improvident on three (3) separate bases:
 1. On June 24, 2021, there was a lengthy meeting among Pelican Waste & Debris, their attorney, President Cedars, St. Martin Parish Government staff, and Parish Attorney Allan Durand where the parties discussed, and supposedly agreed upon, the terms of an “exit plan” at which time no mention was ever made about a rate increase;
 2. The CPI computations do not appear to be accurate; and
 3. Under no circumstances is an increase retroactively to July 1, 2021, proper.

Upon receipt of the notice, at Parish President Chester Cedars’ instruction, Parish Attorney Allan Durand contacted Pelican Waste & Debris’ attorney of the Parish’s objections to the increase (as previously stated), and by electronic mail dated August 24, 2021, President Cedars personally informed Pelican Waste & Debris of his position on this matter.

On September 2, 2021, residents began receiving the increased billings, and a windstorm of calls to the St. Martin Parish Government office commenced. Executive Secretary Lesley Thibodeaux and Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie have assiduously addressed those calls which often total in excess of fifty (50) per day, not counting social media submissions. The tasks have been burdensome and taxing as one might surmise.

Not only has the rate increase ignited the ire of the public, but the continued issues with service have also prompted countless complaints. Routes continue to be missed and recently the mixing of recyclables and regular household waste have been the object of many issues presented by the public. Bulky waste collections have disappeared. Finally, it is necessary to observe that all of these problems predate Hurricane Ida.

Parish President Chester Cedars reminded that Pelican Waste & Debris did increase waste disposal fees in other parishes and municipalities. Finally, President Cedars noted he wants to work with Pelican Waste & Debris, but also protect the citizens of St. Martin Parish.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-09-1332-OR

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A 3-WAY STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF HAMMOCK LANE AND PALM HARBOR WAY, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 5, SECTION 66, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ST. MARTIN PARISH, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council that a 3-way stop sign be placed at the intersection of HAMMOCK LANE and PALM HARBOR WAY, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any individual who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than \$100.00 or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court, and each violation shall be considered a separate offense.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval of the St. Martin Parish Council and the signature of the Parish President.

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

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

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 7th day of September, 2021.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-09-1333-OR

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REDUCED WEIGHT REGULATIONS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES ON **BORDELON ROAD**, LOCATED IN DISTRICTS 5 & 8, OFF OF LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 347 (GRAND POINT HIGHWAY) AND LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 328 (ANSE BROUSSARD HIGHWAY), SECTION 65, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

SECTION I. BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council that it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, corporation, and/or person acting for and in behalf of any firm, partnership or corporation to travel upon the following road in vehicles carrying a load in excess of the following weight limit:

BORDELON ROAD

WEIGHT LIMIT - FIFTEEN (15) TONS

SECTION II. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the word "Person" shall apply to any individual, firm, partnership or corporation, and/or any person acting for and in behalf of any firm, partnership or corporation.

SECTION III. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any person in violation of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$500.00 or serve thirty (30) days in the parish jail, or both.

SECTION IV. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any and all ordinances in conflict with the terms and conditions hereof, be and the same are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval of the St. Martin Parish Council and the signature of the Parish President.

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

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

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 7th day of September, 2021.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-09-1334-OR

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT TO SELL BY PUBLIC DISPOSITION ALL OF ITS INTERESTS IN THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON ST. ANN STREET, ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA, AND DEPICTED AS LOT 4 OF BLOCK L OF AMEAL SUBDIVISION ON A PLAT OF SURVEY RECORDED IN THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN BOOK 304, PAGE 334, UNDER ENTRY NO. 99469, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA. R.S. 47:2201, *ET SEQ.*

WHEREAS, on or about June 8, 2005, the following described property was adjudicated to the St. Martin Parish Government in accordance with La.R.S. 47:2196:

