

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 5, 2022

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 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 Byron Fuselier.

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, Parish Attorney Allan Durand and Deputy Clerk of the Council Chantelle Dever.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of March 2, 2022.

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 5th day of April, 2022.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Special Meeting of March 15, 2022.

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 5th day of April, 2022.

Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read the Special Business Item: RULE TO SHOW CAUSE to address nuisance property located at 1401 Breaux Bridge Sr High School Road, Breaux Bridge. Property owned by James Boyd.

Property owner James Boyd was present to discuss the condition of 1401 Breaux Bridge Sr High School Road, Breaux Bridge. Compliance Officer Ronald Solarie stated a complaint was made in reference to abandoned trailers and vehicles on the property. Mr. Boyd mentioned he is getting prices to have the trailers moved, and the cars have already been moved to the back of the property. Mr. Boyd requested six (6) months' time to have the property cleaned. Ms. Alta Porter noted there are snakes, possums, and rodents coming from the property. The nuisance is a safety concern, especially with children. After hearing testimony from Mr. 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 abandoned vehicles and dilapidated structure on the premises.

Therefore, a motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste 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 5th day of April, 2022.

A motion was made by Daniel Richard, Jr. and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste to open the Public Hearing to obtain public comments regarding the ordinance being considered for final adoption.

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 5th day of April, 2022.

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

Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read the ordinance summary.

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

A motion was made by Brook Champagne and seconded by Tangie Narcisse 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 5th day of April, 2022.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-04-1351-OR

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT TO LEASE TO LAFAYETTE GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM, INC. AND/OR ST. MARTIN HOSPITAL, INC. THE CECILIA RURAL HEALTH CLINIC FACILITY, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE TECHNOLOGY CENTER, LOCATED AT 2460-A CECILIA HIGH SCHOOL HIGHWAY, BREAUX BRIDGE, LOUISIANA, ALL FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSES OF OPERATING A RURAL HEALTH CLINIC.

WHEREAS, for several years the building formerly occupied as a technology center at 2460-A Cecilia High School Highway has remained vacant; and

WHEREAS, the area in which the said building is located is part of the First Hospital Service District of the Parishes of St. Landry and St. Martin, Louisiana (the "HSD"); and

WHEREAS, an ad valorem tax was collected for numerous years on behalf of the HSD, the subject tax have been levied again the property owners in the communities within the geographical boundaries of the District which includes the site of the subject building; and

WHEREAS, the HSD was created for the primary purpose of funding the operations of St. Luke Hospital in Arnaudville, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke Hospital closed in approximately 2008; however, the property owners in the district continued to pay the ad valorem tax; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance Number 17-02-1168-OR adopted on February 7, 2017, the HSD was abolished; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2017, St. Martin and St. Landry Parishes entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement (Cooperative Endeavor Agreement) which, among other matters, divided the assets of the HSD whereby St. Martin Parish received a substantial sum of cash; and

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish Government now desires to use the proceeds received from the division of the assets of the abolished HSD to renovate the aforementioned building to accommodate its use as a health care facility; and

WHEREAS, St. Martin Hospital, Inc and/or its parent enterprise, Lafayette General Health System, Inc., have agreed to supervise, plan, and direct the renovation of said building and to thereafter lease same from St. Martin Parish Government; and

WHEREAS, in its current state, 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 currently has little or no value to the Parish; and

WHEREAS, the renovation of the subject property and its subsequent lease to St. Martin Hospital, Inc. and/or Lafayette General Health Systems, Inc. will be of significant benefit to both the St. Martin Parish Government and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the use of Parish funds to renovate the facility will be less than the amount received by the Parish in the aforescribed intergovernmental agreement with St. Landry Parish; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government has received no other offers or proposals relative to the vacant premises:

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 enter into all contracts necessary to renovate the vacant building located at 2460-A Cecilia High School Highway so as to accommodate its use as a healthcare facility/clinic, the cost therefor to be paid from the proceeds received from the Intergovernmental Agreement entered into with St. Landry Parish relative to the abolition of the former First Hospital Service District of the Parishes of St. Landry and St. Martin, State of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Parish President Chester R. Cedars be and is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of St. Martin Parish Government, to enter into a lease and/or operating agreement with St. Martin Hospital, Inc. and/or its parent, Lafayette General Health System, Inc., whereby the latter will lease the renovated facility and operate same as a rural health clinic. The monthly lease payment shall be no less than \$3,730.00 per month and the term of the agreement shall be at least five years.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all prior acts and documents executed by the Parish President be and are hereby confirmed and/ratified in connection with the subject matter of this edict.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Parish President Chester R. Cedars be further authorized to incorporate in the aforesaid lease agreement 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 ordinance.

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.

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 5th day of April, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-028-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 5th day of April 2022, does hereby proclaim the month of May 2022 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, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 5th day of April, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-029-RS

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE PARISHES THAT WERE OMITTED FROM THE DIRECT FUNDING ALLOCATION BY THE UNITED STATES TREASURY FOR THE "EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM" OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY PROGRAM ACT BE AWARDED A PROPORTIONATE DIRECT FUNDING ALLOCATION SO AS TO ESCAPE THE NUMEROUS COMPLICATIONS AND DELAYS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECEIPT OF BENEFITS VIA THE LOUISIANA HOUSING CORPORATION WHICH ADMINISTERS THE PROGRAM FOR THE SAID PARISHES.

WHEREAS, countless Louisiana families, households, and business have been significantly impacted by the economic disaster introduced by the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the continued loss of local financial stability due to mass evictions, increased homelessness, and foreclosures experienced by rental property owners and landlords gravely endangers Louisiana's culture, quality of life, and economy; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Rental Assistance Program ("ERAP" and "ERAP-2") of the American Recovery Program Act provides rental assistance to qualified citizens of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS the ERAP and ERAP-2 benefit both lessors and lessees; and

WHEREAS, the administration of the ERAP and ERAP-2 in fifty-seven parishes in the state, including St. Martin Parish, is through the Louisiana Housing Corporation, while the remaining parishes have receive direct allocations which are administered locally; and

WHEREAS, the citizens and qualified applicants for benefits in those parishes which did not receive direct allocations have experienced significant difficulty in applying for and receiving benefits via the Louisiana Housing Corporation; and

WHEREAS, those parishes which have received direct allocations of ERAP and ERAP-2 allocations have more effectively, timely, and efficiently administered the distribution of benefits; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council and the St. Martin Parish President postulates that each parish which so chooses should have the opportunity to determine whether it should receive direct allocations fo such funding, and thus administer locally the distribution of the ERAP and ERAP-2 benefits; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous qualified and accountable organization which can effectively, timely, and efficiently administer the said ERAP and ERAP-2 programs through collaboration and partnerships with parishes without compromise to achieving the objectives of the programs:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council and St. Martin Parish President do hereby advocate for every parish in the State of Louisiana to be afforded an opportunity to elect to receive direct allocation of funds from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program of the American Recovery Program Act, and to administer the said program locally.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to United States Senator Bill Cassidy, United States Senator John Kennedy, United States Congressman Clay Higgins, the Executive Director of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, Governor John Bel Edwards, and the Louisiana state legislative delegation.

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 5th day of April, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-030-RS

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA APPOINT ALEX GUILLORY, PE, TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TECHE-VERMILION FRESHWATER DISTRICT, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA. R.S. 38:3086.3, AS AMENDED BY ACT NUMBER 361 OF THE 2021 REGULAR SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the Teche-Vermilion Freshwater District is governed by a Board of Commissioners consisting of one member from each of the parishes constituting the district, to wit: St. Martin, Iberia, Lafayette, and Vermilion Parishes; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of Act Number 361 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, La. R.S. 38:3086.3 was amended to provide for an additional member of the said Board of Commissioners who must be a civil engineer or a civil engineer with a focus in hydrology; and