That certain lot or parcel of ground situated on the west side of the Bayou Teche in the First Ward of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, in the City of St. Martinville, measuring 30 feet front on St. Ann Street by a depth between parallel lines of 100 feet, and bounded now or formerly as follows: north by St. Ann Street; south by property of C. Emile Ledoux; east by Lot 3 of Block "L" of the "Ameal Subdivision" hereinafter referred to; and west by Lot 5 of Block L of the said Ameal Subdivision. The above described lot is more particularly described as Lot 4 of Block L of said Ameal Subdivision per plat of survey by C.K. Langlinais dated January 15, 1955 and recorded May 29, 1956 in Conveyance Book 304, at page 334, under Entry No. 99469 of the Conveyance Records of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana. For title see Community Property Partition recorded at Conveyance Book 993, page 289, Entry No. 231911.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Tiran Charles, who resides at 1034 Point Claire Road, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 70582, has expressed an interest in acquiring the said property, and the Parish Counsel has acquired competent evidence that for greater than twelve (12) months he has performed significant upkeep to the property which is adjacent to other property owned by him; and

WHEREAS, the said Tiran Charles has agreed to remediate the said property as regards its blighted and neglected condition; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the subject property to Tiran Charles will be of significant benefit to both the St. Martin Parish Government and the general public; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of La. R.S. 47:2202(B) St. Martin Parish Government is authorized to sell the property to Tiran Charles without public bid at its fair market value of \$2,500, which St. Martin Parish Government has determined to be fair and reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish has received no other offers to purchase the property since its acquisition by tax sale in 2005:

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

That certain lot or parcel of ground situated on the west side of the Bayou Teche in the First Ward of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, in the City of St. Martinville, measuring 30 feet front on St. Ann Street by a depth between parallel lines of 100 feet, and bounded now or formerly as follows: north by St. Ann Street; south by property of C. Emile Ledoux; east by Lot 3 of Block "L" of the "Ameal Subdivision"

hereinafter referred to; and west by Lot 5 of Block L of the said Ameal Subdivision. The above described lot is more particularly described as Lot 4 of Block L of said Ameal Subdivision per plat of survey by C.K. Langlinois dated January 15, 1955 and recorded May 29, 1956 in Conveyance Book 304, at page 334, under Entry No. 99469 of the Conveyance Records of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana. For title see Community Property Partition recorded at Conveyance Book 993, page 289, Entry No. 231911.

The aforesaid property does not currently have assigned to it a municipal address.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the sale of the subject property shall be for a minimum amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 (\$2,500.00) Dollars.

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval of the St. Martin Parish Council and the signature of the Parish President and shall be further governed by the provisions of La. R.S. 47:2201, *et seq.*

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

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

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 7th day of September, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-068-RS

WHEREAS, in order to endorse checks and orders for the payment of money or otherwise withdraw or transfer funds on deposit with Home Bank for St. Martin Parish Government, Jurors, and Witness Fees Account No. xxx8004, a "Resolution of Lodge, Association, or Other Similar Organization" form must be completed with the signatures of officials and/or employees in addition to one (1) person who is to be authorized to witness the signing of the authorized form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council that the following officials and employees are the only persons hereby authorized to endorse checks and orders for the payment of money or otherwise withdraw or transfer funds on deposit with Home Bank for St. Martin Parish Government, Jurors, and Witness Fees Account No. xxx8004, solely for the payment of jurors and witness fees for the 16th Judicial District:

Ella B. Goulas

Marcelle Dinger

Becky Patin

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Brook Gillespie is hereby authorized to witness and certify the above mentioned officials and employees actually sign the "Resolution of Lodge, Association, or Other Similar Organization" form for the St. Martin Parish Government, Jurors, and Witness Fees Account No. xxx8004.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 7th day of September, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-069-RS

WHEREAS, during the 2008 regular session of the legislature, Act No. 373 enacted La. R.S. 28:912, *et seq*; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 28:912, *et seq* establishes an integrated human service delivery system composed of several districts organized by region; and

WHEREAS, the said human service districts are governed by a newly created Local Government Entity (LGE) with local accountability and management of behavioral health and developmental disability's services as well as public health or other services contacted to the district by the Department of Health and Hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Region IV of the LGE is composed of the parishes of Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin and Vermilion; and

WHEREAS, each LGE shall be governed by a board whose membership consists of residents of the respective regions and the number of members on the board shall consist of one representative from each parish in the region who is appointed by the local governmental authority and the membership shall also include three appointees by the governor; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2020, the St. Martin Parish Council appointed Mr. Winford Amos as its representative on the Acadiana Area Human Services District Board of Directors, his term being three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Winford Amos has resigned his board position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby appoint Ms. Carla JeanBatiste to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Winford Amos on the Acadiana Area Human Services District Board of Directors, representing St. Martin Parish. Said term will expire on March 3, 2022.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 7th day of September, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-070-RS

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AMENDING THAT CERTAIN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MATCH AGREEMENT EXECUTED BETWEEN ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT AND THE LOUISIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DATED DECEMBER 3, 2018, THE AMENDMENT INCREASING THE GRANT AWARD EMBRACED BY THE ACCORD BY \$33,601.65.

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the 2016 Severe Storms and Flooding Events, the United States Congress appropriated funds to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Program for use through the State of Louisiana for disaster recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Development ("OCD") administers the State's CDBG disaster recovery program; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2017, HUD approved Louisiana's Initial Action Plan for the Utilization of CDBG Funds in Response to the 2016 Severe Storms and Flooding Events (the "Action Plan"); and

WHEREAS, Amendment Number 1 to the Action Plan provides for a required nonfederal share of FEMA Public Assistance Grants related to the 2016 Severe Storms and Flooding Events; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of Resolution Number 18-102-RS the Parish President executed an agreement with the Louisiana Office of Community Development whereby St. Martin Parish was awarded the sum \$26,361.75 for disaster relief funds to assist it in the payment of the non-federal Cost-Share for eligible activities under the PA programs associated with the 2016 weather events referenced herein; and

WHEREAS, the award amount has been increased by \$33,601.65, making the total amount to which St. Martin Parish Government is entitled \$59,963.40; and

WHEREAS, the OCD in connection with the Action Plan will make available disaster recovery funds to St. Martin Parish not to exceed the non-federal cost share of eligible activities, the maximum amount being \$59,963.40; and

WHEREAS, to be eligible to receive the non-federal cost share referenced herein, an amended intergovernmental agreement must be confected between St. Martin Parish and OCD whereby the former agrees to comply with all federal and state laws relative to the award; and

WHEREAS, the Parish President, Chester R. Cedars, and St. Martin Parish Council 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:

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Parish President be and is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to enter into an amended agreement with the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development-Disaster Recovery Unit implementing the Grant Disaster Recovery Program and thus increasing the previous award to St. Martin Parish Government to the amount of \$59,963.40.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any revised accord confected by and between the Parish President on behalf of the St. Martin Parish and OCD 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.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 7th day of September, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-071-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council regrettfully accepted the resignation of Mrs. Peggy Hulin as a member of the St. Martin Tourism Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tonia Calais-Peltier has been recommended to fill the vacancy of the St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission created by Mrs. Hulin's resignation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby appoint Mrs. Tonia Calais-Peltier to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Peggy Hulin, expiring on August 3, 2023, to serve as a member of the St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 7th day of September, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-072-RS

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND MAINTAINING THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE BAYOU ESTATES FLOOD WALL PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE EVALUATION AND STUDY OF OTHER FLOOD CONTROL MEASURES FOR THE AFFECTED AREAS.

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government previously advertised for bids for the Bayou Estates Flood Wall Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the foregoing, however, only one bid was received which was more than \$4,400,000.00 over the amount available for the project; and

WHEREAS, on the advice of the engineer for the project, Mo Saleh of the firm of Professional Engineering and Environmental Consultants, Inc., the said bid was rejected on December 3, 2019, by the St. Martin Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council on December 3, 2019, authorized the rebidding of the project, dividing it into four separate segments, contracts, or phases; and

WHEREAS, after due advertisement therefor, sealed bids were opened on March, 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the low bid on each of the segments, contracts, or phases was as follows:

Contract A-Floodwall and Floodgates: Circle, LLC	\$3,367,952.50
Contract B-Pump Station: Circle, LLC	\$1,374,281.10
Contract C-36" HDPE Force Main: Cycle Construction	\$992,000.00
Contract D-Drainage System Revisions	NO BID