WHEREAS, the civil engineer reference above is to be appointed by the Governor of the State of Louisiana, from a pool of candidates, one each from the Parishes of St. Martin, Iberia, Lafayette, and Vermilion; and

WHEREAS, Alex Guillory, PE is a civil engineer with a focus on hydrology and is domiciled within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Teche-Vermilion Freshwater District; and

WHEREAS, both the Parish President and St. Martin Parish Council requests that the legislative delegation whose districts, or parts thereof, are within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Teche-Vermilion Freshwater District submit the name of Alex Guillory, PE to the Governor of the State of Louisiana, for appointment to the Board of Commissioners of the Teche-Vermilion Freshwater District, all in accordance with La. R.S. 38:3086.3(A)(3).

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL does hereby request that ALEX GUILLORY, PE be considered for the appointment as a commissioner for the governing board of the Teche-Vermilion Freshwater District, all in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 38:3086.3(A)(3).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be submitted to the legislative delegation whose districts, or a part thereof, are within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Teche-Vermilion Freshwater District.

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 5th day of April, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-031-RS

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
AND
COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature has appropriated funding for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) and Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Program; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Assistance Program offers grants to eligible municipalities and parishes for a wide range of projects to improve public health, public safety, living conditions and for economic development purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Community Water Enrichment Fund Program offers grants to eligible municipalities and parishes for rehabilitation, improvements and new construction projects for community potable water systems; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and proper to submit applications to the Louisiana Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Local Government Assistance Program and also the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Community Water Enrichment Fund Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council that Parish President Chester Cedars is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Local Government Assistance Program and also execute any and all documents should this grant be funded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Community Water Enrichment Fund Program and also execute any and all documents should this grant be funded.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was declared adopted.

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 5th day of April, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-032-RS

A RESOLUTION CREATING AN ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE KEEP ST. MARTIN BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM, ABOLISHING ALL PRIOR BOARDS ESTABLISHED BY ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT FOR LITTER ABATEMENT AND SIMILAR ENDEAVORS, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish Government is an approved affiliate of the Keep Louisiana Beautiful which operates under the auspices of the Lt. Governor of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, over the last several years there has been an informal advisory board appointed by the governing authority of St. Martin Parish relative to the Parish's activities associated with its Keep Louisiana Beautiful program; and

WHEREAS, the said board was created by virtue of Resolution Numbers 03-110-RS and 03-157-RS, adopted respectively on August 5, 2003, and November 4, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid defacto board has been inactive for several years; and

WHEREAS, the initial creation of the aforementioned board was for the sole and exclusive purposes of the administration of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement 587859 confected between St. Martin Parish Government and the La. Department of Environmental Quality; and

WHEREAS, the Parish President now seeks to re-instate and/or reactivate the board and the Keep St. Martin Beautiful program and the aforementioned advisory board; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 15 of the Louisiana Constitution provides that the governing authority of a local governmental subdivision has general powers over any agency created by it; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:1415 provides in pertinent part that in any case where the governing authority has created or established a board or entity having or serving any governmental function, such governing authority has the authority to abolish same:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL does hereby abolish any prior boards which may have been established for the purpose of litter control and/or abatement such as but not limited to that board which was appointed and established by virtue of Resolutions Number 03-110-RS and 03-157-RS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that acting pursuant to Article VI, Section 15 of the Louisiana Constitution and Sections 8-05 and 8-06 of the Home Rule Charter for St. Martin Parish, the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby establish and create an advisory board to be denominated as "Keep St. Martin Beautiful." The Board shall operate and function under the direction of the Parish President, or an employee designated by him. The Board shall be advisory only and shall operate under the following nonexclusive guidelines:

- A. The Board shall consist of seven (7) members to be appointed by the Parish President and confirmed by majority vote of the Parish Council;
- B. The term of each member shall be three (3) years;
- C. Each member shall be a resident of St. Martin Parish;
- D. No member shall receive any compensation;
- E. All meetings of the Board shall be conducted and subject to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, except as otherwise provided for herein;
- F. The Board shall have no authority to enter into any contract whatsoever and shall not have the authority to incur any debt or other obligation;
- G. The said Board shall not have the right to accept any donations or apply for any grant or other stipend except upon written approval of the Parish President.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President shall be authorized to establish and impose any additional guidelines or restrictions or exercise such other governance over the Board's activities as he deems necessary and proper, except as otherwise provided for herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the foregoing resolution.

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 5th day of April, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-033-RS

WHEREAS, a contract for the Arnaudville Pavilion and Restrooms Project, was awarded to low bidder, Michael David Breaux, Inc., with a Base Bid in the amount of \$317,500.00; and

WHEREAS, A&E Consultants, Inc., has recommended Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$18,426.72 (increase); and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 also includes a one hundred (100) day Contract Time extension.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize, direct and empower the Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$18,426.72 (increase) and a one hundred (100) day Contract Time extension for the Arnaudville Pavilion and Restrooms Project, by Michael David Breaux, Inc.

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 5th day of April, 2022.

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

SUMMARY NO. 1352-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance to amend Article I of Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinances for St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, by the enactment of Section 24-6, all relative to the prohibition of activities prohibited by La. R.S. 14:102.23, 14:102.24, and 14:102.19, and defining such activities as a nuisance.

SUMMARY NO. 1353-OR (Introduced by Daniel Richard, Jr., District 9)

An Ordinance amending 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 the zoning classification district on a portion of a road zoned in the original ordinance adopted on December 18, 1995. {**1201 Camp Bon Temps Road**}

SUMMARY NO. 1354-OR (Introduced by Dean LeBlanc, District 8)

An Ordinance amending 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 the zoning classification district on a portion of a road zoned in the original ordinance adopted on December 18, 1995. {**1245 Melvin Dupuis Road**}

SUMMARY NO. 1355-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance setting the Millage Rate(s) for the Tax Year 2022.

SUMMARY NO. 1356-OR (Introduced by Byron Fuselier, District 1)

An Ordinance providing for an amendment to the expenditures of the Year 2022 Budget for Fire Protection Fund.

SUMMARY NO. 1357-OR (Introduced by Vincent Alexander, District 7)

An Ordinance to authorize the St. Martin Parish Government to sell by public disposition all of its interests in the property depicted as Lots 2B and 7A of that Act of Partition recorded in the Conveyance Records of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, in Book 815, Page 235, under Entry No. 193457, all in accordance with La R.S. 47:2201, *et seq.*

Prior to adjournment, Parish President Chester Cedars advised that the Cecilia Rural Health Clinic will be going out for bids tomorrow, and it should be up and running by early 2023. President Cedars reminded everyone of the April 30th Election for the renewal of Sales Tax District No. 1. Finally, President Cedars mentioned that the original roads included in the Road Improvements Project will be completed in the next thirty (30) days. Council Member Carla JeanBatiste reminded that April 3-9, 2022, is National Library Week. Ms. JeanBatiste read a flyer about this year's library week from St. Martin Parish Library Director, Ms. Charlar Brew.

A motion was made by David Poirier, seconded by Byron Fuselier to enter Executive Session to discuss spoil bank removal litigation in the matter entitled "Lafayette Consolidated Government v. St. Martin Parish Government and the United States Army Corps of Engineers," bearing number C-20221498-B of the docket of the 15th Judicial District Court, Lafayette Parish.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion to enter in Executive Session was declared carried by unanimous vote this 5th day of April, 2022.

Entered Executive Session at 5:31 P.M.

Returned from Executive Session at 6:28 P.M.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste to exit Executive Session.

This motion to exit 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,
Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion to exit Executive Session was declared carried by unanimous vote this 5th day of April, 2022.

Parish President Chester Cedars announced that while in Executive Session, he reiterated to the St. Martin Parish Council Members the facts that were discussed at the March 15 Special Meeting. President Cedars explained to Council Members the allegations made in the lawsuit filed by LCG. President Cedars mentioned this is a very serious situation, and St. Martin Parish Government is working diligently to secure all of the facts and identify all parties involved, all regarding the removal of the spoil banks.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc, 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