WHEREAS, the total of the bids received was \$5,734,233.60; and

WHEREAS, the low bid on each phase, contract, or segment exceeded the amount budgeted therefor; and

WHEREAS, the total of all of the low bids was in excess of the \$4,500,000 budgeted for the entire project; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the segment, phase, or contract which received no bid is \$1,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Mo Saleh of Professional Engineering and Environmental Consultants, Inc., the engineering firm retained by St. Martin Parish Government relative to the said project, recommended that all bids be rejected; and

WHEREAS, Mo Saleh of Professional Engineering and Environmental Consultants, Inc., the engineering firm retained by St. Martin Parish Government relative to the said project, has stated that: "In order to have a complete functional project, all four contracts must be constructed"; and

WHEREAS, the time limitations set forth in the Public Bid Law of the State of Louisiana were suspended by Executive Orders 32 JBE 2020, 41 JBE 2020, and/or 52 JBE 2020; and

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

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

WHEREAS, at the request of the Parish President, the firm of Sellers & Associates, Inc. reviewed all plans and specifications related to the Bayou Estates Flood Wall Project and opined that the project can be completed, with modifications, for an approximate construction cost of \$6,193,897.30 which included constructions costs, engineering fees, and administration expenses; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution Number 20-078-RS adopted on October 6, 2020, the St. Martin Parish Council approved a budget for the said project in the amount of \$6,193,897.30, with the contribution from St. Martin Parish funds set at a maximum of \$1,364,950.00; and

WHEREAS, Sellers & Associates, Inc. recently completed the preparation of all modifications to the plans previously prepared by Mo Saleh and scheduled September 1, 2021, as the date for advertising for bids for the project; and

WHEREAS, prior to bidding the project, Sellers & Associates, Inc. was compelled by law to prepare an updated budget/cost estimate to accommodate several constructions issues which surfaced during its modification/revisions of the said plans; and

WHEREAS, the initial cost estimate warranted further review because of the effect on the current construction market conditions associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic, inclusive of supply shortages and rising prices of materials; and

WHEREAS, the final budget/cost estimate prepared by Sellers & Associates, Inc. was \$8,043,999.46; and

WHEREAS, the current cost estimate would require a local match by St. Martin Parish to be \$3,215,051.94; and

WHEREAS, should the project be advertised for bids and should the lowest responsive and responsible bid be within the cost estimate prepared by Sellers & Associates, Inc., the Public Bid Law of the State of Louisiana would not allow for the rejection of said bid, thus mandating the Parish to contribute a match even though it would be in excess of the financial parameters set forth in Resolution Number 20-078-RS:

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the total budget for the project and the contribution of the St. Martin Parish Government as fixed by Resolution Number 20-078-RS be and is hereby maintained.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sellers & Associates, Inc. be authorized to explore other opportunities to address/remediate the high water/flooding issues in the Stephenville community within the financial parameters previously established by Resolution Number 20-078-RS.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 7th day of September, 2021.

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Parish President Chester Cedars stated the Bayou Estates Flood Wall Project is a twelve-year old endeavor. After an arduous journey which included regulatory quagmires, contentious public hearings, and unfounded allegations of wrongdoings, this project was finally let for bids which were received on November 5, 2019. Unfortunately, only one (1) bid was submitted despite the fact that sixteen (16) contractors secured the plans for the project and twelve (12) potential bidders attended the mandatory bid conference several weeks prior to bid opening. The sole bid which was received

was \$9.4 million, almost twice the amount budgeted and available for this project at that time.

Contractors who obtained plans and/or attended the bid conference were supposedly contacted by the engineer, and they articulated various and sundry reasons why they chose not to even bid. Mo Saleh, the engineer for the project, opined that based upon his discourse with contractors, the many different construction fields embraced by the project rendered it too complex for one contractor, thus resulting in only one bid and its inflated amount. At such, Mr. Saleh recommended rebidding the project in four (4) separate "segments." Mr. Saleh postulated that this would encourage additional contractors to submit bids in amounts far less than the \$9.4 million bid. Therefore, a schedule was prepared which called for the letting of bids as suggested in December 2019, with a bid opening in January 2020.

Consequently, at the December 5, 2019, meeting, the St. Martin Parish Council formally rejected the bid presented and confirmed/affirmed the decision to rebid. The second round of bids were received on March 19, 2020. As previously noted, the bids were in four (4) segments. One segment (Drainage system revisions) received no bids. The low bids on the other three (3) segments totaled \$5,734,233.60. This amount alone was \$1.2 million over budget, not considering the segment which received no bid. A rejection of the bids was obviously warranted. In preparation for the adoption of that action, however, the following steps were taken.

On April 24, 2020, a telephonic conference was conducted among Mo Saleh, James Blanchard (the project manager for Saleh's firm), Heath Babineaux, Kasey Courville, Richard Minvielle, and Parish President Chester Cedars to discuss the status of the project and what our options might be. Two basic facts were deemed evident: 1) the project could not be undertaken without all phases or segments being completed; and 2) the prospect of this project (as designed) ever receiving bids within budget was slim to none. Consequently, President Cedars requested and received from Mo Saleh his recommendation that all bids be rejected on a budgetary basis and because the project would not meet its flood control objectives without completion of all four segments.

On June 2, 2020, the Council adopted Resolution Number 20-045-RS, which rejected the second round of bids and further allowed St. Martin Parish Government to explore other alternative plans/projects and to dismiss the services of Mo Saleh. The steps adopted in connection therewith were: 1) the formal rejection of the bids; 2) termination of the engineer's contract; 3) having Sellers and Associates, together with Kasey Courville, confer with the various contractors who bid and who

did not bid to vet their concerns; 4) meet with CDBG personnel to explain what we were doing; and 5) explore alternatives to complete the wall without having to obtain any new permits (Sellers & Associates had cultivated some ideas in this respect).

The steps referenced above were completed and included the formal dismissal of Mo Saleh on July 28, 2020. Furthermore, Sellers and Associates were formally retained and after much evaluation and analysis determined that, with modifications to the original plans, the total cost of the project would approximate \$6,193,897.30. Of that amount, the costs share or local match from the Parish would increase to \$1,364,950.00, almost one million dollars greater than the original budgets.

At that juncture, Parish President Chester Cedars recommend that we proceed one last time to bid this project with Sellers and Associates at the helm and in accordance with their modifications to the original plans. President Cedars' position was bolstered by the fact that every year we spend over \$200,000.00 in fighting high water issues in the affected area.

On October 6, 2020, the Council adopted Resolution Number 20-078-RS authorizing the retention of Sellers & Associates and approving (increasing) the budget for this project at \$6,193,897.30, "with the sum being financed via CDBG-DRU, HMGP funds, and such other awards/sources including any which may be available from the Louisiana Watershed Initiative." The Resolution further declared that "Under no circumstances shall the contribution of the St. Martin Parish Government exceed 1,364,950.00." Immediately, Sellers & Associates commenced the chore of re-drafting the plans and specifications for the flood wall project and obtaining the necessary approval of modifications from the appropriate and necessary regulatory agencies. Moreover, it was further necessary to obtain "extensions" on the deadlines associated with the CDBG-DRU and HMGP awards since they were related/associated with the 2008 and 2011 weather events of Hurricane Ike and Hurricane Gustav, respectively. Indeed, the following deadlines were established with the clear understanding that they would not, and indeed could not, be extended under any circumstances:

Bidding and Contract Award:	September 2021
Construction Completed:	September 2022
Final Closeout:	December 2022

As late as July of this year, Sellers & Associates and St. Martin Parish Government were diligently pursuing additional rights-of-way which became necessary as issues evolved with the re-

drafting of the original plans of Mo Saleh. Our efforts were obstructed by recalcitrant property owners, several of whom refused to cooperate, thus resulting in additional plan revisions.

Finally, the project was scheduled to be advertised for bidding beginning on September 1, 2021. However, Pan American, an engineering firm required by OCD for the State to review and approve all plans prior to bidding advised that a final budget needed to be prepared. With the increased market demands for materials such as steel, the first budgetary projection of Sellers & Associates had increased to \$8,043,999.46. The local match of Parish Government would be \$3,215,051.94. Despite this development, our intention was to nonetheless bid the project on one last occasion – we simply had gone too far to take any other action.

Nonetheless, on the advice of Pan American, communicated on August 27, 2021, our Office researched the Louisiana Bid Law and these restraints were disclosed. First, La. R.S. 38:2212(H) mandates that any public entity must estimate the probable cost of the public work before advertising for bids. If funds that meet or exceed the estimate have not been authorized/committed by the public entity, then any subsequent bid process would be legally proscribed. Stated differently, the public bid law stipulates that whenever a public entity advertises for bids, it essentially certifies that funds in the amount of the budgeted/estimated sum are available and authorized.

Furthermore, La. R.S. 38:2214 declares that if a project proceeds to bid, and if the lowest responsible and responsive bid received is within the estimated amount, then the public entity must accept that bid and cannot simply “reject all bids.” Rather, it is not just cause to reject all bids because of the amount of a bid so long as the low bid is within the estimated budget. The Louisiana Supreme reinforced that principle in the case of *New Orleans Rosenbush Claims Services, Inc. v. City of New Orleans*, 653 So.2d 538 (La. 1995). Note again that Resolution Number 20-078-RS established a budget for the Bayou Estates Flood Wall of \$6,193,897.30, with an authorized local match of \$1,364,950.00.

Therefore, if St. Martin Parish Government proceeds with the bid process under these circumstances, and should the low bid EXCEED \$8,043,999.46, then the Parish could reject all bids without any legal issues. This scenario may well occur given the even greater construction issues which have been enhanced by the COVID-19 Pandemic and, most recently, by Hurricane Ida. On the other hand, should the low bid fall within the budgeted/estimated amount, the Parish could be responsible for up to \$3,215,051.19 because of the dictates of La. R.S. 38:2212(H). Noteworthy is the fact that Sellers & Associates opine that it is unlikely that the low bid would be within the 6-

million-dollar parameters set by Resolution Number 20-078-RS. No elaboration is warranted about the imprudence of proceeding with a bid process under the current scenario which would place over \$2 million of public money at peril.

Parish President Chester Cedars noted that there are alternatives available to address the high-water issues which can be explored and likely financed within the \$1.3 million dollar figure set forth as a local match in Resolution Number 20-078-RS. Included in this "Plan B" approach is the purchase and installation of a pumping system within strategic parts of Bayou Estates Subdivision, an alternative which has been vetted by Sellers & Associates. Moreover, there remains the potential for such alternatives being financed through the previous CDBG-DRU and/or HMGP awards, provided they can be completed within the October 2022 sunset period.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-073-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government has made an official call for bids for the Arnaudville Pavilion and Restrooms Project, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the advertisement, sealed bids were opened August 25, 2021, and three (3) complete bid packets were received for said project; and

WHEREAS, the bids were taken under advisement and have been analyzed by A&E Consultants, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, A&E Consultants, Inc. has recommended, in writing, the lowest bidder, Michael David Breaux, Inc., with a Base Bid in the amount of \$317,500.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby award the contract for the Arnaudville Pavilion and Restrooms Project, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, to the low bidder, Michael David Breaux, Inc. in the amount of \$317,500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize Parish President Chester Cedars to sign all necessary contract documents to effect the award of this contract.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 7th day of September, 2021.

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

SUMMARY NO. 1335-OR (Introduced by Vincent Alexander, District 7)

An Ordinance reducing the speed limit to 35 mph on Ches Broussard Road, located in District 7.

Prior to adjournment, Parish President Chester Cedars briefed the Council Members on a few matters not requiring Council action. President Cedars stated St. Martin Parish was very fortunate in regards to Hurricane Ida. At the National Weather Service update at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 28, 2021, Morgan City was in the eye. Hurricane Ida shifted east with each update. After the hurricane passed, Director of Public Works Kasey Courville and Parish President Chester Cedars went to Lower St. Martin, along with six (6) Public Works employees. By 3:00 Monday afternoon, all streets were cleared. St. Martin Parish distributed 9,141 bags of sand for this event.

A motion was made by Daniel Richard, Jr. seconded by David Poirier that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby adjourn. Motion was unanimously approved.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:


BROOKE GILLESPIE
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL